



# the Commander's update

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## Crime continues to fall

Crime continues to fall across the division, which is a reflection of the hard work happening across the area by the police, our partners and the public.

In September there were 1451 fewer crimes reported than in September last year; which is fantastic news.

So far this year we have achieved reductions in house burglary and vehicle crime – two of our priority crime types.

Sharing our success with you is really important to me and I will continue to use this newsletter to tell you about what we have achieved with our local partners.

I want to see this success continue. We are moving in the right direction but we are not complacent – we can always improve and build on our achievements. I urge you to work with us to cut crime.

As we move into the winter we risk seeing an increase in burglary and vehicle crime. Please keep your eyes open for people who you believe may be acting suspiciously around properties or vehicles.

If you see suspicious activity please call us on 0300 300 99 99 so we can deal with information as quickly as possible. Preventing crime cannot only be the responsibility of the police, as we cannot physically be everywhere all of the time. We can all help to police our own neighbourhoods by reporting things that are out of the ordinary.

Your help is really appreciated and where your actions have helped us to prevent or detect crime I will always seek to commend people.

## Above and beyond the call of duty

This month I would like to share with you a heartwarming story.

In September we received a letter from an 83-year-old gentleman living in Newark requesting our help. He was a veteran of the Second World War having served in the Navy and was present at the Normandy landings.

Unfortunately the gentleman was subject to a burglary 20 years ago, during which his war medals were stolen.

He had written to the MOD requesting replacement medals but these could only be obtained by producing a copy of the crime report or insurance claim - something neither him nor the police had some 20 years later.

Word of this spread around Newark Police Station and officers and staff decided they would raise the money to buy the gentleman

replacement medals by holding a raffle. Replacement medals were bought and were recently presented to the gentleman at his home by Newark Inspector Steve Cartwright. The very modest man did not want any publicity but passed on his heartfelt thanks to our staff. He explained that he had wanted to return to Normandy with other veterans but felt unable to without his medals. He can now wear his medals with pride on Remembrance Sunday.

It is stories like these that remind me what working for the police service is all about. My officers and support staff want to help people and will often go above and beyond their call of duty to make a difference to people's lives.

Everyone who took part in the raffle made this possible and have made an elderly war veteran extremely happy.

## Protecting your home this winter

Hundreds of free home security packs are being delivered to residents across Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood as part of our ongoing campaign to reduce burglary this winter. Funded by the Community Safety Partnership, each pack contains a free timer switch, discount vouchers for home security products at Focus, Homebase and B&Q, a letter about the campaign and contact details for local Neighbourhood Policing teams.

Police Community Support Officers are delivering packs to residents in areas where burglaries have occurred. They have also been given out free to the public through local newspapers.

Within days of launching the initiative we had given away more than 1500 packs, and I am keen that we continue to provide you with money-saving, practical ways to secure your property.

Something as simple as leaving a light on could prevent your home from being burgled. Convicted burglars have told us that if presented with two homes one with a light on

and one without, they would attempt to break into the one in darkness.

A timer switch turns on a light at a time set by you – so it will come on even if you are not at home, making it look as though somebody is in. They cost around £8 in most hardware shops and if you didn't manage to get one free this time round, please consider buying one.

This initiative is definitely proving popular and I will certainly look at supporting similar give-aways in the future.



## Contact me

I welcome your views and feedback, please drop me a line, letter or email.  
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**0300 300 99 99**



## Wherever you live in Nottinghamshire, there's now only one number for your local police.

The new number makes it easier for you to contact us regardless of your location.

The same police staff will answer your calls, and your call will then be directed to the right person, department or police station, as it is now. The only change is that you now have just one number to remember, wherever you are.

### When do I use it?

To report a crime that has already happened, to speak to your local police officer or for any other enquiry, please call us on **0300 300 99 99**.

When a life is in danger, a crime is in progress or to report a vulnerable or missing person who may come to harm please dial **999**.

### Other important numbers:

Minicom helpline for textphone users **0115 967 0100**

Typetalk **18001 0300 300 99 99** (in an emergency use **18000**)

sms text **07910 336 850**

Pegasus **0115 967 2606**



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