

Hull Engagement Officer Newsletter

September 2020

Welcome

Last month I was delighted to take some tentative steps to normality as I attended a couple of face to face meetings. It was great to see peoples who I have been working with via online channels throughout lockdown, as well as capturing body language of meeting participants which often say far more than words. Despite the challenges working at home I have managed to stay abreast of community safety issues and regularly meeting up with public and partners about policing issues and ensured concerns have been identified quickly and responded to by those who can support victims and bring offenders to justice. Last week (28/08/20) I was delighted to see the first [Hull Neighbourhood Policing Team Zoom](#) meeting which gave residents the chance to share issues direct with Inspector Mattinson and get updates on what the local team have been doing to tackle neighbourhood issues.



On the theme of staying connected I am pleased to announce that Police and Crime Commissioner Keith Hunter is holding a virtual **Meet the Commissioner event** at 6pm on Wednesday 16th September. This will give participants the opportunity to find out more about policing and community safety in Hull and beyond. Keith will give a presentation on his job role, what he has done so far and what he plans to do in the future. There will then be a chance for those registered to ask questions on the evening. The event follows successful face to face events that have been delivered in more

remote areas of the police force area, but with current Covid-19 social distancing rules in place Keith and I were keen to offer a similar event virtually. To register for the event please email PCC@humberside.pnn.police.uk with your name, email address, home postcode and any question you would like by Friday 11th September. Once registered you will receive full event joining instructions over email on Monday 14th September. The event will be delivered in partnership with Neighbourhood Network, a local charity that supports Neighbourhood Watch and community groups in Hull to reduce crime & increase community spirit.

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Updates:

New Generation Policing Programme

In August the OPCC, Humberside Police and the Safer Hull Community Safety Partnership (CSP) launched a new partnership working alongside national charity Revolving Doors Agency to prevent young adults being pulled into the cycle of crime and crisis. For more details click [HERE](#).

Shortlisted for National award

The OPCC Head of Community Safety Robbie Walker-Brown has been shortlisted for the Criminal Justice Champion category in the Howard League of Penal Reform Community Awards 2020. Robbie has had an illustrious career in the sector championing for improvements in the system. The awards celebrate successful projects and pioneers who guide people away from crime and help to make us all safer. The Awards will be hosted at a virtual celebratory event to share best practice and announce all the winners on Tuesday 20 October 2020, 9.00am-11.30am.

Hull "Missing Me?" - Not in Our Community Campaign

The PCC and John Gilbert from local marketing agency EskimoSoup were live on BBC Radio Humberside on 27th August sharing details of the OPCC commissioned [Not In Our Community](#) campaign and a brief summary of a new Hull based Child Criminal Exploitation film titled 'Missed Me?'. This film - which is still in development - will focus on young people going missing, the risks these missing episodes pose and what young people/wider public can do to help ensure we young people safe and prevent victimisation. It follows on from recently commissioned '[Alfie's Story part 2](#)' which highlights the dangers of county lines organised crime groups and criminal exploitation & '[Becky's Story](#)' highlighting the risk of grooming online during Covid-19.



Round One of the Hull Crime Reduction Fund

I am delighted to announce that the Safer Hull Partnership have agreed four community projects via the Hull Crime Reduction Fund.

1. ERVAS who will be delivering virtual fraud and cyber training to residents in Hull over the next year.
2. Hull Trinity Street Angels in order to support the charities operational delivery in Hull city centre for the next 16 months.
3. Ground Work who will be delivering a ten-foot garden project with residents on Sefton Street.
4. Prison Me No Way (Via the Neighbourhood Policing Team) who will be raising awareness in ASB, crime and influencing future life choices through day sessions at schools in West Carr Ward.

[The Hull Crime Reduction Fund](#) was established by the [Safer Hull Partnership](#), with funding provided by the OPCS and aims to provide grants to support various groups and community projects whose aims are to enhance community engagement, reduce crime and improve the lives of those living in Hull.



The Safer Hull Partnership Pod has landed

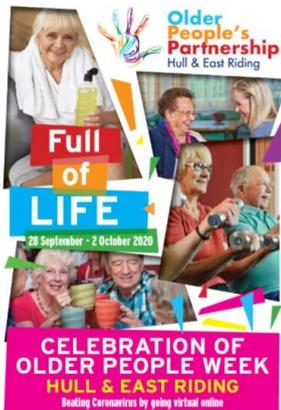


A [new Safer Hull Pod](#) has arrived in Hull City Centre to provide people with support from a range of agencies who will be on hand to provide information, answer community safety questions and provide visible reassurance to visitors in the city centre. Based initially in Queen Victoria Square the pod will be relocated to meet wider community safety issues where there is a need.

The Pod has been funded via a grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and is part of wider work being developed by the Safer City Centre Group. They've also invested in an online information sharing tool for city centre business, targeted wrap around support for city centre rough sleepers, engagement events and other initiatives to tackle safety issues.

Celebrating Older People Week

The Older Peoples Partnership Hull and East Riding are holding a virtual Older Peoples Celebration Event between Monday 28th September and Friday 2nd October 2020.



The event will take place in four ways:

- Virtual Interactive Events taking place over the course of the week. This includes sessions on fraud and Crime prevention as well as genealogy, wet felting, dance, drama and more. For a full list of events and to book a place visit [HERE](#).
- Entertainment taking place on the charities [Facebook](#) page/[Twitter](#) with pre-recorded content from members.
- Older Peoples Showcase Videos (linked to above) were people over 55 share videos that showcase a skills (singing) or give demonstrate (how to tune a ukulele).
- Virtual Market Place again on the charities Facebook and Twitter that highlight the various services that are available for older people to access.

It would appear to be an excellent event for older people to tackle isolation, access services and try something new.

My Role



My role is to engage with local communities to help identify local priorities, understand issues and support agencies to identify good practice and improvements. I am not a representative of the police to the public but rather the voice of the public to the police and other agencies involved in Community Safety. I am able to support people to direct their enquiries at the right agency and find out more information on various processes to help manage expectations of the public and increase understanding. By doing this my role contributes to building confidence in local agencies involved in Community Safety.

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