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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*Hello again,*

*You will be pleased to hear that, following letters from me to the Policing Minister, Nick Hurd, covering the enormous policing challenges in this county including counter terrorism, Serious Organised Crime and gangs, guns and knife issues, on our low levels of policing funding, the Minister requested to visit me at Kempston Police HQ.*

*He also met with the Chief Constable, Jon Boutcher, and at his request met with new PCs and officers who happened to be on duty, rather than having been hand-picked.*

*They explained, as I did myself, the enormous challenges being faced on a daily basis. For example, the Force Control Room has been handling the same level of calls on even weekdays and Sundays since the Manchester terror attack as it expects on a New Years' Eve.*

*After meeting with me, the Minister confirmed that all of these arguments had been very clearly delivered and received. The Government is now calling on police forces everywhere to provide it with the evidence of the resources that are actually needed to deal with the real level of demands, to make our arguments to the Treasury.*

*Rest assured, I am on the case!*

*Yours,*

*Kathryn*

**Kathryn Holloway**  
**Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire**

### PCC makes the case to bolster the frontline to Policing Minister

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Kathryn Holloway took her argument on the need for urgent funding and an uplift in officers in the county to her first meeting with the newly appointed Minister for Policing and the Fire Service, Nick Hurd, this week.



On the Minister's first visit to Bedfordshire Police Headquarters, at his request, Mr Hurd met with the Commissioner, Chief Constable Jon Boutcher and attended a Q&A session with frontline police officers. The Minister then went on an impromptu ride-along with 999 Response officers in the North of the county.

"I am absolutely delighted that the new Policing Minister, Nick Hurd, chose to come to Bedfordshire Police to examine the facts for himself around funding, our limited resources and the threats and crime challenges which are uniquely faced by this Force in this county," said Commissioner Holloway.

"The Minister met with me for just over an hour and told me the message had been very clearly delivered and received.

"He then joined Chief Constable, Jon Boutcher, to discuss the operational demands on Bedfordshire Police before, at his request, meeting with new police constables to discuss their feelings about policing in Bedfordshire, why they'd become officers and their hopes for the future," added the Commissioner.

She pointed to the surge in demand in the county following the Manchester terror attacks, in terms of 999 and 101 calls, with the Force Control Room receiving comparable numbers of calls on the night before the Minister's visit to those expected on a New Year's Eve.

"The Minister was very receptive to hearing the facts about the change in policing being experienced here in Bedfordshire. We have just over 1,000 officers to service the policing needs of a population of 644,000 and the Force was already at full stretch," said the Commissioner. Read more [here](#).

### PCC puts Greyfriars on the market

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Kathryn Holloway has this week kept her word to put Greyfriars Police station on the open market.

The Bedford Community Policing team, which has been based there, is to operate from a brand new Enquiries Office in Lime Street for which Bedfordshire Police has just been granted change of use permission by Bedford Borough Council.

"I promised the people of Bedford more visible policing, in the very centre of the town. I'm delighted that the Force now has permission to create a brand new Enquires Office, just of the High Street, in the very centre of the shopping and working district, by day, and pubbing and clubbing area, by night," said Commissioner Holloway.

“Greyfriars station was no longer fit for purpose after the custody suite moved to Kempston. It is also in a key location in terms of Bedford Borough Council’s Plan for the town.

“I am determined that Bedfordshire Police will receive maximum benefit from the sale, but we will also take into account the direction the Borough Council is taking. This is why its Chief Executive, Phil Simpkins, is being invited by me to be part of the panel which considers all bids as well as the fully independent Chair of the Police and Crime Panel, Paul Kane,” She said. Read more [here](#).

## **PCC on parade with Junior Police Squads for their final day at HQ**

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Kathryn Holloway welcomed the Luton Junior Police Squads to Police HQ for a fun-packed final day.



Children from the St Martin De Porres School Junior Police Squad, which has been funded by the Commissioner, had a tour of the Force Control Room, the Custody Suite and a display from the dog section.

