



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

Ensuring Quality Policing

What policing will cost you in 2006-2007

Nottinghamshire Police Authority is an independent body which helps to provide an efficient and effective Police Force in Nottinghamshire.

Policing in Nottinghamshire

(Figures for April 2005-December 2005)

Population - 1,016,760	Recorded Crimes - 104,847
Emergency (999) calls taken - 201,342	Non 999 calls taken - 376,397
Offences brought to justice - 21,682	

BALANCING THE BUDGET

"The wish to set a budget that provides all the resources needed to police a county of this size has to be balanced with the amount of money people are prepared to pay towards policing.

"We know that you want lower crime rates and an increased police presence. At the end of last year the number of recorded crimes had reduced by over 16,000. We know that there is still a long way to go and stress that we can only do this if the whole community pulls together in the fight against crime.

"The strengthening of Local Policing Teams means that you will see more officers dedicated to your neighbourhood than ever before. And, in the coming year, the Authority

will continue to invest in improved facilities and equipment to help deliver the policing service you deserve."



*Cllr John Clarke, Chairman,
Nottinghamshire Police Authority,
March 2006.*

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NEWS FROM THE POLICE AUTHORITY

- Work continues on the Police Force Restructuring process. This could see Nottinghamshire Police Force merged with either Derbyshire Constabulary or with all of the other four forces in the region in one of the biggest policing changes ever witnessed in England and Wales.
- Special Constables now receive an allowance in recognition of the valuable contribution they make to policing in the County.
- The number of Police Community Support Officers will increase to 220 by the end of 2007.



- The new police station in Newark is on schedule and on budget for completion in mid 2006.



- Plans have been submitted for a new police station in Mansfield Woodhouse, which will provide a highly visible police presence in the town.
- Serious violent crime is now lower than other forces in our most similar 'family' with the highest sanction detection rate in our most similar 'family'.
- Total crime has seen a fall (Apr-Dec 2005 compared to Apr-Dec 2004) and for the same period sanction detections are up 23.2%.
- Burglary has seen a 20% reduction from Apr-Dec 2005 compared to Apr-Dec 2004, and an increase in detections based on the same period.
- A successful partnership tackling untaxed and abandoned vehicles removed over 300 vehicles in a four week period.
- A multi-agency project is successfully reducing crime and improving community confidence on the Bestwood Estate
- Operation Sherwood - A pioneering partnership project that has succeeded in reducing drug-related burglary and theft in Nottinghamshire - and blazed the trail for similar schemes nationally - has won a prestigious award. The multi-agency Sherwood Project was chosen from more than 300 nominations as the overall winner of the Government's 2005 Justice Awards. The project also won the 'Outstanding contribution to working with offenders' category of the awards, presented by Home Office Minister Baroness Scotland.



THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

The budget has been set at £173.8 million. Overall this is an increase of 0.24% over last year's budget.

2005/2006		2006/2007	
£m		£m	
183.2	Expenditure	185.0	
9.9	Income	11.2	
173.3	Net	173.8	
-132.8	Government Grants inc business rates	-127.1	
-0.1	Council Tax Surplus	-0.1	
	Use of Reserves	-4.0	
40.4	Precept funding req.	42.6	

The Government also provides funding for special projects.

2006/2007	
	£m
PCSOs	2.1
Crime Fighting Fund	4.6
PFI Grants	2.1
Special Priority Payments	1.3
Forensic Grant	0.5
	10.6

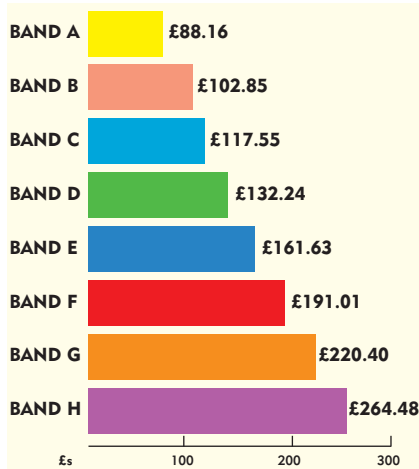
The increase in the police precept for a Band D property next year is just under 12p per week at 4.94%. A family in a Band D property will now pay £132.24 a year towards policing.

