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Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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Cutting the ribbon on new home for Uppingham police officers

Having negotiated the deal, I was delighted to officially open a new police base in Uppingham giving Rutland's police officers more space and better facilities to do their jobs.

Members of the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team in Uppingham have moved into a spacious room at the front of Uppingham Town Hall which overlooks the High Street.

The move represents a significant upgrade in facilities for the team.

The new office will offer meeting and interviewing facilities enabling residents who want to speak to an officer to make an appointment – ensuring the team remains accessible and at the very heart of the community.

The new facility, which includes parking, was officially opened in a ribbon-cutting ceremony also attended by Chief Constable Rob Nixon, Lord Lieutenant of Rutland Dr Sarah Furness, Neighbourhood Policing Area Inspector Madeley Harland, Uppingham Mayor Liz Clarke and Uppingham Deputy Mayor David Ainslie BEM.

As I said at the ceremony: "When I became PCC, I was determined to improve the visibility of the police in Rutland and upgrade the facilities that enable them to meet and serve the people of the county. I know how important it is to residents that officers are active and visible in their local communities and this move will ensure officers remain at the very heart of the town centre."

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 across the two counties. This came after concerns had been raised with me regarding confusion over the role of the police at these commemorations.

The Force held discussions with all local MPs, the Royal British Legion, Local Resilience Forum and Safety Advisory Groups (SAGs) and has now set out new guidelines outlining the role officers and the Force will play in policing future Remembrance services.

The new approach means:

- There will be a visible police presence at most parades to engage with the community and maintain public safety.
- A risk assessment will be carried out for every parade.
- The Local Authority and event organisers will take primacy for traffic control. While Leicestershire Police will remain responsible

for the enforcement of any authorised Traffic Orders in the event of a breach, Police Officers and PCSOs will not be routinely involved in traffic control unless a situation occurs which places the public at risk.

- A dedicated silver commander and supporting events structure will be identified and put in place for Remembrance Sunday.
- 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.

The Police and Crime Panel welcomed this new guidance which reaffirms the Force's support for Remembrance Sunday services and clarifies its responsibilities. Remembrance Sunday is a hugely important commemorative event bringing communities together to ensure those who lost their lives in battle are justly remembered and honoured.

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.





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.

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.



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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