



# the Commander's update

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT DAVE WAKELIN **DIVISIONAL COMMANDER**

## Crackdown on burglary

This month we are launching a major crack-down to combat the traditional rise in burglary often seen between October and December. The increase in burglaries at this time of year coincides with the clocks going back and the onset of darker evenings.

We will be using a number of different tactics to combat this including targeted police activity aimed at disrupting criminals alongside prevention work to reduce further offences.

Enforcement activity, community events, a radio advert, billboards and giveaways in local newspapers will take place throughout the operation. Crime reduction messages will also feature on over 500,000 supermarket receipts. Owners of premises that have previously been a victim of burglary will be revisited and offered additional security measures to ensure their properties are less vulnerable.

We will also be paying unannounced visits to burglary suspects and handing them warning letters about our increased activity.

It will tell them in no uncertain terms that we are keeping an eye on them.

Together we can make a real impact, so please be proactive and do what you can. Not only will you be helping the police, but you will be helping your community too.

**0300 300 99 99**

Make a note of the number above... you will be seeing a lot of it over the next few weeks. That's because there is now only one number for contacting Nottinghamshire Police - 0300 300 99 99.

Regardless of where you live or your location, there is now just one number to remember:

The number replaces the dozen different numbers currently used across to contact the force across the county.

And the hope is it will lead to a drop in the amount of callers ringing 999 because they are unsure what telephone number to use.

Remember in an emergency, if life is in danger or crime is in progress, you must still always call 999.



## Football match boosts community spirit!

There is some excellent community work going on to reduce anti-social behaviour – a great example recently was in Bilsthorpe when residents challenged local police to a football match.

The same match was last played 25 years ago to restore relationships after the miners' strike. The repeat fixture was another great success and will hopefully be repeated much sooner!

The Bilsthorpe side won 5-2 and a signed shirt and ball from Nottingham Forest were presented to star performers.

Thanks go to Bilsthorpe PCSO Kate Ansty who organised the event. It gave the young people something to focus on and they were the first to ask when the next match will be! It causes me concern that assaults and anti-social behaviour, often driven by alcohol, have risen over the last few months – but I am a

true believer in the difference community spirit, as seen in Bilsthorpe, can make. If you would like to do something similar in your area please contact your local beat team and let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Late August saw the sudden loss of one of my Detective Constables, DC 808 Jeff Pavey.

Jeff was a great detective who had served the public of Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood his entire career. The division showed its respect and thanks for Jeff at his funeral on 16 September. Jeff was a fine officer and public servant who will be very sadly missed.



## Seen it? Report it!

As part of our burglary operation, we will be launching a major public awareness campaign called 'Seen it? Report it!' to increase intelligence from people who are out during unsociable hours.

We will be giving pocket notebooks and pens to postal workers, refuse collectors, street cleaners, warehouse operatives and taxi drivers to jot down details of suspicious activity they see to provide to the police.

The campaign is thought to be the first of its kind in the country and is being supported by the local authorities and some major employers.

Officers on this division who saw the potential in the thousands of people out and about after dark or early in the morning came up with the idea, which has now been rolled out forcewide.



## Eye in the sky

Have you ever heard the police helicopter buzzing above your home and wondered what it's doing?

Because our eye in the sky is so important to our team we now have a section of our website dedicated to its whereabouts and activity.

Our helicopter carries out vital work, helping officers on the ground to find suspects, missing people and stolen vehicles.

We want you to know when the helicopter is deployed and how the helicopter unit is helping to keep your community safe.

So next time you hear the whirring sound in the sky... log on to [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk), click About Us, Organisation, then Helicopter Unit and find out what it's up to.

## Contact me

I welcome your views and feedback, please drop me a line, letter or email.  
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Take these simple steps to reduce your chances of becoming a burglary victim

When you go out:

- Close your windows
- Lock your doors
- Make it look as though you're in
- Set your burglar alarm

When you're at home:

- Keep your car keys out of sight
- Keep doors locked to prevent walk-in thefts



**LOCK UP**  
TO LOCK BURGLARS OUT

**Are you out and about after dark or early in the morning?**

**Noticed someone acting suspiciously?**

**Seen strange comings and goings on your journey?**

Your information could help prevent crime and catch criminals

By calling the police or Crimestoppers you could:

- Earn a cash reward
- Gain official recognition from your local police

Seen it? Report it!

**If a crime is in progress, call 999**

**Nottinghamshire Police 0300 300 99 99**

**Crimestoppers 0800 555 111**