

A Year in the Community

As I come to the end of my first year as your Community Police Officer, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone for the warm welcome, trust, and support you have shown me. It has been an interesting transition from Response Policing, but I genuinely feel that, together, we have made positive progress over the last year.

I have attended a wide range of engagements across all the areas I cover, meeting local contacts, sharing experiences, and gaining a better understanding of community priorities. These connections remain fundamental to effective community policing. I have also had the privilege of being involved in establishing local initiatives and building a network of multi-agency partners that will no doubt prove invaluable in the future.

Looking ahead, I am committed to building on the progress we have made together. We will continue to focus on listening to residents, addressing local concerns, supporting vulnerable members of our community, and maintaining a visible policing presence. New engagement opportunities, community initiatives, and partnership projects are being explored to ensure that local voices continue to shape our priorities.

As we head into the darker months, I would encourage everyone to remain mindful of those who may be vulnerable within our communities and to look out for neighbours who may benefit from a friendly check-in. It is also a good time to think about road safety, as reduced daylight, poorer weather conditions, and busier roads increase the risks for all road users. Finally, please take simple steps to protect your property by securing homes, vehicles, and valuables, as seasonal opportunities can often attract opportunistic thieves.

I am grateful for the confidence you have placed in me during my first year and for the many acts of kindness and encouragement I have received along the way. I look forward to continuing to serve and work alongside our communities in the year ahead.

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