



An open letter from Chief Superintendent Richard Johnson

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Force declared efficient and effective

Nottinghamshire Police has been declared efficient and effective after a comprehensive inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary.

In a report, published on Wednesday 28 June, inspector Kate Flannery acknowledged that the force had made "substantial, practical advancement" in five out of six key areas.

I am extremely pleased that the report recognises the improvements and achievements made by the force, particularly our reductions in priority categories such as burglary.

In the past five years Nottinghamshire officers have increased the number of people arrested by 50 per cent – and in the past four years there have been 6,000 fewer victims of house burglary and 7,000 fewer victims of vehicle crime.

Locally, house burglaries in Bassetlaw have fallen by more than 50 per cent over the last two years and vehicle crime has reduced by 30 per cent.

Total crime across Nottinghamshire has fallen for the third year in a row and is now as low as it was in 1999.

During 2005, burglary across the county was at its lowest since 2000 and vehicle crime was at its lowest since 1998.

I hope that whilst you may hear many negative stories about the force, these examples will give you some insight into the positive improvements being made that often don't make the headlines.

Performance is getting better and better year on year and as Divisional Commander for Bassetlaw I am extremely privileged to lead such a dedicated and professional team of people.

Staff working on the front line have a difficult job and I know they often go above and beyond what is expected of them to ensure the safety of the public.

I am very proud of them and very grateful to our partners and community members who provide valuable assistance to us in reducing crime in Bassetlaw.



Crime figures for May 2006

Our crime figures are not finalised until the 15th of every month. As my letter is sent to you at the beginning of the month (to reach you before your monthly parish council meetings) the most up-to-date figures I can provide are for May.

Our current priority in across the division is reducing burglary, particularly the sharp rise in house burglary.

The majority of burglaries, which occur at this time of year, are due to insecurities where people have left doors and windows open. Whilst I understand it can be difficult in warm weather, please try to only have a window open if you are in that room at that time.

We have also had a number of distraction burglaries, where offenders have gained entry by claiming to be from the waterboard or a utility company.

I have previously issued crime prevention advice in relation to this type of crime – please do all you can to make it more difficult for criminals.

West Bassetlaw (Worksop area)

Crime type	Reported incidents in May 06	Reported incidents in May 05
All Crime	490	425
Violence	102	81
House burglary	36	13
Other burglary (sheds, garages/commercial)	39	34
Criminal damage	118	98
Vehicle crime	61	61

East Bassetlaw (Retford area)

Crime type	Reported incidents in May 06	Reported incidents in May 05
All Crime	558	501
Violence	119	82
House burglary	21	19
Other burglary (sheds, garages/commercial)	71	76
Criminal damage	130	101
Vehicle crime	59	65



Newark

Crime type	Reported incidents in May 06	Reported incidents in May 05
All Crime	381	361
Violence	82	82
House burglary	22	10
Other burglary (sheds, garages/commercial)	20	12
Criminal damage	93	100
Vehicle crime	28	25

Sherwood

Crime type	Reported incidents in May 06	Reported incidents in May 05
All Crime	381	384
Violence	54	51
House burglary	29	20
Other burglary (sheds, garages/commercial)	27	41
Criminal damage	87	96
Vehicle crime	77	73

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