

CHIEF CONSTABLE HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Chief Constable, Julia Hodson, has spoken at a national conference highlighting the importance of working with partners to tackle alcohol misuse. Nottingham hosted the first ever National Alcohol Misuse Conference that saw the three lead government agencies – the Home Office, health and education – join together to address the issue. Ms Hodson, along with Jane Todd the Chief Executive for Nottingham City Council, opened the conference.

OBE FOR ACC SUE FISH

Assistant Chief Constable Sue Fish has recently received her OBE during a ceremony at Buckingham Palace. The Prince of Wales presented the award to ACC Fish, which was for services to policing, in particular her efforts in tackling gun criminality and organised crime. When her OBE was announced in the Queen's Birthday Honours ACC Fish dedicated it to officers and staff she had worked with, describing them as a 'fantastically professional and dedicated team.'

POSITIVE ACTION RECRUITMENT EVENTS

Nottinghamshire Police is actively trying to recruit people from groups who are under-represented in its workforce. Positive Action Recruitment events are being held throughout the county. It is the force's vision to be an organisation that leads by example in delivering equality in Nottinghamshire through employment practices, by the way it interacts with the communities it serves and in the way it conducts business with its partners.

MORE THAN 100 CALLS IN COLETTE INQUIRY

Detectives investigating the murder of Nottinghamshire teenager Colette Aram have taken more than 100 calls from the public after revealing a significant breakthrough - 25 years after she was abducted, sexually assaulted, and her body left in a field. Officers now have the DNA profile of Colette's killer, taking them one step closer to identifying the man who cold-bloodedly stalked and murdered the 16-year-old close to her Keyworth home. As part of the investigation a four-page newspaper supplement is being delivered to 20,000 homes and businesses in areas with links to the murder inquiry.

POLICE JOIN FACEBOOK

A team of police officers in Canning Circus, Nottingham, has joined a computer-based social networking site, facebook, to engage with their local community. The site allows officers to invite 'friends' to organised events, email them and give regular crime prevention advice. The move has generated considerable interest with more than 130 people signing up to join as 'friends' in the first day. Canning Circus and Eastwood were both chosen to pilot the use of the site as a way to engage communities and directly contact those living in the area.

OVER 2,000 FEWER VICTIMS IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Crime in Nottinghamshire fell by more than six per cent in the first quarter of 2008. The April – June figures means there are 2, 060 fewer victims of crime in the county compared to the same period last year. Gun crime has almost halved falling by more than 46 per cent – from 94 offences to 50. There has also been a 64 per cent drop in the number of gun injuries – from 33 in the same period last year to 12 in April to June this year.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE OFFICERS RECOGNISED FOR THEIR WORK

Officers from Nottinghamshire Police have been recognised for their work at two national award ceremonies. Rampton Hospital Police Liaison Officer Dc Rachel Cook narrowly missed out on a prize at this year's National Justice Award. Rachel was selected along with Jane Ball, a barrister working for the Crown Prosecution Service, from hundreds of nominations as one of three finalists in the Partnership of the Year category for their work at the hospital. Rachel and Jane were both highly commended. ACC Sue Fish said: "Our congratulations go to Rachel and Jane. It is fantastic to see their hard work and innovation being nationally recognised. The force also had five nominees in the Jane's Police Review awards. DC Andy Giles had received the Nottinghamshire Police Lifetime Achievement Award after a career spanning almost 30 years, PC Colin Oakley had received the Christopher McDonald award within the force and was put forward for the national Community Police Officer of the Year, PC Kate Long was nominated as the force's Student Police Officer of the Year 2008, PCSO Katie Sharp gained the title of Nottinghamshire Police's Community Support Officer of the Year and the Communities, Youth and Race Relations were awarded the Diversity in Action award from the force. While the coveted national titles went to other forces, Nottinghamshire's representatives were presented with commemorative medals for their achievements.