

**Community Safety Portfolio  
Councillor G Bunn**

**Report to Council – 16 July 2025**

**Licencing**

Since 1 January 2025 there have been six pub watch meetings in Beeston, Eastwood and Stapleford at each of which the Licencing Officer presented a two-hour Safeguarding training session.

There have been three Taxi Knowledge and Safeguarding sessions delivered to new drivers.

On 10 June 2025 the Licencing Officer will deliver safeguarding training to Members, and they will have the opportunity to take the Taxi Drivers' Knowledge and Safeguarding Test themselves.

All gambling establishment checks for the year have been completed.

The majority of stores selling vapes within the Borough have been visited and reminded of the recent law change in relation to the ban on the selling of disposable vapes.

Three taxi drivers have been issued with verbal or written warnings following investigations into complaints received from members of the public.

Licenced premises and venues have been provided with Domestic Abuse and Suicide information for display.

**Safeguarding**

15 referrals have been received in the first five months of the year (relating to 20 individuals) compared with 38 (40 individuals) in 2024 which is a significant decrease and in line with levels seen in previous years.

**Prevent**

Training is being delivered to key posts across the county including five from Broxtowe at training events between July and October (Communities and Community Safety, Health and Safety, Compliance and Emergency Planning)

**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Crime Prevention**

The Communities and Community Safety Team continues to work closely with Nottinghamshire Police and key partners across the Borough to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, promote public safety, strengthen community resilience, community outreach and campaigns such as lighter nights which raises awareness of the additional risk of acquisitive crime during warmer months.

We have continued to monitor ASB hotspots across Broxtowe through regular partnership tasking meetings and data-led planning with local policing teams. Notably, joint efforts in Kimberley and Giltbrook have resulted in a marked decrease in ASB reports, with Police citing a “vast improvement” in the town centre by March.

Joint visits with the Police to schools where identified risk of weapon carrying have taken place and in Beeston increased high-visibility patrols, dispersal notices, and engagement with licensed premises have helped reassure residents and deter disorder.

As we move into the summer period, the Communities and Crime team is preparing for:

- Community safety activity around school holidays, including youth outreach.
- Targeted work with licensed premises in hotspot areas.
- Ongoing delivery of the Violence Against Women and Girls Action Plan and new White Ribbon events.
- Wider rollout of public safety communications—including myth-busting around ASB and support available.

The Communities Team recently attended a public walk and talk event through Beeston Town Centre, during which attendees discussed local concerns, such as crime, ABS, road safety and youth issues. This was organised by the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) and was attended by the local Police Team, local Councillors, Officers from the PCC and the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.

### **Community Safety Infrastructure**

Investment in public safety infrastructure continues to enhance community confidence:

- Two new Help-Point CCTV units have been installed at either end of Beeston High Road, enabling 24/7 emergency contact with the Council's CCTV control room.
- These complement 11 high-definition Safer Streets cameras across Beeston's transport hubs, car parks, and shopping areas.

### **Serious Violence and Violence Against Women and Girls**

The Serious Violence Response plan 2024/25 was completed and a new plan developed and approved by both the Violence Reduction Partnership and South Notts Community Safety Partnership.

Our partnership's work to prevent violence against women and girls has remained a strong focus:

- The Council has continued to deliver education sessions in schools around respectful relationships and gender-based violence, in collaboration with Broxtowe Women's Project and Equation and on knife crime in partnership with the Police.
- As part of our White Ribbon accreditation, community engagement events—such as the “Kindness Rocks” painting activity—have helped raise awareness in a creative, inclusive way with the Borough's primary school children.
- Sessions have also addressed online safety and understanding of sexual offences, particularly for students in Years 5 and 6, who are increasingly active online.

### **Domestic Abuse**

The White Ribbon 'Right to Respect' June campaign and the National Justice Museums 'asking for it' exhibit were promoted across partnership organisations and local businesses and local businesses were encouraged to get involved to find out how they can support people's rights to not be harassed in the workplace.

A Police vs Fire and Rescue White Ribbon football match will be held at the end of June.

Community Safety Officers are working within the County-wide Domestic Abuse Partnership Board to create a new county-wide action plan and discover which areas need targeting for funding and projects in the future.

A Coercive Control training session has been delivered to Council Employees.

White Ribbon stands with information have been held at a variety of local community events to ensure that awareness is raised as much as possible.

