

**Community Safety Portfolio
Councillor G Bunn
Report to Council – 17 December 2025**

Operation COGNITION

Officers have been out engaging with communities as part of a campaign to raise awareness of the consequences of taking alcohol and cocaine together.

The patrols are part of Operation Cognition, which began last month, and is set to run again in Beeston on December 5th.

When cocaine and alcohol are mixed, it can result in a dangerous chemical reaction, which can cause increased violent and impulsive behaviours and also increase the risk of seizures, heart attacks and strokes.

The new initiative is focused on reducing incidents of violence against women and girls, as the consumption of cocaine and alcohol together can be a factor in domestic abuse incidents.

The operation will run on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Questionnaires about cocaethylene, the term given when cocaine and alcohol react together in the body were also handed out and a total of 72 people filled out the questionnaires during the evening with just under 90 percent said they were not aware of cocaethylene.

Hot Spot Patrols

Weekly Hot spot patrols carried out in Eastwood to address drug related ASB. This was started in October and will continue whilst resources allow, and issue remains. The Police has also been carrying out hot spot patrols in Eastwood and Beeston using hot spot funding from the PCC which has resulted in a reduction in ASB.

Gambling

All betting shops and adult gaming centres in the Borough have been checked for gambling compliance.

Operation NIGHT ANGEL

Operation NIGHT ANGEL has been delivered with all night time economy venues being provided with posters to display and staff being trained in Ask Angela.

ASB

The works to complete the target hardening of the Park and Ride Car Park at Toton have been ordered by the contractor and are due to be installed by the end of the year.

Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance accreditation (DAHA)

In support of the Housing application for DAHA Communities have updated the Employee Domestic Abuse Policy and a new Domestic Abuse Policy for residents and tenants is being produced. It is planned to send both to POWG and to Cabinet in April 2026.

Prevent

Prevent Training was delivered to members before the full council meeting on 26th November.

Broxtowe Crime Reduction Plan

The 11 merged individual action plans forming the BCRP are currently being updated and will be presented to members through members matters when complete.

Substance Misuse Strategy

The Substance Misuse Strategy has been deferred to 2027/28 due to the post being vacant for 9 months.

Darker Nights

In the coming months, the communities team will be partnering with local schools for Darker Nights Safety advice, with messages on staying safe during winter evenings.

Bike Marking

A bike-marking session(s) will take place with support from a local councillor to help protect bicycles from theft, particularly during and after the festive season.

Hate Crime

The Hate Crime Pledge is being updated and will be presented to Cabinet for approval in March after which it will be signed.

The Cedars

The Communities Team will be piloting drop-in sessions once a month at the Cedars providing awareness raising, advice and signposting for a variety of services from ASB and Crime Prevention to Hate Crime to Domestic Abuse.

Events

Planning has begun to deliver an LGBTQ+ event in spring 2026 focused on women and breast cancer, menopause and perimenopause which are topics highlighted by the group.

Accreditation

Work is in its early stages to explore if the Borough Council meets the criteria for accreditation with Sunflower Hidden Disabilities.

Places of Welcome

A pilot to attend Places of Welcome sessions at Beeston Library is being planned for the spring to attend meetings and provide information and advice relating to issues identified by those who attend i.e. safety and security for older people. If this is successful it will be delivered across other libraries/sessions in the Borough.

White Ribbon

Awareness raising has been delivered at events including hemlock happening, BBC playdays, Notts Police vs Fire football event, Stapleford Police vs Fire football event, The DH Lawrence music festival, the Ann Craft Trust adult safeguarding week and Stapleford Jobs Fair.

White Ribbon flag raising ceremonies took place on Monday 24th November in Beeston Square and in Stapleford on 25th there was representation from a wide range of organisations including local DA support organisations, Notts Fire and Rescue and Police and speeches from Deputy PCC Angela Kandola and Mayor Bob Bullock.

A discussion session was held with the Refuse Teams at the Depot before the start of shift on Thursday 20th November which was well received with some good discussion taking place around violence towards women.

Broxtowe Women's project ran sessions at Eastwood FC discussing VAWG issues as part of the White Ribbon Campaign.

To promote White Ribbon photos of our white ribbon flower bed statue for the safer parks campaign have been taken around the Borough the statue has been returned to the main flower bed at Bramcote Hills Park.

Broxtowe Youth homelessness plan to become a supporter organisation of White Ribbon next year and they have done a project in conjunction with Chayah and Broxtowe Women's Project created some cardboard house art pieces to showcase domestic abuse and its relationship to youth homelessness, these were displayed in Stapleford and at our flag raising.

Comms around white ribbon messaging was sent out over the 16 days including 16 posters created by EIDA (Employers Initiative for Domestic Abuse) showcasing domestic abuse survivor stories in the workplace and how employer support helped them cope with their situation.

Childrens Conference

Forums with young people have been delivered led by the research fellow from Oxford University focussing on mental health, online safety and community cohesion which will drive the discussions at the childrens conference in February and the action plan. They will also produce a report from the conference which will be shared with schools and youth settings.

Clare's Law

Work is starting to review of Clare's law across the County. Clare's Law allows the police to release information about any previous history of violence or abuse a person might have to help protect people at risk and prevent crimes.

E-bikes and Scooters

The Communities Team have contacted Nottinghamshire County Council to request a reduction in the time bikes are able to use Beeston High Road (currently 4.00pm 10.00am) however this was turned down. They have also worked with the City Council to ensure all LIME bikes are fitted with the new anti-theft technology which has reduced thefts from 600 to 0 per month (City and Broxtowe combined).

Leisure and Health

Dementia

Broxtowe Action Network on Dementia's (BAND) Dementia Listening Event was held on September 26th focussing on moving into a care home, preparing for end of life and partnership working. The event brings professionals together with people with lived experience. It looks at important topics of concern, shares information about what is available and identifies where there is room for improvement. More than 60 carers, professionals, volunteers and people with dementia attended the event at the Royal British Legion, Beeston and their evaluation was overwhelmingly positive.

Carers Roadshows

This year focussed on dementia and were held at Eastwood Library on 12 June, Stapleford Care Centre on 14 October and Beeston Library on 14 November.

Older Peoples Event

An event was held at The Helpful Bureau in Stapleford to support International Day of Older People on 1st October. The event aimed to support older peoples health and mental wellbeing with various stall holders in attendance.

Mental Health

A new suicide prevention resource pack aimed at the local community and voluntary sector has been released by Public Health. This provides a comprehensive resource of information about risk factors, helpful resources, information on how to talk about suicide and local training options.

Smoking in Pregnancy

Following discussions within the Broxtowe Partnership, Your Health Notts is piloting a stop smoking in pregnancy clinic in Eastwood at Eastwood Citizens Advice on Wednesday afternoons started 18th June this service will be by appointment.