

The logo features the text 'Nottinghamshire Police Awards' in white. The word 'Awards' is significantly larger and more prominent than 'Nottinghamshire Police'. The letter 'A' in 'Awards' has a starburst or spark effect at its top point. The background is a gradient of blue and purple with overlapping geometric shapes.

Nottinghamshire Police
Awards

Welcome to the Nottinghamshire Police Awards

Welcome to the Force Awards ceremony for 2024.

Tonight's awards are a celebration of the outstanding achievements of our officers, staff and volunteers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve and protect our community.

Family and friends play a huge part in our success. There are late finishes, cancelled rest days, difficult investigations, and distressing incidents to attend. This ceremony is also about thanking families for their unwavering support and we hope to see you all afterwards to celebrate everyone's accomplishments.

The professionalism witnessed throughout this year has been highly commendable.

Our officers and staff demonstrate hard work and dedication every day and they do this with professionalism, compassion, and courage. If we can continue to deliver against our force priorities, we will continue to achieve a service that we can all be proud of.

This evening's ceremony will inspire us all to continue to strive for excellence and to work together to build a safer and stronger community.

Congratulations to tonight's recipients and we hope you are all proud of yourselves.

Have a fantastic evening and enjoy the ceremony.



Kate Meynell
Chief Constable

Evening ceremony

6pm

Doors to the Great Hall are opened
Refreshments will be served
Please begin to take your seats

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6.30pm

Ceremony starts for:

Nottinghamshire Police Force Awards

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Approximately 7.45pm

Close of ceremony, food and refreshments in the canteen

Please note: We anticipate that the ceremony will end at around 7.45pm. Should you need to leave the room for any reason, please make your way to the doors where you entered and a member of the team will direct you. Please be respectful of others receiving awards.

Ged Walker Award

This award is presented in memory of PC Ged Walker, who died in 2003 after he was fatally injured as he attempted to remove the keys from the ignition of a stolen taxi. The award is presented each year to those who display bravery and dedication to protecting the public from harm.

Barnes and Willetts Award

This award is presented in honour of two Special Constables, Laura Willetts and Robert Barnes, who tragically died in a road traffic collision in 2007. The award is presented to an officer who has helped reduce crime and antisocial behaviour by actively strengthening links between local communities and neighbourhood officers.

Christopher McDonald Police Cadet of the Year Award

This is awarded in memory of Christopher McDonald, who died in the line of duty in 1978. This is for any police cadet who has successfully and consistently supported force priorities in the last year and has gone above and beyond what would normally be expected of a police cadet.

Detention Officer of the Year Award for Maurice Rigely

This award is presented in honour of Maurice Rigely, a detention officer who was killed in a collision on the M1 motorway in 1991.

Community Engagement Award

This award is presented to officers or staff that have gone above and beyond to engage with communities across the county.

Investigation of the Year Award

This award is presented to an investigation team that worked tirelessly to ensure the investigation had a successful outcome.

Investigator of the Year Award

This award is presented to an investigator that always goes the extra mile in everything that they do.

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is presented to an individual that has dedicated their career to Nottinghamshire Police and has done so with the utmost professionalism.

Officer of the Year Award

This award is presented to an officer that has gone above and beyond throughout the year.

Outstanding Contribution Award

This award is presented to an individual that has made outstanding contributions in their work.

Ged Walker Award

PC Chris Duffy

Chris demonstrated incredible courage and immense bravery in chasing down and detaining a suspect who had just violently attacked him.

PC Duffy, a force dog handler, was making an arrest when another man approached and struck him over the head with a weapon. Incredibly, PC Duffy managed to fight off the attacker before maintaining control of the man he'd initially been arresting. He activated his emergency button and shortly afterwards other officers arrived and helped him detain the male.

Finalists

PC Liam Craggs

Liam was nominated after putting himself in harm's way to save a man's life, who he found sat on a train line.

The Rota 5 City Response team

The team were nominated having gone above and beyond to meet their duty of fighting crime and protecting the public.

PC Holly Gascoyne

Holly was nominated following saving a missing person's life while off duty.

Barnes and Willetts Award

PC Laura Phillips

Laura has worked at Radford Road Police Station for the last 17 years. During her time working there she has been a true team player and her strong work ethic has made the local community a safer place.

Laura is a proactive officer and continually works to a high standard to deliver high quality results in all aspects of the work she does.

Finalists

The Mansfield Central Neighbourhood Policing Team

The team were nominated for working tirelessly to make the area a safe place to live, work and visit.

Operation Compass team

The team were nominated for the positive work they do to catch criminals and tackle antisocial behaviour in the city centre.

Christopher McDonald Police Cadet of the Year Award

Luke Aitken

Luke is a volunteer cadet that has been with Nottinghamshire Police since 2021. Luke has one of the highest volunteering attendance hours, demonstrating his commitment to the role. In addition to this, he always signs up to attend events and supports fellow cadets which is always noted by cadet leaders. Overall, Luke is an exemplary cadet.