The number of Police Authority funded police officers for 2006/7 will be 2,412.9. The budget will allow for front line policing to be maintained at its present level and for 27 support posts which do not need to be undertaken by police officers.

The budget provides for some additional resources for Neighbourhood Policing, Serious and Organised Crime, tackling drugs and drug related crime and the effective use of resources for activities such as the processing of prisoners.

HOW MUCH DO WE TAKE FROM YOUR COUNCIL TAX ?

The amount you pay for policing depends on which band your property is in. The relevant amounts are:



Details of Budget Changes		£m
Inflation and pay increases and commitments		0.4
Reduced Grant Income		<u>0.1</u>
Net increase in costs		0.5
Less efficiency savings		<u>2.7</u>
Net increase in costs		-2.2
Add investments to meet changing demands		2.7
Total increase in Net Budget		0.5

With effect from 1st April 2006 the administration of Police Pensions transfers to Central Government, the effects of which are shown by a reduction in commitments.



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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The Police Authority also plans to spend an estimated £11.3million on capital projects such as:

- **New Stations at Newark and Mansfield Woodhouse**
- **Replacement Station in Clifton**
- **Extension/replacement Station in Arnold**
- **Extension to Station in Broxtowe**
- **Information Technology**

These projects are financed through the Government Capital Grant, amounts raised from selling surplus assets and borrowing. The revenue costs associated with borrowing are included within the revenue expenditure.

LISTENING TO YOU

Members of the public tell us which types of crime cause them most concern. These are the areas where we are trying to make the biggest difference:

- **Drug Crime**
- **House Burglary**
- **Car Crime**
- **Violent Crime**
- **Anti-social behaviour and vandalism**
- **Hate Crime and crime against vulnerable victims**
- **Serious and organised crime**

Strategies for tackling these and other crimes can be found in the Authority's Annual Policing Plan, which is on our website. To obtain your views we take stands in supermarkets, hold community meetings and send out questionnaires. You can also contact the Authority direct with any issue you wish to raise.

MEET THE FAMILY

The modern police family has grown in recent years in order to provide the best policing service that we can with the resources available.

What's the difference?

POLICE OFFICERS



These are sworn officers, who have pledged to uphold the law and to bring offenders to justice. They undertake

frontline policing duties including community beat management, criminal investigation (often in plain clothes), incident management and roads policing.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES

Special Constables are volunteers who receive training from the force and support regular police officers. They carry out local patrols, work on crime reduction initiatives, help to tackle anti-social behaviour and help to police events. A Special Constable has the same powers as a regular police officer and wears the same uniform.



POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS

A Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) is a member of police staff, employed to provide a visible and accessible police presence in the





community. They help to resolve local issues and address anti-social behaviour, fear of crime and quality of life issues.

COMMUNITY WARDENS



Community Wardens, who are employed by local authorities, often work in partnership with the Police Force to make communities a better place to live and work.

POLICE SUPPORT STAFF



Support staff come in many different guises, from highly trained forensic experts to prisoner handling teams and victim support to firearms

licensing. These roles do not need to be undertaken by a uniformed police officer, who it is felt, best meets your needs in other, highly visible, areas of our work.

VOLUNTEERS

An increasing number of volunteers undertake a variety of different roles including custody visiting, administrative support to a range of departments and handling desk enquiries in some police stations.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

If you are officially 'Stopped and Searched' by the police you are entitled to request and be given a written

record of the incident. This should happen on the spot and if you are not given a form you can ask for one. Anyone in any doubt about what this may mean to them should contact 0115 967 2602 or visit our website for further information.

999 SAVES LIVES.

Only call 999 in an emergency i.e.

- **When life is in danger**
- **A serious incident or crime is actually taking place**
- **To report road traffic accidents where people are trapped or badly hurt**
- **To report a vulnerable missing person who may come to harm**



If it is not an emergency call your local number. You can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 to give information about a crime.

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