

'CARELESS' DRIVER JAILED

An American visitor who caused a collision in which a 21-year-old was killed has become the first person to be convicted of causing death by careless driving in Nottinghamshire.

Martyn Crew, 52, of San Francisco, was sentenced to 14 months imprisonment at Nottingham Crown Court in July for causing the death of Natasha Jackson on Christmas Day last year. The charge, to which Crew pleaded guilty, was one of a number of new motoring offences brought in in late 2008.

PRAISE FOR OPERATION

DS Mike Allen and DC Ian Holmes have been commended following the sentencing of a violent gang of men who have jointly been jailed to more than 30 years in prison.

Majid Hussain was handed a 20-year prison term after being found guilty of attempting to murder Christopher Willis in Nottingham city centre in March 2008.

Nine other men were also jailed for violent disorder. Following sentence, Mr Justice Akenhead said: "Congratulations to the police in a hugely impressive operation in tracking down and following through this investigation."

BOBBIES SCORE COMMUNITY GOALS



FOOTBALL FEVER

Bulwell Neighbourhood Policing Team (red) take on Snape Wood Lads in a rematch held at Snape Wood School. The police side won 3-2.

Picture by Rob James

As the new season arrives, the universal language of football has been speaking volumes for community relations with Nottinghamshire Police. Bulwell's Neighbourhood Policing team scored a 3-2 triumph for the second match running against Snape Wood Lads, a team of 13-19 year-olds from the village estate. But the boot was on the other foot as a Notts Police XI played a team from the Unity project, set up to divert young people from becoming engaged in criminal activity in Nottingham. The Unity side not only won 3-1 but they were also given the chance to quiz city divisional commander Chf Supt Shaun Beebe and ACC Peter Davies about policing issues.

More football featured in Keyworth's Week of Action. See over for more details.

PARTNERS APPLAUD GUNN REVIEW DECISION

A High Court decision to uphold the conditions which prevent convicted drug dealer David Gunn from returning to Nottingham has been hailed by the county's police and probation service as helping to keep residents safe.

Gunn, who was released in April, having served part of an eight-and-a-half year sentence for conspiracy to supply amphetamines, challenged the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangement imposed upon him, citing the Human Rights Act.

Police intelligence submitted to the court suggested Gunn remained in control of an organised crime group based in Bestwood, along with his brother Colin, currently serving a life sentence for conspiracy to murder.

Since his appeal, Gunn has been recalled to prison for allegedly breaching his release conditions.

TRUCK AD TO CUT A1 THEFTS

A lorry trailer bearing the words 'Truckers Beware! This is a load theft hotspot' is being placed in lay-bys along the A1 through Nottinghamshire to reduce lorry load thefts.

The 'advan' has been supplied by road freight intelligence unit TruckPol, and it was collected free of charge from Oxfordshire by Newark-based Eddie Stobart Chilled Ltd.

Fred Quick, operations supervisor at the company, said: "We have had one of our own lorries broken into in the past, so we were pleased to do anything we could do to help highlight and reduce this problem."

Police are advising drivers to park in designated lorry parks, some of which have CCTV.

FUND MILESTONE

A fund in memory of a Nottinghamshire Police officer has raised more than £50,000 for cancer charities since it was founded in July 2002.

The mark was passed following the annual golf event held in memory of Phil Whittaker, who died from a brain tumour in Dec 2001. A record entry of 159 competitors turned out in torrential rain at the Oakmere Park Golf Club near Oxtun in July and helped to raise more than £9,000 to take the fund over the £50,000 mark.

DESERT CLEAN-UP

Volunteers removed 15 tons of rubbish from Mansfield's former Rufford Colliery site, known locally as the 'Desert'.

The Desert has become a magnet for fly-tippers, but 50 people from Mansfield Community and Voluntary Service, Nottinghamshire Probation, Vinvolved (the national youth volunteering programme) and Oak Tree Safe Conservation Project spent five days clearing up the rubbish.

RESIDENTS' DIARY NOTES HELP REDUCE ASB BY 90%

A community project involving Nottinghamshire Police, Ashfield District Council and Ashfield Partnership Against Crime has been hailed a success after it reduced antisocial behaviour in part of Kirkby-in-Ashfield by more than 90 per cent.

Antisocial behaviour diaries were sent to 60 homes in Berry Avenue and neighbouring streets. Residents were encouraged to complete them, providing a full picture of their concerns and patterns of the offending they had witnessed.

Several individuals believed to be at the root of many of the problems were identified, and police and partners worked with them and their families to address unacceptable behaviour, provide support and increase public safety within the community.

The result was that reported incidents in Berry Avenue fell from a peak of 58 calls to police in February to just four in June.

IN THE BUSINESS OF GIVING AWARD-WINNING ADVICE



Business crime reduction manager Sgt Richard Stones, left, is congratulated by Notts and Derbys FSB chairman Paul Maloney, right.

Business advice might not be something you automatically associate with the police, but the Nottinghamshire force's support for county firms has earned a prestigious award. The Safer Businesses initiative, which includes the www.nottsbusinesswatch.co.uk website, a crime prevention CD and a security information booklet was recognised with a Federation of Small Businesses award last month.

AN ACTION-PACKED FEW DAYS FOR PARTNERS IN KEYWORTH

Speed checks, drug arrests, licensing tests and even a close-run football match featured in Keyworth's Week of Action last month.

The town's neighbourhood policing team spent the ten-day event mounting high visibility patrols, staging school assemblies, issuing SmartWater kits, talking to residents about what the policing priorities should be and warning speeding drivers. The police had teamed up with the county council, Rushcliffe Borough Council and their partners to address concerns about safety, crime and antisocial behaviour in the town. Among the other results of the week were two arrests and the seizure of cannabis and ecstasy from three drugs raids, while test purchasing at six off licences was also carried out in conjunction with Trading Standards.

A Partnership XI also took on a Keyworth FC side, who ran out 3-2 winners.

INSPECTOR ON HAND TO PRAISE SCHOOL'S BEST BUDDY

Gedling North inspector Craig Nolan was at Woodthorpe's Good Shepherd RC Primary School to present caring year five pupil Conall Glover with the Ann Carpenter Best Buddy Award. The awards were set up to commemorate the life of Ann Carpenter, a highly respected member of the Neighbourhood Watch community, and recognises those pupils that have done the most to comfort bewildered or upset classmates. The Netherfield Neighbourhood Watch Association has also adopted a similar scheme, the Helping Hands Award, at Netherfield Primary School