

Portfolio for Community Safety Councillor G Bunn

Report to Council – 15 July 2026

Community Safety

- Community Safety Drop In Event - Beeston Square on 8 July, 10am – 3pm information, signposting, advice, crime prevention resources and bike marking. Other agencies also attending.

Hate Crime

- Hate Crime Pledge renewed in February 26
- The Hate Crime Webpage has been updated
- Signed up to the Hidden Disability Sunflower Scheme - without a visual cue, it can be difficult for others to identify, acknowledge, or understand the daily barriers faced by people living with an invisible disability this scheme enables those with hidden disabilities to be identified
- LGBTQ+ Event March 26 in Beeston presentations and information delivered on Perimenopause, Menopause and links to Breast Cancer
- Several Places of Welcome Talks took place in Beeston Library during the spring – Hate Crime, Safety, Security, Fraud, CAB
- A Transform Event was held in the council chamber in June – Partner agencies were invited to disseminate information and signposting Communities delivered Hate Crime information
- No Place for Hate communications campaign delivered
- Independent Living Day Event – information and signposting for Hate Crime, safety, security, fraud and wellbeing

ASB

- Monthly problem solving and tasking meetings are held with the Police, Probation, Police Licencing
- Monthly ASB Group meetings are held with partners such as Police, Housing, Env Health, Mental Health and Social Care to identify and address individuals causing ASB and problem solve locations.
- PSPOs – 10 PSPOs have been reviewed and renewed one of which, Beeston Town Centre Alcohol PSPO, was extended to cover the bell area of Sainsburys following permissions from Sainsburys.
- While the police are the primary partner responsible for criminal activity, such as illegal ebikes and off-road bikes across the borough and the car racing on the A52, our officers continue to work closely to support them with as much as possible, including sharing information with councillors and residents on how to report incidents and looking at other actions that can be taken to improve outcomes for our residents.

Community Engagement and Prevention

- ASB Awareness Week (29 June – 5 July) A targeted communications campaign was delivered to raise awareness of anti-social behaviour and encourage residents to report concerns. Throughout the week, a series of social media posts were shared promoting reporting routes, support available to victims and the work being carried out to tackle ASB across the Borough.
The joint campaign between Communities and Communications developed and shared campaign messages across the Council's communication channels. Information was also provided to local schools for inclusion in newsletters, helping to raise awareness with pupils and their families and encouraging people to report concerns to the appropriate agency.
The campaign helped promote reporting pathways and reinforced the importance of partnership working in responding to anti-social behaviour. The team will continue to identify opportunities to engage with schools and local communities to support early intervention and prevention.
- The team is currently exploring opportunities to reintroduce preventative engagement sessions with primary school aged children ahead of the summer period. These sessions would focus on the consequences of ASB, community respect and awareness of knife crime, supporting early intervention and prevention.

Domestic Abuse

- Awareness raising of domestic abuse and white ribbon campaign has been done at Hemlock Happening, BBC Playdays, Local Community Coffee Mornings and Broxtowe Youth Conference.
- An event in Kimberley was held to engage local businesses in domestic abuse issues. Information distributed local businesses in Kimberley and Nuthall.
- Broxtowe Borough Council has been registered as a supporter organisation of the Employers Initiative for Domestic Abuse.
- International Women's Day event was held in March to promote domestic abuse awareness.
- Resources around domestic abuse, health and community safety delivered to Independent Living Open Days. Further events to talk about financial safety and financial and domestic abuse concerns being organised as a result.
- 3 domestic abuse events have been booked in for September, October and November this year.
- New Ask for Angela resources have been delivered through pub watch groups to all licensed premises in Broxtowe.
- Training sessions on domestic abuse have been delivered to Council Employees covering a wide range of domestic abuse related issues and engagement from employees with White Ribbon has increased as a result.
- Funding for The Sanctuary Scheme has been renewed for the new financial year with some installation works under the scheme being reduced in order to maintain the availability of the scheme for all applicants due to the ever-increasing number of Sanctuary applicants each year.

- There were 62 Sanctuary applications for the previous financial year with 12 declined. So far since 1st April this year there have been 19 applications with 5 declined.

Violence

- 74 Broxtowe cases have been heard at MARAC since 1st January 2026.
- The Serious Violence Duty response plan was completed for the 2025/26 period and the new plan has been created and is being delivered.
- A review of Clare's Law viability across the county has been requested, the VRP lead has agreed to start the process of evaluating and assessing the policy.

Safeguarding

- There have been 43 referrals to safeguarding since the beginning of the year 7 of which have been MASH referrals, and 9 of which were threats to self harm/suicide.
- The Complex Case Panel have discussed 29 individuals. 3 of them at 6 meetings, 1 at 4 meetings, 5 at 2 meetings and 20 at 1 meeting.

Modern Slavery

- There have been 5 referrals in to the Countywide Slavery and Exploitation Risk Assessment Conference (SERAC) since the beginning of the year.

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

- There have been 11 referrals for CCE since the beginning of the year all of which have been picked up by the Local Neighbourhood Safeguarding and Disruption Group, which is multi disciplinary, creating a wraparound response. 2 have been stepped up to the Countywide Child Criminal Exploitation Panel.