“It’s been fantastic to see the Luton Junior Police Squads thoroughly enjoying their day at Police HQ with our newest four-legged recruits – two new police puppies – and meeting the Firearms Team,” said Commissioner Holloway.



“Their teachers told us that not only did they also love this opportunity, but the benefits, in school, of the improved discipline and team-working skills the police have taught pupils has been of huge value to all involved.”

The Junior Police Squad project, which was launched by the Commissioner, provided children with police uniforms, caps and notebooks. Police officers have

held workshops and fun activities for the children to teach them about policing, crime prevention and parading skills. Read more [here](#).

## **PCC funds anti-hate crime project in schools**

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Kathryn Holloway has backed education charity, The Anne Frank Trust UK, to work with schools in the county to beat hate crime.

The programme, which has won plaudits from teachers and pupils alike, incorporates a

range of workshops designed to generate debate and discussion on prejudice, hate crime and social responsibility, and promote positive attitudes.

“What really impresses me about the work The Anne Frank Trust will be doing in schools is that this is not a lesson for a day. The Trust creates Anti-Hate Crime Ambassadors to carry forward the message that prejudice and abuse are unacceptable every day of the year,” said Commissioner Holloway.



“Bedfordshire has one of the most diverse sets of communities in the entire country and has, very sadly, been linked to the worst extremes of prejudice in terms of radicalisation and Right Wing Extremism.

“I hope this project will create a legacy in future generations to break down prejudices and create a genuinely more harmonious, single, community in this county,” said the Commissioner.

Workshops are delivered alongside tours of The Anne Frank Trust's exhibition: 'Anne Frank – A History for Today' and Holocaust survivor, and Anne Frank's posthumous step-sister, Dr Eva Schloss MBE, is also invited to share her remarkable story.

Anti-Hate Crime Ambassadors receive additional training from The Anne Frank Trust and raise awareness widely among their peer group about the dangers to society of prejudice and discrimination. Read more [here](#).

### **PCC calls in on first Junior Police Squad at Grange Academy**

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Kathryn Holloway joined officers from the Force's Junior Police Squad at the Grange Academy, Kempston.

The Commissioner took part in a session warning pupils of the dangers of gang, knife and gun crime as they completed their Junior Police Squad programme.

“The staff at the Grange tell me this programme has been an overwhelming success. Not only have pupils learnt valuable skills around team work and self-discipline, but one pupil has even recorded the details of a crime which successfully led to police action,” said Commissioner Holloway.

“In addition to this, my Junior Police Squads have helped to build a real bond of trust and confidence between police officers and pupils.

“This is particularly important in the case of the Grange where pupils have truly benefitted from learning about hate crime towards those with disabilities and other needs, to help make them safer,” said the Commissioner.

The Grange Academy's Deputy Head Teacher, Catherine Assink, said, “It has been invaluable to those who took part. During a recent Ofsted inspection they were able to demonstrate that, due to being part of the Junior Police Squad, one of the children felt confident enough to report a crime in detail to the police.” Read more [here](#).

### Bikes seized in Dunstable raid

Five motorbikes and one push bike were recovered following a raid at a house in Dunstable by Bedfordshire Police on Monday (31 July).

The warrant was executed at a property in Maidenbower Avenue. One of the bikes has been confirmed as being stolen property, and the others are in the process of being checked. Read more [here](#).

### Bedfordshire Police Family Fun Day returns!

Bedfordshire Police's Family Fun Day is returning on Saturday 3 September.

The free event will take place from 11am until 4pm, and the public are invited to Headquarters at Kempston for a day of entertainment and insight into the work of the police.

A variety of police vehicles, which proved popular last year, will return, joined by a boat and a drone. The force's police dogs will also return to repeat their popular demonstration, and mementoes from the police museum will also be on display. There will be plenty of activities for children including a bouncy castle and a cycling challenge, so don't forget to bring your bikes! Read more [here](#).



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