

“ Welcome to the latest edition of my **Notts Voices** newsletter. This is a great opportunity for me to speak directly with you, the people of Nottinghamshire, and update you on what we have been getting up to over the past month.

PCC Gary Godden



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**



PCC backs new Chief to drive excellence

Police and Crime Commissioner Gary Godden has officially appointed Steve Cooper as the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police.

PCC Godden believes Chief Constable Cooper had all the skills and qualities to ensure Nottinghamshire Police becomes an “outstanding” force over the next few years.

The announcement came after members of Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel gave their backing to PCC Godden’s preferred candidate at a confirmation hearing at County Hall.



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Technology to protect rural communities

Nottinghamshire has become the first county in the UK to enable volunteers to deploy drones as part of efforts to tackle rural crime and protect local communities.

As part of Rural Watch, an initiative which aims to prevent and reduce the fear of crime and promote effective communication, the volunteers are now equipped with the state-of-the-art technology to support their work on the ground.

The initiative is funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner or Nottinghamshire.



Volunteers rewarded with RockCorps concert at Rock City



Nottingham came together in a celebration of community, music and collective action as Nottingham RockCorps culminated in a high-energy concert featuring Tinie Tempah at Rock City.

Hundreds of volunteers earned their place at the event by completing 18 community projects and transforming spaces through gardening, painting, renovation and environmental work.



Celebrating Vaisakhi in Nottingham



PCC Gary Godden and DPCC Angela Kandola were proud to join thousands of members of Nottingham's Sikh community for a vibrant Vaisakhi parade, a powerful celebration of faith, culture and community.

They joined the parade through the city before Gary was honoured to address the congregation at Ramgarhia Sabha Nottingham, marking the conclusion of the day's celebrations.

Events like this are a brilliant example of the strength of Nottingham's diverse communities.

Partnership is driving change for women in Nottinghamshire

Deputy PCC Angela Kandola has praised a new partnership which represents a significant step forward in addressing gender imbalance within the taxi industry, while also providing women with a flexible, meaningful career.

Think Pink has already begun transforming the landscape in Nottingham, where currently only 6% of taxi drivers are women. Through targeted support, training, and community-building, the initiative has successfully helped women not only enter the profession but sustain long-term careers, with drivers now thriving after more than two years on the road.



Deputy PCC unites partners tackling VAWG in Nottinghamshire



Deputy PCC Angela Kandola had a busy day bringing partners together and championing women across Nottinghamshire and the wider region.

Angela attended a violence against women and girls (VAWG) Strategy Refresh meeting, before joining the East Midlands Women in Transport event at NET Trams, bringing together partners to promote opportunities for women and celebrate those already making a difference in the sector.

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Join us for a Public Safety Social near you



PCC Gary Godden will hold his next Public Safety Social in Ashfield in May, following successful events in Bassetlaw, Arnold and St Ann's.

The events bring together the public, police, council and local service providers, and enables local issues to be identified and tackled collaboratively.

Public Safety Socials will be held in every area of Nottinghamshire, keep an eye on OPCC social media channels to find out when we're near you!

Residents less likely to be victims of crime than national average



People living in Nottinghamshire are less likely to be affected by crime than those elsewhere in England and Wales, according to the latest official figures released recently.

New data from the Office for National Statistics shows that the overall crime rate in Nottinghamshire remains lower than the national average, with 84.1 offences per 1,000 people compared to 84.8 across England and Wales.

The figures also highlight continued progress in tackling some of the crimes that matter most to communities, including residential burglary, neighbourhood and acquisitive crimes and shoplifting.



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