



SPOTLIGHT

on safer Derbyshire

WELCOME



It's all systems go for Derbyshire and safety in your community. Alongside our ambitious plans for technology and more agile

working arrangements, we're finally in a position to start to build up our strength again. More police officers are on their way to Derbyshire to support our overstretched and depleted neighbourhood teams which means there will be more heads to tackle the issues impacting on your lives. Everybody wants more police officers and I'm relieved that the 2019-20 will deliver and sustain our vital safety work. More are needed, there's no question of that, but it is a start and I am confident it will have a meaningful impact on our communities. I'm sure, like me, you look forward to welcoming them aboard!

*Hardyal Dhindsa
Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner*



Police growth plans revealed!

It is a relief to unveil a budget that is all about gains and not losses. Over the coming 12 months an extra 120 police officers and staff will be joining the ranks in Derbyshire under my new growth plans.

My budget for 2019-20 will bring increased revenue, giving us a chance to reinforce our depleted frontline and build for the future while increasing visibility in our communities.

In all, Derbyshire will welcome 58 new police officers and 62 members of staff. We will also invest in additional road safety measures, increase our investigative capacity and provide more support for vulnerable people.

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The Police and Crime Panel supported my plans, unanimously approving the rise in the amount of council tax people will pay towards policing by £24 for a Band D property, following the government's decision to raise the ceiling on this amount this year. For the coming year, this will take the total amount paid towards policing in Derbyshire to £216.60 for a Band D household – a rise of 12.5%.

While I'm disappointed that the Government has chosen to place the burden of police funding on our hardworking taxpayers, this rise will nevertheless put more police officers on our streets and increase public safety at a time when demand and risk of crime is taking its toll.

You can download our video here:
<http://bit.ly/Precept2019-20>

The increase in resources will be used to address the issues raised by the public during my countywide tour (#D383) and I'm very grateful local people support my approach. While it will not make up for the £40m real terms cuts made since 2010, which wiped out some 400 police officer posts and a similar number of police staff, it is a significant step in the right direction.



YOUNG PEOPLE ACT ON CYBERCRIME

A new film featuring the courageous accounts of two teenage girls and their harrowing experiences of cyber-bullying was launched in February as part of Internet Safety Week.

The film, which I helped fund, contains the stories of Millie and Lucy, from Derby, who were in Year Seven when they suffered a torrent of abuse – including death threats – over Facebook and Instagram.

It has been produced by national charity Fixers UK and is the first campaign led by young people in Derby to tackle cybercrime.

The charity enables young people to use their past and experiences to help others through the broadcasting media and confronts a host of topical issues impacting on young people.

I am very proud of Millie and Lucy's efforts to encourage other victims to seek help if this is happening to them and ensure those in responsible positions take the issue seriously.



To see the film visit: <http://www.fixers.org.uk/news/17917-11208/take-cyberbullying-seriously.php>

ANOTHER #D383 MILESTONE!



Three hundred! That's the number of towns and villages I've clocked up since I embarked on my #D383 tour across the county.

And what a lovely destination to toast our achievement – in the warm and welcoming surroundings of Dethick Hall in Hartshorne, South Derbyshire, where we celebrated national Village Halls Week.

My tour is all about people-power, comradery, pulling together and positivity and so it is highly appropriate that we should celebrate 300 visits with an event that highlighted the fantastic work of community volunteers who protect their local heritage.

My team and I have learned so much from the experiences of our #D383 visits and I'm pleased to say the issues raised have determined the direction of my budget, with more police officers on the way to tackle these problems and further investment in issues such as road safety which are concerns for the people I meet.

The #D383 tour covers every inch of Derbyshire and incorporates all 383 towns and villages in the county and so there is still some way to go. So far in 2019, we've visited Marston on Dove, bringing

members of the rural crime team along to highlight the importance of reporting crime; Barrow on Trent where we attended the Sale & Davys Playgroup at the village hall and met a headteacher and chair of governors to discuss parking problems and police visibility and Ingleby where concerns of speeding were raised. Visits were also made to Twyford and Boundary.

A packed programme of #D383 visits will continue into the spring. For more information on the schedule please visit: www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/D383



PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

There is progress to report on my priority of protecting vulnerable people. We recently unveiled a new scrutiny system to safeguard the welfare of vulnerable people detained in police custody.

Running alongside my Independent Custody Visiting (ICV) Scheme, the project will involve volunteers reviewing the custody records of vulnerable detainees to ensure their needs, as well as police legislation, is being met.

This includes whether they received access to an Appropriate Adult and how long this took, whether they received their rights and entitlements and whether their dietary and religious needs were catered for.

We've been piloting this scheme since April last year with promising results which is why I'm rolling it out across the county. The Constabulary has appreciated the feedback and the opportunity to improve our safeguarding responsibilities.



New youth outreach service hits ground running

More than 718 young people have already benefitted from a new outreach service delivering advice and information on drug and alcohol harm in Derbyshire.

1625 Outreach is a free confidential service provided by CGL (Change, Grow, Live). It is joint-funded by my office and Derbyshire County Council, working with young people aged 16-25 across the county to prevent drug and alcohol dependency. The service, which also actively engages with professionals working with children, also provides information and support on sexual health and

wellbeing and has sign-posted youngsters to appropriate sexual health services.

I have agreed to invest £150,000 per year into the service for an initial period of three years.

Since launching in September, the service has engaged students at university and college events and at other venues across Derbyshire. Its new mobile unit will accompany volunteers in the future and the service is also working on a project to encourage young volunteers to work for the service. For more information visit:

<https://www.changegrowlive.org/young-people/derbyshire-cgl-young-peoples-service>

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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FOOTNOTE

This newsletter is produced to give you an overview of the work of my office and of course, me! We are always open to ideas for articles and if there is some area of our work that you would like to see in here, either as a regular update or a one-off please get in touch.

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.

