



the **Commander's** update

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT DAVE WAKELIN **DIVISIONAL COMMANDER**

Commitment remains despite cuts

Our commitment to local people is to consistently improve the way we prevent and detect crime, and reduce antisocial behaviour in our communities.

We pride ourselves on protecting law-abiding members of the community, and this will not change, even with the challenging times ahead. You may have already heard a lot about Government plans to cut public sector funding by a quarter by 2014.

For Nottinghamshire Police, this means saving £45million over the next three years.

Our new Deputy Chief Constable Chris Eyre has written an open letter to all residents of the county outlining how the force plans to make these huge savings.

You can read the letter by visiting our website at www.nottinghamshire.police.uk.

A severely reduced budget will mean

changing the way we work – but the top priority is to protect frontline services.

Our commitment to providing the highest level of service to you will not change.

The additional officers that came to the division in the spring are making a significant difference.

Our partnership work continues to grow stronger and I am thankful of the work that goes on day in day out with the councils, probation service, primary care trusts and fire service, as well as charities such as Women's Aid.

Remember, you are one of those vital partners with the police. Information you provide helps us to solve crimes and prevent further incidents from happening. Please call us on 0300 300 9999 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 with any information you have.



New chief officers

The force has a new deputy chief constable and two new assistant chief constables.

DCC Chris Eyre joins the force from Leicestershire, where he served as acting chief constable.

Former divisional commander for Sheffield, ACC Paul Broadbent, has crossed the border and will oversee crime and justice matters.

ACC Paul Scarrott arrives from the West Midlands force and will take responsibility for a portfolio that includes neighbourhood policing and demand management.

ACC Ian Ackerley will head up the team looking at the implications of budgetary changes required by the new coalition government. Margaret Monckton has been appointed as Assistant Chief Officer, a role that includes lead responsibility for HR and finance issues.



New uniform

Nottinghamshire officers have been issued with new uniforms. On patrol and when meeting the public, police officers will wear black wicking shirts with mandarin collars, with blue for PCSOs. The new dress code includes a return of ceremonial tunic and trousers to be worn at court and formal occasions. Through consultation with staff associations, other changes see a return to helmets rather than caps, employee name, number and rank embroidered on epaulettes, and the replacement of grey fabrics with black.

Chief Superintendent John Busuttill, who led the Uniform Review Group, said: "The new uniforms will help officers and staff create a positive, lasting impression when carrying out their duties. Our aim has been to reflect the standards of dress and appearance that the public expect and deserve."



Chris Pressley retires

Former Bassetlaw detective Chris Pressley has retired after 48 years of service in officer and civilian roles with Nottinghamshire Police. During his 37-year career

as an officer; Workson-born Chris served with both Retford and Workson CIDs. One of his roles was to act as a family liaison officer - before the role officially existed - for the parents

of PC Christopher McDonald, the first Nottinghamshire officer to be killed on duty. Chris later moved to Workson CID and then Mansfield before joining the regional crime squad in the 1980s. He retired from active service in 1999, since when he has been the Force Intelligence Officer manager.



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Arrow hits two key targets

The people of Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood can take a large part of the credit for some excellent crime reduction and detection results from over the past three months.

Between March 31 and June 30, the force ran Operation Arrow, aimed at tackling burglary, robbery and violence in Nottinghamshire. The results show how well B Division and the force as a whole have done in meeting targets set to bring Nottinghamshire into line with its most similar forces in England and Wales. In the division, there was a 28.8% detection rate over the three months, well above the target of 17 per cent.

It also represented a 16.7% increase on the detection rate in B Division for the same period in 2009.

That progress has carried on into July, with the detection rate for serious acquisitive

crime up as high as 50.6% by the mid-point of the month.

Compared to the same three-month period last year B Division has seen a 5.6% drop in domestic burglary, a 41.4% drop in robbery and a 49.3% drop in other wounding.

Vehicle crime was down 17.2%, from 586 in the first quarter of 2009 to 485 in 2010.

The number of offences of violence causing injury was almost halved compared with last year; down by 297 incidents to 310.

There were a total of 2,031 recorded crimes across the division, 780 fewer than in 2009, and 287 fewer than the target set for Operation Arrow.

Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Dave Wakelin, said: "The residents of North Nottinghamshire should not only be reassured by the progress we have made

in detecting serious acquisitive crime, they can also take credit for much of that improvement too.

"We could not hope to achieve that without the information that the public has provided, or the assistance given to us by our partners in local government and the army of community safety volunteers, who help us to deliver crime prevention advice.

"I would urge local people to continue to help us build on this hugely encouraging development by reporting suspicious activity or information about crime to the police or to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Force wide final Operation Arrow figures show that two of the targets were met and a third narrowly missed. Across all areas of the force the emphasis will remain on tackling burglary and robbery.

B DIVISION				
Crime Type	Apr 10 - Jun 10	Apr 09 - Jun 09	Diff	% Diff
Domestic Burglary	186	197	- 11	- 5.6%
Robbery	17	29	- 12	- 41.4%
Other Wounding	297	586	- 289	- 49.3%
Serious Acquisitive Crime SDs	28.8%	12.1%	16.7%	n/a
Serious Acquisitive Crime	688	812	- 124	- 15.3%
Vehicle Crime	485	586	- 101	- 17.2%
VAP - With Injury	310	607	- 297	- 48.9%
BCS Comparator Crime	2,031	2,811	- 780	- 27.7%

Crime Type	Arrow actual	Arrow Target	Diff	% Diff
Domestic Burglary	186	151	+ 35	+ 18.8%
Robbery	17	14	+ 3	+ 17.6%
Other Wounding	297	443	- 146	- 49.2%
Serious Acquisitive Crime SDs	28.8%	17.0%	11.8%	n/a
Serious Acquisitive Crime	688	534	+ 154	+ 22.4%
Vehicle Crime	485	374	+ 111	+ 22.9%
VAP - With Injury	310	493	- 183	- 59.0%
BCS Comparator Crime	2,031	2,318	- 287	- 14.1%

Harworth dispersal order

A dispersal order is in place at a Harworth housing estate in response to concerns about groups of young people gathering there. Backed by Bassetlaw District Council, police officers and PCSOs have been given powers to disperse groups congregating on the

Dorchester Road estate from now until 1st February 2011. Officers now have the power to direct people in the group to leave the area either immediately or at a stated time, and to direct people who do not live in the area to leave

and not to return for a specified period. The order also states young people aged 16 and under are not allowed to be in the area between 9pm and 6am unless under the effective control of a parent or responsible person over the age of 18.