



An open letter

from
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Do something 'special' today

I am appealing for volunteers this month to do something 'special' and give up a few hours a week to become a Special Constable.

We are currently in low supply of Special Constables in both Worksop and Retford.

As a Special, you have the same powers as a regular police officer, for example, the power to make an arrest. You also wear a similar uniform and will be given full training.

Your duties could include foot patrol, assisting at accidents, house-to-house enquiries, operations, crime prevention, road safety initiatives and policing major events.

Specials are a vital part of our team and contribute greatly to public reassurance and reducing crime and disorder.

If you are interested please call our Specials Recruitment Department on 01909 500999 extension 2429.

Two armed robbers jailed for a total of 32 years

On 13 January the Co-op convenience store in the village of Blyth near Retford was subjected to an armed robbery in which cash from the till was stolen.

Investigations found that the offenders had also committed a series of other armed robberies in South Yorkshire.

Two Sheffield men were subsequently arrested and charged with the offences. On Thursday 27 July they were both jailed at Sheffield Crown Court.

Nicholas Overton, aged 28, of Cockayne Place in Norton Lees was jailed for 18 years after admitting 23 armed robberies and six firearms offences.

His accomplice, 37-year-old Nigel Beever of Edgedale Road in Abbeydale, was found guilty of 22 armed robberies and six firearms offences. He received 14 years in prison.

Summer drink driving results released

More than 1,300 drivers were stopped as part of our successful clampdown on drink drivers during the World Cup - that's twice as many as the same time last year.

Across Nottinghamshire, officers carried out 1,311 breath tests and of these 194 were positive or the motorist refused or failed to provide a sample.

I am extremely disappointed that too many motorists are still prepared to run the risk of drinking and driving. They put their own lives at risk as well as others for the sake of a drink. Their irresponsibility will not be tolerated and we will continue to prosecute those that have still not understood the message - don't drink and drive.



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
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Can you help to train our new recruits?

The way police officer recruits are trained is changing in September and we are calling on your help to help us develop the next generation of officers.

As part of the new Initial Police Learning and Development Programme all new recruits are required to complete two community-based work placements - the first for five days and the second for four days.

We are asking community organisations to provide work placements for our new student officers to give them meaningful experience of community work at an early stage of their career. If you know a community group which would like to get involved please contact our Community Engagement Coordinator PC Richard Martin on 01909 500999 ext 4887.

Crime figures for June 2006

Whilst crime in East Bassetlaw dipped slightly in June compared to the same time last year, West Bassetlaw experienced a significant rise. The main reason is the increase in burglaries, which continues to be a priority for local police teams.

We have however seen record numbers of prisoners through the cells throughout May and June. We are currently detecting more than a quarter of all house burglaries and almost a third of all crime. This division is the best performing in the force for the amount of crime officers detect and I will endeavour to keep it that way.

West Bassetlaw (Worksop area)

Crime type	Reported incidents in June 06	Reported incidents in June 05
All Crime	519	436
Violence	112	86
House burglary	36	14
Other burglary (sheds, garages/commercial)	66	37
Criminal damage	112	87
Vehicle crime	61	72

East Bassetlaw (Retford area)

Crime type	Reported incidents in June 06	Reported incidents in June 05
All Crime	462	482
Violence	102	99
House burglary	20	18
Other burglary (sheds, garages/commercial)	58	45
Criminal damage	105	81
Vehicle crime	59	77

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