

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PORTFOLIO  
COUNCILLOR H FACCIO****Report to Council – 12 July 2023****Community Safety**

The Communities Team have been working very hard on its commitment to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and improve health and wellbeing making the borough a safer, healthier place to live for all our residents.

**Crime**

The Successful Safer Streets 4 funding bid (192,000) for Eastwood is drawing to a close with Fixed and mobile CCTV, Electric Bikes and Laptops for the Police to make them more agile and efficient, additional ANPR cameras, Environmental Improvements and Target Hardening for vulnerable residential properties with new locks and ring doorbells.

A successful Safe4All funding bid (£33,300) for Eastwood was made to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to maximise the fixed CCTV system in Eastwood Town Centre replaced through safer Streets 4 Funding.

It is expected that the Home Office will announce Safer Streets 5 by the end of June so work can begin on the Environmental Impact Assessment and bid processes.

The Broxtowe Crime reduction plan (BCRP) has been put in place by the Broxtowe Crime Reduction Focus Group. A bike marking event was held on 13 February in Beeston with a second being planned in Stapleford at a later date.

**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**

The new Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan 2023/26 is being prepared with a variety of partners to help reduce ASB within the borough. Once completed this will form part of the newly merged Crime and ASB Action Plan.

Regular ASB meetings are held with partners to manage complex cases requiring a multi-agency approach and targeted work carried out.

The ASB team visited a school in Beeston Rylands on 18 May to talk to pupils about what ASB is and what the implications may be of being involved in ASB. Unfortunately, another planned for March was cancelled by the school.

The ASB Team have supported two Days of Action around the borough so far in 2023 where residents are able to dispose of unwanted items and able to speak to the Team for information/advice regarding any ASB issues and signposting to other agencies.

## **Community Safety**

A new Community Safety Strategy has been drawn up to support the work of the Communities Team, South Notts Community Safety Partnership (SNCSP) and Safer Notts Board (SNB).

A Counter Terrorism Situational Risk Assessment has been prepared to identify the areas of greatest risk and to inform and focus resources.

Countywide Multi Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) panel meetings have been re-developed to enable multi agency focus on intelligence gathering, enforcement and support for victims.

Neighbourhood Safeguarding and Disruption (NSD) Panels have been reviewed following the extremely successful pilot in Broxtowe. Amendments to the Terms of Reference will be made to include a much broader cohort and lower level cases with an escalation pathway to the County Child Exploitation Panel (CCEP) when these are implemented across the County.

Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Highland is nearing completion, agencies are formulating their actions for the action plan before this being finalised by the DHR panel prior to submission to the South Notts Community Safety Partnership (SNCSP) and Home Office. New countywide Slavery, Substance Misuse and Fraud Partnerships have been set up which we are supporting. 17 safeguarding referrals have been received since the 1 January.

## **Domestic Abuse**

NSPCC will run their first Domestic Abuse Recovering Together (DART) programme in Broxtowe at Beeston Youth and Community Centre in October 2023. The DART programme is for a mother and child who've experienced domestic abuse, and is a 10-week group programme designed to support them in their recovery journey and in rebuilding their relationship with each other.

A report on White Ribbon activities over the past year has been delivered to the White Ribbon organisation and we are meeting all targets so far and currently on track to achieve reaccreditation at the end of our current period of accreditation.

Broxtowe Borough Council and Broxtowe Women's Project have begun the organisation of several events for the White Ribbon 16 days of action in November to promote the organisation, including working with local sports clubs and music venues to engage with a wider audience on how to reduce violence against women and girls.

We have recently joined the countywide Domestic Abuse Children and Young People's Subgroup to increase focus on the effect of domestic abuse on children.

## **Licensing**

A recent visit to an off licence in Beeston found that they were operating without the correct licences in place. After advising them that they could no longer sell alcohol

and to remove items from the shelves, they now have all the correct paper work in place.

Operation Night Angel involved working with our Partners and Police. We have visited local licensed premises, conducted drug wipes tests and carried out knife scans to deter the carrying off weapons. We have spoken and offered reassurance to the local community.

Attended the pub watch meeting and offered advice and support to local licensed premises.

Attended 2x joint enforcement days - one at East Midlands Airport and the other in Nottingham city centre - where with other partners, such as police licensing officers and the DVLA, we checked taxi drivers were licensed and that the vehicles were roadworthy.

