

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PORTFOLIO
COUNCILLOR H J FACCIO****Report to Council – 11 October 2023****Environmental Protection/Anti-Social Behaviour**

We have recently concluded a prosecution against a resident in Nuthall for breach of an abatement notice in respect of noise from dogs. A Criminal Behaviour Order was obtained to minimise future impact on local residents.

Over the last three months, we have received over 300 service requests and served 12 Community Protection Warnings, five Community Protection Notices, one notice to deal with defective drainage and two Abatement Notices in regard to Statutory Nuisance.

We are continuing to monitor premises under a Court Order in respect of a Statutory nuisance and are considering action for a breach of this order.

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

The team are currently on track to complete the 2023-24 food inspection programme. We are receiving a large number of new food business registrations at the moment, split between brand new businesses and existing ones that have changed hands. It continues to be a challenging time for our food businesses who are being hit hard with the cost of living increases, labour shortages and customers who have less disposable income, this is reflected in the food hygiene ratings of small shops and takeaways with a noticeable decrease in food safety at some premises. The team continues to work with these businesses to ensure legal compliance, providing guidance as well as using enforcement powers proportionately to achieve this. The recent Cabinet approval of charging for Food Hygiene Re-Rating visits has resulted in an increase in businesses requesting and paying for this service. This should have the desired effect of raising the Food Hygiene Ratings at these businesses.

Health and Safety

A number of gas safety visits have been carried out over the last few months. These have resulted in Improvement Notices being served to ensure appliances and gas pipework are safe and fit for purpose as well as informal action which took a potentially dangerous tandoor oven out of use. The team continue to receive a steady flow of reportable workplace accidents which are investigated and appropriate follow-up action is taken.

Public Health

The team receive and follow up on infectious disease notifications assisting the UK Health Security Agency by completing questionnaires with patients and checking any food businesses that may be implicated. Over the Summer months there has been an increase in E. coli notifications and Officers have spent considerable time following

up on five cases, completing questionnaires, interviewing parents, dropping off sample pots and following up on laboratory results.

Animal and Special Treatments Licensing

All renewals of special treatment licences received have either been checked or are programmed in for assessment. There have been a number of new Registrations for piercers, tattooists and microbladers that have been received, inspected and the registrations issued. Officers are in the middle of undertaking interim animal licensing inspections at a number of catteries, kennels and pet shops. We are currently processing two new home dog boarders which should be licensed in the next couple of months. The team received credible intelligence at the end of July regarding an unlicensed dog breeder in the area. Extensive investigations are ongoing and, if and when sufficient evidence is uncovered, we will look to put together a prosecution case to bring the individual/s to justice. In addition to this the team are starting work on a prosecution of an unlicensed dog boarding kennels. This case will be undertaken in tandem with the RSPCA who also have animal welfare concerns. As and when we can provide more information on these cases we will do so.

Licensing

Work is continuing across the County to review the Statement of Licensing Policy.

A consultation is underway into the review of regulation of non-surgical cosmetic treatments which potentially has significant implications for the Council if additional licensing is required.

Processing of licences continue and include the renewal of scrap Metal dealers – site and collectors.

Licences issued.

25 new Personal Licences

112 Temporary Event Notices

23 Designated premises Supervisor Variations

7 Minor Premises Variations

13 premises transfers

3 Full variations

5 new premises licences

Operation Night Angel

A number of licensing operations have been carried out in conjunction with Nottinghamshire Police. These take place in the four town centres, Eastwood, Kimberley, Stapleford and Beeston.

Activities include: Drug testing, check licences and licence conditions, check door supervisor licences, Knife scanning. Taxi driver and vehicle checks engagement with the public.

The Licensing Team supports Pub Watches in Eastwood/Kimberley, Stapleford and Beeston and Chilwell.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer will be attending a multi-agency taxi check operation at East Midlands Airport in October 2023. These inspections are always worthwhile in keeping the public safe.

All taxi drivers are currently undertaking safeguarding refresher training.

New Taxi Licence issued

8 new vehicle licences have been issued.

6 new driver badge have been issued.

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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/ Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

The ASB team continue to work closely with the Police and other partner agencies to reduce crime and tackle crime hot spot areas. The ASB team regularly attend events to discuss crime and Anti-social behaviour across the borough.

In September the ASB team attended the Green Space event in Eastwood on Coronation Park, to deliver Bike Marking, helping to deter potential bike thieves.

The ASB team will be partnering up with the Police in the coming months to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in the night time economy.

Regular ASB meetings are held monthly to ensure issues with ASB are dealt with promptly and effectively. The Broxtowe Crime Reduction Plan is now fully merged and actions are being undertaken across the borough.

The ASB team will be going back into local primary and secondary schools from October to deliver talks on ASB and crime to help educate children on the dangerous of being involved with ASB and crime.

Counter Terrorism

A Counter Terrorism Situational Risk Assessment has been created for the Borough using information from the Nottinghamshire Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) and local intelligence. This has been summarised and the document published on the intranet and website in line with the PREVENT duty. Consultation and information gathering as begun for the 2023/24 CTLP and Members can send any intelligence relating to their wards to the Chief Communities Officer for inclusion.

