

Outstanding warrants, outstanding performance

The number of defendants who are wanted for failing to appear in court has been dramatically reduced thanks to the efforts of Nottinghamshire Police and partners.

Between March 2005 and March 2006 the number of 'failure to appear' warrants outstanding in Nottinghamshire fell from 940 to 624 – a reduction of 33.6%.

The force smashed its performance target for 2005/06 and achieved one of the biggest reductions in outstanding warrants of any force in England and Wales. The improvement has continued into the current operational year. In April, the figure fell to 572 – a further drop of eight per cent.

Assistant Chief Constable Peter Ditchett said: "Our performance in enforcing warrants for failure to appear has never been better and ranks with the very best. I would like to thank everyone who plays a part in this aspect of our service for their valuable contribution.

"The impact of these excellent efforts is that fewer offenders are evading justice, and that's good news for victims and the fight against crime in Nottinghamshire."

More victims satisfied with our service

The number of victims of crime satisfied with the service they receive from Nottinghamshire Police has increased, according to new figures.

Almost 90% of burglary victims surveyed in the last three months of 2005 were content with the force's overall response to their break-in. The satisfaction rate for the same period in 2004 was 84%.

For violent crime, the number of victims satisfied rose from 67% to 75%, while the satisfaction rate for victims of vehicle thefts was 73% - up from 59% in 2004.

Victims across all crimes reported greater satisfaction in the way Nottinghamshire Police kept them informed, in particular burglary victims whose satisfaction level in this area rose by 16 percentage points to 63%.

Chief Constable Steve Green said: "Victims have a crucial role to play in the criminal justice system, so the more satisfied they are with our service the more likely they are to help us bring offenders to justice and make Nottinghamshire safer."

Positive result for Positive Action evening

Nottinghamshire Police's latest Positive Action evening was a success with more than a hundred people attending.

The event, which took place at the John Carroll Leisure Centre in Radford on May 11, was aimed at making people from minority ethnic communities and other under-represented groups more aware of the job opportunities the force has to offer. It also served to strengthen trust and confidence within communities.

During the evening police officers and support staff were on hand to discuss their personal experiences of working for Nottinghamshire Police and explain the variety of roles available.

Positive Action evenings are held every six months and are part of the force's commitment to continue to recruit a workforce that reflects the diverse communities it serves.

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