Hearings have been held in relation to a new premises licence and taxi driver applications. Despite the gloomy economic forecast 15 new premises were granted a licence under the Licensing Act 2003 in 2022-2023. The Licensing Enforcement Officer attended a multi-agency taxi check operation at East Midlands Airport in May 2023.

#### Results:

- 106 licensed vehicles have been stopped by police and escorted to the inspection location for compliance checks.
- 1 privately owned vehicle stopped for number plate and window tint issues and dealt with by the Police
- 2 PSV vehicles also stopped and dealt with by the police. (one was fined, and the other was dealt with for driving not in accordance with a licence)
- HMRC dipped tanks for compliance with diesel. No issues identified.
- All vehicles checked for MOT/Compliance and insurance by the police
- One vehicle had their Taxi/PH plate removed (Erewash Borough Council) due to tyre defects.
- A further vehicle had their plate removed due to tyres and given back as defects rectified onsite.
- 2 drivers were dealt with for not having their Taxi/PH drivers badge with them. (Verification was sought from their licensing authorities and was licensed although they did not have their badges with them or their badge displayed was out of date).

The Licensing Team supports Pub Watches in Eastwood/Kimberley and Stapleford. Currently working to help the Beeston Pub watch to become active again. A number of visits were undertaken to Gambling Premises in the Borough. There were no issues reported. Work is ongoing across the County to review the Statement of Licensing Policy.

#### **Violence**

Operation SCEPTRE Knife and Firearm Amnesty week at Beeston Police Station, took place from 15 – 21 May. The Communities Team have taken over Broxtowe's involvement with the MARAC and increased the breadth of research gathering for the panel. Safer Streets funding has been used to improve safety in Car Parks by the addition of 2 car parks reaching Park Mark standards and accreditation.

### **Hate Crime**

The Hate Crime Policy is currently being reviewed. As part of the Hate Crime Strategy and Action Plan, an event is being held in December to coincide with Disabilities day. This will be focussed on people with disabilities, with health and community safety agencies coming together with our more vulnerable residents to ensure they know what support provisions are available to them within Broxtowe.

### **Refugees and Asylum seekers**

Homes for Ukraine (HfU) safeguarding visits continue to be undertaken however the applications are becoming more complex. Refugee Week was held on week beginning 20 June and work is underway with the National Justice Museum to extend our support to the refugee and asylum seeker community and to deliver events that celebrate our residents.

### **Cost of Living**

The Council has set up a new Cost of Living Working Group bringing key partners together to focus its efforts in tackling the crisis. The Broxtowe Partnership Board will discuss the cost of living crisis at its meeting on 25 October 2023.

To support our residents through the cost of living crisis, three cost of living events were held at community venues in February and March 2023 in Stapleford, Beeston and Kimberley. A fourth cost of living event was held at Eastwood Library on 29 June 2023 from 1:30 – 3:30pm.

In partnership with Citizens Advice Broxtowe (CAB), two Days of Action were held in Eastwood and Stapleford, December 2022 and January 2023 respectively. In total £80,676 in unclaimed annual benefit entitlement has been identified at the events. A combined report for the two events can be found by visiting the link below. There are also planned a further 32 days of action from June to September following successful CAB funding from the Good Ideas Fund.

<https://citizensadvicebroxtowe.org.uk/2023/05/30/days-of-action/>

### **Environmental Protection/ASB**

Since the beginning of April we have served 16 Community Protection Warnings, 1 Community Protection Notice and dealt with 215 complaints and enquiries including consultations. A case is progressing through the courts for breach of an abatement

notice to prevent nuisance from the barking of dogs. We are continuing to monitor a premises under a Court Order in respect of a Statutory nuisance.

### **Food/Health and Safety and Infectious Disease Control**

Health and Safety Improvement Notices have been served for work on electrical installations and gas appliances including action to take out a potentially dangerous tandoor oven that during an inspection, identified the only means of lighting it was by dropping a lit paper towel into the oven.

Animal licences applications are being progressed for pet vending, dog breeding and additions to the dangerous wild animal licence.

We are continuing to deal with cases of food and water borne illness with recent notifications of salmonella, cryptosporidium, e coli O157 and a case of legionella.

Participation in national food sampling programmes is taking place.

Food Hygiene inspections and revisits are continuing – Councillors can check and promote food hygiene ratings of our businesses by checking at <https://ratings.food.gov.uk/authority-search-landing/en-GB/261>

### **Housing**

A recent unauthorised encampment on our land was dealt with in conjunction with Environment and Legal.