

# UPDATE

*from Angelique Foster, Police and Crime Commissioner*



## NEW PARTNERSHIP LAUNCHED TO TACKLE RURAL CRIME

***Strengthening the voice of our rural communities is a key component of my pledge to see strong local policing delivered throughout Derbyshire.***

As part of Rural Crime Awareness Week, I launched a new Derbyshire Rural Crime Reduction Partnership (DRCRP). This brings together key crime prevention experts and rural campaigners to work proactively to tackle the issues that blight our countryside and affect rural residents.

The creation of this partnership follows the findings from my Rural Crime Survey over the summer which provided a detailed insight into the problems impacting residents. More than 85 per cent of respondents were concerned about crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in their area. Fly-tipping and theft were the biggest concerns.

The DRCRP forms part of my plan to lead the way in preventing rural crime and will give Derbyshire's rural communities a strong and united voice locally, regionally and

nationally. The Partnership will design an action plan specific to Derbyshire with the objective to help prevent and reduce rural crimes. Plans for the creation of a rural crime reduction online 'hub' have also been agreed.

To further boost the work to tackle theft of equipment and vehicles, I have agreed to invest £15k for the countywide roll-out of an initiative that gives farmers the opportunity to have their vehicles, machinery and equipment securely marked with 'Datatag' microdots to help deter thieves.



### ANGELIQUE FOSTER YOUR POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

- Elected by the public in May 2021;
- Set the key policing priorities in Derbyshire based on consultation with the public;

- Holds the Chief Constable to account on behalf of the public;
- Sets the policing budget;
- Commissions services to support victims and improve community safety.

Police and Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster puts the law-abiding citizen and victims of crime at the heart of everything we do. Her priorities include:

- Strong Local Policing
- Neighbourhood Crime and Anti-social Behaviour
- Road Safety
- Victim Support and Safeguarding
- Rural Crime
- Driving Efficiencies

[View the Police and Crime Plan here.](#)

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# MAKING ROADS SAFER IN DERBYSHIRE

*I am committed to helping make our roads safer in Derbyshire.*

Preventing speeding and dangerous driving that claims lives and causes serious injuries is a key commitment in my Police and Crime Plan – and outstanding progress has been made since I took on the role of Police and Crime Commissioner.

I was pleased to share our success as best practice to a Road Safety Summit earlier this month. Representatives attended from across the East Midlands and Eastern Regions and together, we were able to reflect on these successes and identify areas for further focus.

I highlighted the initiatives I have supported since 2021 and my rationale. This includes £250k of extra funding into the Roads Policing Unit. This investment is providing increased enforcement, boosting technology and training, and enabling extra police vehicles with ANPR technology.

I have also supported the Bike Safe motorcyclist training and helped the launch of Operation Capture which enables the public's dashcam footage of dangerous driving to be sent to the force for consideration. In addition, I have invested £150k in Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) with 65 installations so far agreed and have earmarked £10k into growing our Community Speedwatch network.

Road safety remains a key concern for the public and I will continue to ensure the force is well-equipped and properly resourced in this important area of its work.



# HOTSPOT PATROLS AS ASB CRACKDOWN PICKS UP PACE

*Unprecedented action to crackdown on Anti-Social Behaviour is now well underway across Derbyshire.*

In March, my office secured £4.4m to deliver two tough pilot schemes to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) across the county.

This Summer, I launched my Derbyshire Action Against Anti-Social Behaviour Plan, which is putting extra targeted 'hotspot' policing and street warden patrols in every district and borough across Derbyshire and Derby City. These extra resources are providing the robust support and protection our communities have asked for.

Police officers and street wardens involved in this scheme have received extra training and will be working closely to drive ASB out of our communities.

In addition, my bespoke scheme to ensure offenders make amends and are seen to repair the damage they have caused to victims and communities is now up and running.

I have delivered major improvements in tackling ASB since my election in 2021 – success acknowledged by the Home Secretary Suella Braverman during a recent visit. The pace of improvement will intensify as these latest projects pick up pace.



**£4.4 million to tackle ASB in Derbyshire**

# ENHANCING ROAD SAFETY WITH COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



**The outstanding work of Derbyshire's road safety volunteers has been marked at a multi-agency event examining the positive impact of Community Speedwatch (CSW) across the county.**

In the last 12 months, 6376 warning letters have been sent out to drivers caught speeding. Figures show a

significant decrease in the numbers of repeat letters sent out, showing that CSW is successfully reducing speeding. This event provided an opportunity to celebrate the success that has been achieved over the past 12 months, share best practice and identify additional opportunities for progress including closer working between neighbouring schemes.

The expansion of Community Speedwatch (CSW) across Derbyshire is a key commitment in my Police and Crime Plan. Residents value proactive and visible speed monitoring and I am proud of the hundreds of CSW volunteers who support the work of frontline police officers in delivering this important safety work every day.

One death or injury on our roads is one too many. Sadly, many road casualties and fatalities are preventable. We must continue to utilise every resource at our disposal to bring further improvements. Community Speedwatch plays a crucial role in keeping our road network safe to all.



## VAWG IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT COMMISSIONER'S PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

**Safeguarding professionals from across the county joined victims, the Minister for Safeguarding, support providers and health specialists at my Derbyshire Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Conference.**

The conference highlighted the excellent progress made to deliver key aspects of the VAWG strategy since its launch last July. This included my funding for a new Stalking Co-ordinator post and two Independent Stalking Advisors who are helping to increase the number of civil orders secured and ensure incidents are properly risk-assessed.

I have continued to press for further change. Earlier this year I was

awarded over £1.4m to tackle the perpetrators of domestic abuse over the next two years. This money is providing critical programmes designed to change the behaviour of repeat offenders who are not sentenced by the courts.

Despite so much progress, the conference provided the opportunity to identify where more improvement is needed, which will lead to an action plan for the next 12 months.

The conference also included a presentation from a victim who had taken part in the focus groups I established two years ago. Feedback from those affected by violence helped to shape the county-wide strategy.



Developing services designed by survivors for survivors is paramount to my approach. I am grateful to those women and girls who continue to share their personal experiences, personally and via my surveys, to enhance the support we provide to help recover from harm and trauma.

## Listening to You

Share your views on crime and community safety in your area, to ensure police resources are balanced efficiently with your concerns. Please visit:

[derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-part/listening-to-you](https://derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-part/listening-to-you)

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