

Hull Engagement Officer Newsletter

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Welcome

Like many I have been gutted to see new restrictions being introduced to stop the further spread of Covid-19, however these are necessary to help protect the most vulnerable in the community. This has prompted further calls for police to enforce those not following public health guidance. I would however like to re-iterate that everyone has a personal obligation to do their right things for themselves, loved ones and society. The key is following the rules and ensuring we all wear face masks, wash hands regularly and keep 2m social distance where possible whilst out and about. If people do break the rules clearly police do have a role to play which was outlined recently by [Assistant Chief Constable Chris Noble](#).



Locally I have been asked to support in helping ensure concerns from the public about pandemic reach those responding in Hull and support in key messaging on how to stay safe. With this in mind I would encourage people to download the [NHS Test and Trace APP](#). This has a built-in QR scanner to check-in & out venues which help with tracing those who have come into contact with confirmed Covid-19 cases. It is free to download via the [Google Play store](#) or [Apple App Store](#).

Last month, I was delighted to support in delivering fraud training to Hull's Neighbourhood Policing Teams. I am delighted to see more people becoming scam aware. If you are interested in learning how to spot scams, what to do if you are the victim of these fraudsters and what support is available to victims then I'd encourage you to complete the FREE 25 minutes long [FAS online training](#).



October is [Black History Month](#) with lots of exciting events going on locally and nationally for people to enjoy and reflect on the contribution of black people past and present. Sadly there are still crimes motivated by personal characteristics like the colour of your skin which is totally unacceptable and I would encourage people who have been targeted in this way to report issues to the police via the non-emergency 101 number or 999 if it is a crime in progress.

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Updates:

Hull's Virtual Meet the Commissioner Event

On the 16th September 15 people attended the inaugural virtual Meet the Commissioner event. PCC Keith Hunter gave an informative update on his role and the work of the OPCC, as well as outlining some of the future challenges to policing. He also answered numerous questions from the public. If you would like to attend a future Hull event there are event planned at 6pm on either 11th November or 11th February. To register an interest email: matthew.wright.8362@humberside.pnn.police.uk.

Excellence in Policing Conference

At the end of September the PCC was a speaker at the virtual conference addressing the audience on balancing local and national priorities while holding police to account for the public. It is great to see him leading on the legitimacy of policing.

New "Missing Me?" Film - [Not in Our Community Campaign](#)

I am delighted to say a new film commissioned by the OPCC and the Safer Hull Partnership titled 'Missed Me?' has been filmed in around Hull last month. This film will focus on young people going missing, the risks these missing episodes pose and what young people/wider public can do to help ensure we young people safe and prevent victimisation. The editing process is now underway and a virtual launch is planned sometime in November.



Domestic Abuse Campaign - What do you see?



As part of Humberside Police's valuable work around the protection of vulnerable people, they have launched phase 2 of their [What Do You See? Campaign](#). This is focused on domestic abuse – a crime that is particularly pertinent, as they've experienced an increase in the number of reports of domestic abuse and related offences. The campaign aims to highlight what vulnerability may look like, in its many different forms, and communicate some of the signs to help spot it.

To find out more, visit: www.humberside.police.uk/domesticabuse.

Crime Reduction Fund makes big difference to the look and feel of Spring Bank

Last year the Safer Hull Partnership agreed to contribute to the [Spring Bank Art project](#) via the Crime Reduction Fund. Since then the community have been working with Artlink to agree murals, areas to invigorate and improved lighting all design to make the area feel more loved and respected. These murals were painted last month bring colour to the street.



Any community groups with a project that can help enhance community engagement, reduce crime and improve the lives of those living in Hull are encouraged to check out the [Crime Reduction Fund](#). The deadline for new applications is 31st October 2020.

County Lines Operation

In September Humberside Police took part in a [national intensification against organised crime groups](#) operating in this area. The operation was aimed at protecting vulnerable young people being trafficked into the area to trade drugs. During the operation 20 people were arrested and around £240k worth of drugs were taken off the streets. If you have information about organised criminality please report it so authorities can take action. Call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



On-line Community Policing Catch-up

Over the last few months Humberside Police have started holding on-line Neighbourhood Policing Team catch-up. During these 30 minute Zoom meetings Neighbourhood Inspectors are on hand to give updates from their areas on the work that the police have been up to as well as answering public's questions.

There are a few sessions from Hull Inspectors coming soon:

- Tuesday 6 October between 4pm - 4.30pm - Hull North with Inspector Mark Peasgood.
- Wednesday 14 October between 2pm - 2.30pm - Hull Central with Inspector Caroline Andrews.
- Friday 23 October between 3pm - 3.30pm - Hull East with Inspector Phil Hinch.

For full details and how to attend visit [HERE](#).

My Role



My role is to engage with local communities to help identify local priorities, understand issues and support agencies to identify good practice and improvements. I am not a representative of the police to the public but rather the voice of the public to the police and other agencies involved in Community Safety. I am able to support people to direct their enquiries at the right agency and find out more information on various processes to help manage expectations of the public and increase understanding. By doing this my role contributes to building confidence in local agencies involved in Community Safety.

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