Detention Officer of the Year Award for Maurice Rigely

Detention Officer Sam Stevens

Sam is a dedicated and hard-working individual who consistently de-escalates challenging situations by remaining calm.

He treats everyone who comes into custody with respect and dignity. Sam listens to detainees concerns and issues, offering advice or signposts them to the relevant agency for support. His continued efforts to go above and beyond for his team and the detainees highlights his dedication to the PROUD values, and he's an asset to the organisation.

Community Engagement Award

Sergeant Rob Harrison

Rob is an outstanding officer who leads by example. His team has the utmost respect for him, and he takes pride in the work that he does. Rob was the officer that created and implemented Operation Swift which has helped rehabilitate and educate young people involved in antisocial behaviour.

Finalists

PCSO Nathan Duffus

Nathan was nominated for his outstanding efforts in fostering positive police and community relationships in the City North district.

PC Nathan Scott

Nathan was nominated for his exceptional work on the City West Operation Reacher team. He has built relationships within the community to ensure that people are safe and has developed intelligence by utilising those relationships to enforce action successfully.

PCSO Solomon Clark, Rose Huggett and Christian March

Solomon, Rose and Christian were nominated for their work delivering a county wide drink and drug driving campaign. They engaged with communities by hosting roadshow events and providing information packs for members of the public to understand the impact that drink driving has.

Investigation of the Year

Operation Snowdrift

Operation Snowdrift was a complex investigation into two aggravated burglaries in Watnall and Kimberley in 2020. Through an extensive and meticulous investigation by the team, the offenders both received lengthy custodial sentences.

Finalists

Operation Transpire

Operation Transpire was an investigation surrounding the attempted murder of a man who was attacked in his home in 2023. The investigation team worked tirelessly for over 10 months to successfully secure convictions for the six key suspects, who played varying roles in the attack.

Operation Cartouche

Operation Cartouche was the investigation into an attempted murder after a woman was found unconscious in her home. Due to the thorough investigation, the suspect was identified and subsequently was given life imprisonment.

Operation Haversack

Operation Haversack was an investigation into the murder of a 31-year-old man in 2021. The team worked tirelessly and as a result, 11 people were jailed for the total of 279 years, in what was believed to have been one of the longest murder trials in recent UK history.

Investigator of the Year Award

Detective Constable Sean Osborn

Sean is commended for his overall work ethic and commitment to his role within the Fraud Team. He approaches his work with outstanding confidence and professionalism and takes on complex investigations despite being in the early stages of his career.

Finalists

Detective Constable Chris Black

Chris was one of the investigators that worked on Operation Cartouche and was an integral member of the team. Throughout the investigation he showed a level of competence beyond his years and always showed the utmost professionalism.

Lifetime Achievement Award

There are two winners for the Lifetime Achievement Award this year.

Detective Constable Paula Wilson

Paula has worked on the Child Abuse Investigation team for 17 years. Throughout her time on the team, Paula has always remained positive and works tirelessly to ensure offenders are convicted.

Heidi Duffy MBE

Heidi has worked for Nottinghamshire Police for 46 years and now enjoys working three posts. Heidi voluntarily manages the Shiny Side Up Partnership and chairs the national Young Riders Forum also on a voluntary basis. Additionally, she is the force's traffic management officer. Heidi was awarded her MBE for services to road safety in 2015, and is being recognised again this evening.

Finalists

Andy Jackson

Andy has served for 46 years with Nottinghamshire Police in both active and retired roles. He was a police officer for 30 years and following his retirement in 2008, Andy has worked as a civilian in numerous roles.

Karen Ward

Karen has worked with the force for 33 years and throughout she has remained professional and diligent. Karen prides herself on never having a sick day in her career and her commitment to serving members of the public has never wavered.

Officer of the Year

PC Ryan Frew-McGill

Ryan has taken to the task of dealing with local policing priorities in Ashfield with enthusiasm and dedication. By June 2023, Ryan had personally compiled evidence to secure an incredible 18 premises closures relating to county lines, cuckooing and other drug-related offences.

Finalists

Detective Constable Anna Haynes

Anna is one of three officers in force that have volunteered and trained as 'Elections Officer', which is a specialised area of police work. Anna excels in her role and always maintains the utmost professionalism.

Outstanding Contribution Award

Sophie Barker

Sophie is a hard-working and enthusiastic member of the Contact Management senior leadership team, who is always keen to tackle problems and find innovative ways to overcome issues. Sophie leads the Front Counter team and Switchboard team and always carries out her role to a high standard, inspiring confidence in her colleagues.

Finalists

Detective Constable Clare Easter

Clare has worked at Nottinghamshire Police for almost 30 years and has spent the majority of her career in the child abuse and safeguarding area of policing. The commitment and dedication that she shows to ensure that children are protected is second to none and she will be missed when she leaves the force.

Kate Reece

Kate works in Public Protection and is devoted to tackling stalking and domestic violence. Kate is respected by police officers and staff of all ranks. She has been recognised regionally and nationally for her efforts to raise awareness and promote positive outcomes through the use of Stalking Protection Orders.

