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WELCOME

Welcome to the next instalment of my regular bulletin keeping you up to date with improvements to public safety in Derbyshire.

The summer leg of my #D383 tour has been very much in full swing and we’ve travelled across the county to summer fetes, festivals and farming events to find out what’s happening in our local communities. The tour isn’t just about me getting to know you - it’s about you getting to know me too and how my role can help improve safety in your area. If you haven’t already, I look forward to meeting you in the future at one of the many events coming up. Your feedback is invaluable to my role and is always well-received.

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Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner

Action against scams

Derbyshire has thrown its weight behind a national campaign run by Trading Standards to protect vulnerable people from scams.

This summer, I signed up as a SCAMbassador to the Friends Against Scams scheme, joining other MPs and community leaders in a quest to raise awareness of the plight of millions of fraud victims across the UK.

As part of a cross-party group called the #SCAMbassador network, we will be encouraging consumers to share their experiences, find out how to better protect themselves and to report suspicious activity in an effort to prevent this dreadful crime.

Find out more at www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/

Chesterfield Pride

Derbyshire police officers and blue light representatives were out in force at Chesterfield’s Pride last month to support one of the biggest celebrations in the summer calendar.

Alongside a host of emergency services colleagues, I visited the Queen’s Park event to promote the work taking place to fight hate crime in the county and invite people to participate in my Hate Crime Survey.

The annual event, which celebrates diversity and highlights the fight for equality for the Lesbian, Bisexual Gay and Transgender (LBGT) community, demonstrated how passionate our communities feel about embracing difference and treasuring the values of respect and tolerance.
Support service opens

Drug users and street drinkers struggling to cope with their problems will receive more help thanks to a specialist support service in Derby City Centre.

The new facility, funded from my own budget and Derbyshire Police, is based in the Padley Day Centre in Beckett Street. It follows my pledge to address residents’ concerns about antisocial behaviour by rough sleepers, beggars, street drinkers and drug users.

In recent months, I’ve held summits with businesses, charities and other agencies to identify workable solutions. The new service has capacity to manage up to 20 people and will deliver bespoke help in a bid to tackle long-standing dependency problems.

The police have been praised for proactive enforcement and prosecutions but we cannot arrest our way out of these societal problems.

The feedback will help me to assess the true scale of the problem, identify gaps in support services and address any barriers that exist to prevent reporting in an effort to encourage more victims to come forward.

The survey was officially launched at Shirebrook Academy where I was able to talk to pupils about the problem and highlight the help services that currently exist to deliver justice and aid recovery.

Recent national figures showed a spike in hate crime post the terror attacks. A single hate crime attack is one too many and we remain committed to rooting out the divisive attitudes that threaten our values of peace and togetherness and breeds violence.

Hate crime survey

As part of a goal to improve services for victims of hate crime, I recently launched a new survey inviting survivors to share their policing experiences.

The survey can be completed at: www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/HateCrime

See more about the services for victims at www.core-derbyshire.com #BeatHate
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A Team Effort!

Police Support Volunteers have teamed up with Neighbourhood Watch for a new partnership to prevent crime across South Derbyshire.

The South Division Neighbourhood Watch team are working with the Community Safety Department at St Mary’s Wharf Police Station to conduct door-to-door crime prevention visits in areas affected by recent spates of crime.

The partnership work has been well-received and is giving the volunteers an opportunity to talk to residents who would not normally contact the police or NHW with any issues as well as reduce the vulnerability of elderly residents.

Anyone who wants to volunteer as part of the new initiative is asked to contact Dan Beadell on 0300 122 8695 or send him an email at SDivNHW@outlook.com

Volunteers Praised

We’ve recently celebrated the dedication and commitment of the county’s army of policing volunteers as the nation marked National Volunteer Week.

Hundreds of unpaid volunteers give their time freely to help us keep people safe. One particular group I would like to highlight who often remain under the radar is our hardworking Custody Appropriate Adults who provide support to vulnerable people who come into police custody.