73 Broxtowe cases have been heard at MARAC (Multi agency Risk Assessment Conferences) and actioned since 1 January 2025.

A 'Rape and Serious Sexual Assault' guide has been added to the Council's website.

### **Sanctuary**

The Sanctuary Scheme continues to undergo improvements to service delivery to make the sanctuary case journey smoother and deliver better services for survivors.

Work between the Communities, Private Sector Housing and Repairs Teams has improved efficiency to ensure availability is maintained despite the increases in the number of cases over the past year.

There have so far been 19 applications for sanctuary made in 2025 so far, with two applications rejected.

### **Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)**

DHR HYPERION was approved by the Home Office and the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership were complimented on the quality of the report. This DHR report will not be published due to its content and the Home Office were in agreement with this decision.

DHR HORNBY has been completed, however the victim's family have now engaged with domestic Homicide support service AAFDA, providing the panel with the opportunity to include their comments within the report so this will be presented to the South Notts Community safety Partnership for approval before being sent to the Home Office on the 28 July 2025.

We are awaiting the outcome of the Police investigation into a suspicious death which may result in DHR HOUDINI.

### **Environmental Protection**

#### **Legal and Litigation**

A lady from Kimberly has been found guilty at Nottinghamshire Justice Centre of breaching a Criminal Behaviour Order. The Order had been issued by the Court in 2021 banning her from keeping or feeding animals at her property due to the impact her behaviour was having on neighbours and the poor condition of the animals.

Having failed to appear at Court for an earlier sentencing hearing, the lady was arrested and appeared before the court, when she was sentenced to a custodial sentence suspended for 12 months.

#### **Air Quality Success**

An annual report which assesses the quality of the air in Broxtowe against health standards has shown that all of the standards were met in 2024, and that improvements in air quality across the Borough have over the past three years.

The Annual Status Report is a summary of results and activity over the last calendar year which every Council in the UK is required to submit to DEFRA for review and approval.

The key findings from the recently completed report for the calendar year 2024 are:

- 1) Measurements of nitrogen dioxide from traffic pollution at all 41 monitoring locations across the Borough were below the legal Objective.
- 2) The margins by which the monitoring locations were below the legal Objective were the best we have ever measured. Measurements were ranged from 46% below the Objective to 79%.
- 3) The report summarises the 114 workstreams carried out by BBC or partner organisations which are, or have, helped deliver air quality improvements, covering 38 which are now complete and a further 76 which are still in progress.
- 4) The biggest impact actions during 2025 will be;

- a) SHDF funded energy improvements to Council properties, which will lead to reduced energy demand and therefore reduced emissions from gas boilers
- b) The implementation of the Councils Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy, which will directly reduce air pollution emissions from road traffic, and
- c) The implementation of the Broxtowe Smoke Control Order, which will reduce air pollution emissions from solid fuel combustion appliances in domestic property.

## **Licensing**

Members of Licensing and Appeals committee were provided with Taxi Safeguarding training on 10 June 2025.

A Licensing hearing was held where the premise licence was refused for Unit 4, The Square.

Forms project – looking to replace the gov.uk forms with IDOX form solutions. We are now at the testing stage of projects and ESB forms solutions for those forms not provided by IDOX, working closely with Newark and Sherwood DC and Meritec to ensure we are getting the forms and solutions we require.

## **Private Sector Housing**

Earlier action on a property in the Chilwell area saw collaboration between the Environmental Protection and Private Sector Housing Teams. A rodent infestation emanating from a dilapidated property was impacting on the adjoining property, the teams took action to safeguard both the neighbours and the owner occupier of the dilapidated property which resulted in the serving of an Emergency Prohibition Order (EPO) under the Housing Act 2004 due to the dangerous condition of the property and a full clearance under the Public Health Act legislation to clear the property internally to eradicate the rat infestation. The property owner was supported by the teams and secured alternative accommodation and made the decision to sell the property.

The property was sold at auction and the new owners have undertaken a full renovation project incorporating the work required under the Emergency Prohibition Order (EPO). Following a re-inspection of the property by the Private Sector Housing Team the EPO has been revoked and the new owners have moved in bringing this once dangerous property back into safe occupation. This action saw improvements to the property, eradicated the rodent issue that was impacting on the neighbouring property and provided a safe home for the new owners.