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Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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Police and Crime Panel confirms the appointment of Rob Nixon as Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police

Rob Nixon has been confirmed as Leicestershire Police's new Chief Constable following a meeting of the area's Police and Crime Panel. He has served with Leicestershire Police for 28 years and began his career in 1993.

Chief Constable Rob Nixon said: "It is very special to lead Leicestershire Police, my home force and the place I have been proud to serve for nearly 30 years. Our latest national inspection showed we are a good force, but there are areas where we can do better.

"My focus as Chief Constable will be our service to the public. I want us to concentrate on the things that really matter to the people we serve – responding to the public, holding high standards, strong investigations and catching criminals. It's about getting the core service right."

Personally, I am delighted members of the panel share my confidence in Rob Nixon's abilities. He underwent an extremely searching and robust process to become the preferred candidate and will now take up post.

Half a million pounds invested to help communities prevent crime

In a bid to help communities fight back against crime, I have invested almost £500k into crime prevention in less than a year.

Since the start of 2022, I allocated £493,444k in grants to parish councils, charities and community groups which share my goals to root out crime and increase community safety.

The funding, which includes £100k of matched-funding from the county's Violence Reduction Network (VRN) to help tackle violence, has

targeted key priorities in my Police and Crime Plan including the prevention of anti-social behaviour, violent crime and domestic abuse.

I promised to protect the law-abiding citizen and put their needs at the heart of all my decisions. That's why I have invested almost half a million pounds this year into community provision which proactively solves local problems.

People have a right to feel safe at home and in our public spaces and it is my

responsibility to ensure this happens. Over the year, I have invested in projects that strike at the root of offending and provide positive opportunities and outlets for people to change or access help.

Tackling crime is a joint effort and I really value the work happening in our communities to support my Police and Crime Plan. As Commissioner, it is important to me that any investment I make has a tangible impact and I will be monitoring closely this year's projects to ensure this funding delivers the desired effect."

POLICE REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADES

I'm very pleased to say that I have received widespread support over plans to adopt a fresh approach to policing Remembrance parades.

The new approach means that there will be a visible police presence at most parades to engage with the community and maintain public safety.

The Force will continue to actively encourage and support officers and staff to attend Remembrance Sunday events as representatives of the Force to pay their respects. Remembrance Sunday is a hugely important event bringing communities together to honour those who lost their lives in battle.



NEW 'MINI POLICE' SCHEME CONNECTS YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE POLICE AND PROMOTES CITIZENSHIP



I'm delighted to back our 'Mini Police' – a dynamic and interactive project allowing children to step into the shoes of their local policing team. It gives primary school children a positive and fun introduction to the work of police officers. Children not only learn about the exciting and challenging

work of the police, they will also have the opportunity to get involved and help make their communities safe.

Increasing confidence and trust in the Police is a vital part of my safety plans and the earlier this work can get underway, the better.

20 years of Police Community Support Officers

I was delighted to honour the commitment and professionalism of the Force's Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) at a special event marking their 20th anniversary.

The event, which was also attended by senior officers, volunteer managers and dignitaries, congratulated PCSOs past and present for the highly visible policing presence they provide, the reassurance they offer local communities, and the significant effort they put into building relationships with local people.

During my regular visits to all areas across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, I have had the absolute pleasure of meeting many



of PCSOs in their local area. They are vital members of neighbourhood policing teams across Leicestershire and Rutland.

NEW FUNDING BOOST ANNOUNCED TO HELP TACKLE DEMAND FOR VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES

To help domestic abuse and sexual violence services providing support to the increasing number of victims and witnesses affected by the delays in the Criminal Justice System I launched a specialist round of my Commissioner's Safety Fund in December.

Like many areas, the East Midlands region saw an unprecedented build-up of court cases during the pandemic, translating into longer waiting times for victims. In response, I allocated grants of up to £10,000 for organisations, community groups and charities that can demonstrate how they have been impacted by criminal justice delays and how they aim to positively address these issues.

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL CONFIRM RANI MAHAL AS DEPUTY PCC



Rani Mahal has been appointed as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Ajmer Kaur (Rani) Mahal – a district councillor representing Glen Ward at Harborough District Council – had her position confirmed in December.

Rani Mahal has extensive experience and skills, both as a district councillor and through her membership with voluntary and charitable organisations.

Speaking of her appointment, Rani said: "I am delighted to be approved as Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland's Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner. I am grateful to Rupert and his team for having faith in me and giving me the opportunity to put my skills and experience to good use across our communities."

Leicestershire Police praised for leading performance in rape investigation and neighbourhood crime

Leicestershire Police is outperforming many areas in rape investigation. Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is a priority in my Police and Crime Plan and the Force is working hard to increase confidence across the counties to encourage greater reporting of rape and sexual assault allegations, especially within diverse communities.

To improve this further, the Force has created a new role to enable a Detective Superintendent to lead exclusively on the VAWG strategy and is working hard to increase the positive outcome rate so that the Force remains in the top quartile of performance nationally.



New £200k crime prevention package unveiled

Voluntary and community organisations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have been invited to apply for a share of £200k to help prevent young people from being drawn to crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Community Fund: Diversion from Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Crime will fund new diversionary activities to encourage

young people at risk of crime to engage in positive and purposeful activities.

It is part of a shared 'public health' approach based on the view that violence is preventable and an important part of this is providing opportunities and ensuring provision is in place to keep young people safe.



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