Funding

The Communities Team have been successful following the submission of two business plans to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to apply for funding.

The Borough Council will receive £36,000 of Safe4All funding to upgrade and improve the existing CCTV at Inham Nook Park in Chilwell and Montrose Court in Stapleford.

A range of projects will be delivered across the Borough between July 2023 and April 2024 funded through a grant of £27,666.75

- £1,500 funding for Broxtowe Women's Project to deliver Exploring Choices
 - To raise awareness of links between Domestic Abuse within the family and potential of Anti-social behaviour & Knife crime
 - To arrange a Partnership NetWalk in the 4 main areas of Broxtowe to share experiences, discuss local issues and consider solutions. Local community members will be encouraged to participate
 - To collate the learning and share across broader partnership members.
 - To arrange group visits to the Choices & Consequences exhibition at the National Justice Museum to inform partners and allow them to share encourage local schools to utilise the resource

- £3,000 funding for Broxtowe Women's Project to deliver Post Separation Abuse – The Impact project
 - To raise awareness of Post Separation Abuse and the ongoing harm that can cause to the victim and children & young people.
 - To consider the types of abuse used: Psychological, Digital, Economic, Harassment & Stalking and the impact that this has on the family.
 - To consider the ongoing requirement from Domestic Abuse agencies, Police & Health services.

- To consider the impact on wider family members e.g.: Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles, those called upon to offer child support.
- To explore preventative measures that will support the family to stay safe.
- To share this learning with partner agencies.
- £1,500 funding for Broxtowe Women's Project to deliver the Being Safe project.
 - To raise awareness of personal safety linked to the Violence against Woman and Girls strategy that utilises messages from the Consent Coalition and White Ribbon UK and is aimed at specific communities within Broxtowe.
 - To look at co-ordinated partner's awareness raising messages via social media that relates to key weeks e.g.: UK Says No More / Stalking & Harassment week - Suzy Lamplugh & Alice Ruggles / Adult Safeguarding week – Ann Craft Trust.
 - To provide personal safety guides, alongside personal safety alarms.
 - To raise awareness with local Transport providers – eg, Taxi firms.
 - To share the messages that have been developed in Nottingham City within the Borough.
- £21,666.75 for Transform Training to deliver OPERATION POTASSIUM+
 - ASB intervention in Beeston
 - Young people involved in or at risk from entering the justice system or child exploitation

Domestic Abuse

We attended the Stapleford Jobs fair to promote domestic abuse services and advice in conjunction with Broxtowe Women's Project and are currently booked in to Darren Henry's Jobs fair in October for the same purpose.

We have either completed or are the process of completing every action required of us to meet the criteria for white ribbon accreditation. Our fees have been paid for the next white ribbon period and once we have completed the action plan, rewritten and submitted it to White Ribbon UK and had it accepted we fully expect to be reaccredited in 2024 for the following 3-year period and maintain our status as such.

There are several events set up to run during November for the White Ribbon 16 days of action – an event that happens every year to promote domestic abuse awareness and advertise services for the White Ribbon campaign to end violence against women and girls. This year the flagship event will be the flag raising ceremony at which we have arranged attendance from Nottinghamshire Police, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue, Notts County Football Club (who are themselves aiming for White Ribbon accreditation), Broxtowe's Mayor and various other Councillors, White Ribbon Champions and Ambassadors.

Violence

In regular attendance of the Serious Violence Duty Implementation group and Broxtowe is currently meeting all targets required by this group. The duty setup is still in the planning phase. Broxtowe have completed our part in the readiness assessment and the group has completed a consultation document on current definitions and data available. There is currently no slippage and the project is on track to move in to the next planning phase in 2024.

The sanctuary scheme for supporting high risk domestic violence cases is running as usual in conjunction with Domestic Abuse Services, the Police and Broxtowe's Housing team. attended Community Safety Crime Prevention Property Assessments delivered by KABSEC for sanctuary site visits to take over this process from the Police. This course is due to be finished by 30 September at which point we will do some trials runs in conjunction with the Police to get the Council set up for running this process.

Hate Crime

There have been a few more cases of hate crimes reported and one such case which is in relation to a vulnerable resident. In any case, contact is always attempted and if this is successful we advise victims of ways to officially report the incident, and support networks out there. A log of these is made on the ECINS systems, shared with Police which can be updated according to any recurring incidents. As such, the current case with our vulnerable resident is being investigated between the Anti-Social Behaviour team, and the Police.

Hate crime week is also approaching next month and Police HQ have invited us from the communities' team to attend a training session to learn more about how to tackle hate crime.

Refugees and Asylum seekers

In July we delivered an event celebrating our Refugee and Asylum Seeker residents. This was delivered as part of the Hate Crime Action Plan and held in Beeston. The event was attended by partnership agencies such as the Police, Heritage centre, and MP's and the Police Crime Commissioner. The theme for this year was Hope away from Home. The event took place as a partnership between Heya Nottingham and Broxtowe.

Ukraine

Ukraine Refugee visits are still undergoing. The visits have reduced in comparison to last year and there has been a greater increase of males (husbands or children over 18) also coming. There are more rematch cases, which is expected. We are still working very closely with Nottinghamshire County Council on this.