Prevent

- There have been 4 Prevent referrals since 01 Jan 26
- A benchmarking exercise countywide has been undertaken the results of which showed the Council meet all statutory and guidance points.
- There have been
- There have been 4 incidents in the Borough since the beginning of the year which highlight intolerance or raised tensions, these have been submitted to Counter Terrorism and will be recorded in the Counter Terrorism Local Profile

Environmental Health

The teams have been carrying vacant posts for over a year. We have recruited to posts in commercial and environmental protection who have started in the last couple of weeks.

Our Degree Apprentice student is approaching the end of her first year with us and has gained valuable experience across all areas of environmental health.

Food Safety

- The team completed 100% of programmed routine food safety inspections for the year 2025-2026 (1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026).
- The new yearly programme has been generated for 2026-2027 and officers are starting to undertake inspections.
- As in the last few years, the previous 12 months saw a high number of new food premises registrations. These included a large proportion of home-based activities such as cake bakers and a high turnover of some of the takeaway type premises. Many proposed new food businesses are proving challenging to inspect due to delays in opening and in the complexity of the type of food and manner of preparation. Whilst there are a lot of domestic cake bakers still registering, people are more regularly wanting to cook food for takeaway at home and make and process novel foods which have specific food safety challenges, especially in a domestic setting.
- A large backlog of unrated food businesses have been inspected in the last few months and officers are working to triage and inspect the rest in the coming months.
- Standards in many businesses are dropping, and we have had to arrange for several businesses to voluntarily close due to not having hot water when inspected.

Health and Safety

- For the past year there have been problems with hot tubs used by members of the public at a business in the borough. These issues have started again with an employee contracting Legionella. Work on site has identified that a new company has taken over and enforcement action is being taken (see below).
- Poor electrics, both wiring and appliances, have been discovered at a number of premises. Work has been ongoing to improve electrical safety in these businesses and enforcement action will be taken should a business fail to comply.

Sampling

- Officers contributed to national sampling programmes in February and March.
- Extensive water and environmental sampling were undertaken at the business with the hot tubs to identify poor water quality. This evidence led to the serving of Prohibitions Notices (see below).

Animal Licensing

- 13 animal activity licences (3 pet vending, 2 home dog boarders, 4 catteries – including a new cattery, 1 dog breeder, 3 new animal exhibition licences – including donkeys, Shetland ponies and micro pigs)
- Officers have undertaken the licensing inspections for our site that has Dangerous Wild Animals (DWA) and primates, along with our nominated

specialist veterinarian. The DWA licence and Primate licence will be issued in due course.

General Licensing

- 10 premises licences for skin piercing activities including a number of new tattoo studios have been registered over the past few months along with over a dozen practitioners.
- Special treatment licences are currently being reissued for the year and officers are undertaking inspections and desktop assessments so Licensing can issue the licences.

Enforcement Action

- The Department undertook a successful prosecution of an unlicensed dog breeder which was heard in court in February. The defendant was fined and banned from breeding dogs as a result of the action.
- A simple caution was issued to the previous operator of the business with hot tubs in April for offences committed last year.
- Prohibition Notices have been served on the new owners of the business with the hot tubs preventing the use of all seven hot tubs until they have been thoroughly cleaned, disinfected and pass microbiological testing.

Joint Work with Other Agencies and Departments

- The team work internally with corporate Health and Safety and the Events team to ensure the safe running of events in the borough.
- The team also assists Markets with checking stall holders at the various markets held in the borough to ensure safe food.
- Two weeks ago, the team assisted Trading Standards colleagues from County Council in a raid at a vape shop. This resulted in Trading Standards removing large quantities of illegal tobacco and vapes from sale.

Environmental Protection

- 5 Community protection Warnings Served.
- 2 Community Protection Notices Served
- Applied for and executed a warrant. Seized 3 cats and 2 kittens.

Licensing

Licences issued (April, May, June)

- 5 Personal Licences new applications
- 4 Personal licence changes of circumstance
- 88 Temporary Event Notices
- 10 Designated premises Supervisor Variations
- 1 Minor Premises Variations
- 1 Premises transfers

- Premise variations
- 4 new Premise applications
- 1 Review of premise licence

New Taxi Licences issued (April, May, June)

- 7 new vehicle licences have been issued.
- 1 New driver licences has been issued

World Cup Fever

The licensing team has been focusing on engagement with the premise licence trade to ensure that we are fully prepared for World Cup Fever. We have sent a copy of the British Beer Pub Association “ Managing World Cup Success – Advice for licensees showing FIFA World Cup Matches” to all of the premises within the borough. [world-cup-2026-guidance.pdf](#)

The government have provided national extensions for certain matches for home nations when they reach round 32 onwards, however, with the time zones for matches not all potential England games will be covered. Therefore, to ensure that our trade understand whether they are covered under the national extension or require to apply for additional licence hours, we have worked it out and passed the information to the pubs using the local Pub Watches. This could explain the high number of Temporary Event Notices we have received from April to date is 88 (for context for the whole of last year we received 150)

Trading Standards Review Hearing

We have received our first review application from Trading Standards for an off licence in Beeston. This will be determined by members of Licensing and Appeals Committee on Tuesday 30 June 2026.