



# *An open letter*

from  
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## Welcome to new faces on division

I am pleased to inform you that as of 1 June 2006 Inspector Alan Hamilton took over as the new Local Area Commander for East Bassetlaw (Retford and surrounding villages). He replaces Inspector Jenny Antill who was in the role temporarily following the retirement of Inspector Gary France. I am confident that Inspector Hamilton will continue the good work already happening to reduce crime across East Bassetlaw, as well as bringing his own ideas and leadership to the role. You can contact Inspector Hamilton on 01909 500999 ext 7464. We have also recently welcomed Superintendent Nick Finlay back to the division. Three years ago Superintendent Finlay moved from this same role to become Head of Personnel at Force Headquarters. He has now returned to the division and is responsible for operational policing across the division.

## If in doubt - lock them out

I hope I can enlist your help to reduce a worrying rise in burglaries being committed against the elderly. So far this year there have been 26 distraction burglaries reported across the division, 13 of which have occurred in Bassetlaw. Offences have occurred in Walesby, Tuxford, Ranskill, Bothamsall, Hallcroft in Retford and in Manton, Kilton and Sandy Lane areas of Worksop. A team of officers have been drawn together to specifically investigate this spate of burglaries and advice leaflets are being delivered to vulnerable residents. I have enclosed an advice leaflet for you - please display it in any community venues used by elderly members of the community. As always, your help is very much appreciated.

## World Cup policing

High profile sporting events such as the World Cup often require a police presence to monitor public disorder in places where there will be large congregations. Officers have been designated to patrol Worksop and Retford town centres on the days of England fixtures and licensed premises have already been visited to ensure they comply with licensing laws. Our main focus is to prevent disorder and allow everybody to enjoy the tournament.

## More victims satisfied with our service

The number of victims of crime satisfied with the service they receive from Nottinghamshire Police has increased, according to new figures. Almost 90% of burglary victims surveyed in the last three months of 2005 were content with the force's overall response to their break-in. The satisfaction rate for the same period in 2004



was 84%. For violent crime, the number of victims satisfied rose from 67% to 75%, while the satisfaction rate for victims of vehicle thefts was 73% - up from 59% in 2004. I know we still have a lot of work to do in ensuring victims are entirely satisfied with our service and we cannot become complacent with these encouraging results. I am confident that our service is getting better and I will ensure it continues to do so.

**Tip-offs continue to fight crime**

There are many reasons crime remains so low in Bassetlaw but a major factor is the amount of information provided by the public through Crimestoppers.

More people in this area made calls to Crimestoppers last year than anywhere else in the county. Local officers also made more arrests following Crimestoppers information than any other division. More than 400 of you provided information to us last year and I would like to thank every single one of you, whoever you are. The information you provided helped us to detect more crime in Bassetlaw.

Every call to Crimestoppers is free of charge and is answered by a call centre outside Nottinghamshire. Your call will not appear on your phone bill and you will not be asked to give any contact details, provide a statement to the police or appear in court.

I know the people of Bassetlaw want to see criminals brought to justice. If you have a piece of information, call 0800 555 111.

**Crime Figures for April**

**West Bassetlaw (Worksop area)**

Crime type	Reported incidents in April 06	Reported incidents in April 05
All Crime	440	524
Violence	98	100
House burglary	14	22
Other burglary (sheds/garages/commercial)	31	45
Criminal damage	142	135
Vehicle Crime	56	88

**East Bassetlaw (Retford area)**

Crime type	Reported incidents in April 06	Reported incidents in April 05
All Crime	499	508
Violence	106	83
House burglary	16	18
Other burglary (sheds/garages/commercial)	16	18
Criminal damage	105	110
Vehicle Crime	82	84

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