An individual may be deemed vulnerable if they are aged under 17, have mental health difficulties or have a learning disability or difficulty communicating. Our passionate volunteers help to provide support and advice to the vulnerable individual and facilitate communication and I’m incredibly grateful to them for their ongoing contribution.
It’s been an exceptionally busy summer and I’ve had the pleasure of meeting thousands of you at celebration events, community fetes and ‘meet and greet’ sessions across the county as part of my #D383 tour.

I’ve pledged to visit every town and village across Derbyshire during my four-year term and I’m pleased to say a lot of ground has been covered in the past three months!

Meeting you in this informal way gives me a chance to find out how I can make your lives happier and safer. It’s not all talk, however, as we’ve been able to identify real solutions to problems and provide reassurance.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Ashover Show

We braved mud and rain alongside the Rural Crime Team and Derbyshire Victim Services to talk to visitors and the farming community about rural crime this month.

The new dedicated Rural Crime Team was established as part of my promise to increase the resources available to tackle rural crime and the show was a great opportunity to raise awareness of its work as well as provide visitors with valuable crime prevention advice.

Operation Illuminate

This month, I joined police and safety partners on a visit to communities in Kirk Ireton, Hulland Ward, Brailsford and Hollington, for the Operation Illuminate roadshow – a force-wide initiative to help people safeguard their property from thieves.

Local people raised a number of issues during the visit including the re-location of a pelican crossing, boy racers and speeding along the A52. Residents were offered practical security advice and an opportunity to pick up home security kits.
Ashbourne Fire Station Open Day

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service and Derbyshire Constabulary hosted a joint road safety event to highlight the work of the two blue light emergency services. It was a great opportunity to show local people the new base we share with our fire service colleagues and demonstrate the emergency response to a simulated road traffic collision. Officers provided useful safety advice including child seats and residents chatted about any crime concerns they had in the area.

Clay Cross and Spondon

Lots of shoppers turned out to meet Bobby the Bear and my team during our visit to the community room in Clay Cross Tesco and Asda in Spondon. Residents raised CCTV issues in Clay Cross and security concerns in Spondon and officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team were able to provide crime prevention advice, safety leaflets and security items to help people protect themselves.

Chinley

The #D383 tour recently took us to Chinley where residents discussed worries about police visibility in the area and voiced their concerns about a new housing development. As well as raising awareness of the dedicated officers assigned to protect communities in the area, I encouraged people to complete my crime survey to share their experiences of crime and policing in the area.
Holbrook and Crich

I was honoured to join locals for the launch of The Spotted Calf Café in Holbrook this summer to see this fantastic project come to fruition. The café is part of the community-funded Spotted Cow site which is the only Community Owned Pub in Derbyshire. Later, I was proud to officially open the Crich Summer Fete, before chatting to local people in the tea tent run by the Place Project committee which is raising funds to replace play equipment and upgrade the park.

*It’s great to see the accomplishments that local people can achieve when they pull together for a common cause.*

Castleton

*My 100th stop on the #D383 tour saw me in Castleton, where I met with representatives from the Peak Park Authority, Derbyshire Dales District Council and High Peak Borough Council as well as local PCSO Steve Rogers at the Visitor Centre.*

Rural crime was top of the agenda and I was pleased to be able to reassure people that I am determined to do more to protect rural communities from crime.

Other recent stops on the #D383 tour included Normanton, Bakewell, Bonsall, Bradwell and Brandside. If you would like me to pay a visit to your community event, especially if it’s in an area I’ve not yet visited, please do get in touch by visiting www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/D383 and complete the web form.

LISTENING TO YOU

*There is a myriad of ways in which I am ‘listening to you’. My survey is one such way, which you can do on the website, or in person at one of our roadshows.*

However, you can always get in touch
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I’m always pleased to hear from members of the public so please, if something is concerning you, or you wish to compliment the service you have received, either pick up the phone or email us.