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# Enhancing interoperability

**T**he UK Technology Enhanced Emergency Services Forum looks forward to welcoming two special guests to Liverpool on November 26th. Right Hon. Stephen Dorrell MP and Luana Avagliano, Head of Resilience at the Cabinet Office will participate at the forum, which is run in partnership with Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service.

Stephen Dorrell MP will deliver the opening remarks to set the scene for exploring innovative technologies that can

Dorrell was elected as the first Conservative Member of Parliament for Loughborough since 1945 and served as the youngest member of the House of Commons. Most recently, Stephen was the first elected Chair of the Health Select Committee stepping down in 2014. Stephen's experience has brought him first-hand understanding of the pressures on the health, social care and emergency services sector.

Luana Avagliano brings direct experience from the Cabinet Office in improving Emergency Services interoperability by working within the Civil

Contingencies Act 2004 remit. Working with partners from CDS, Luana established the 'Resilience Direct' platform, which is a secure web-based browser tool enabling civil protection practitioners to work together across geographical and organisational boundaries.

Stephen Dorrell MP said, "I am delighted to have been asked to deliver the opening remarks at the Technology Enhanced Emergency Services Forum. Using the latest technology can significantly improve the operational efficiency of the emergency services, as well as improving safety for the emergency services and the communities they serve. The changes that new technology can bring, such as greater interoperability, data sharing and better resources for responders on the front line also provide opportunities for more structural changes to the way these services are delivered. I look forward to attending the Forum."

The Technology Enhanced Emergency Services Forum (#UKTEES) is an independent platform for industry stakeholders to address specific challenges faced by UK 'Blue Light Services' and identify innovative solutions from the private sector, which can improve efficiency and cost effectiveness. The agenda for the day is based on the 'Gold, Silver and Bronze' command structure for UK Emergency Services. A wide range of delegates have been invited to join the Forum from the public and private sector, with the numbers limited to 125 delegates.

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# Celebrating 50 years

**P**olice in Bury St Edmunds hosted a special event at the beginning of October, to celebrate 50 years since the Police Station opened.

The building in Raingate Street was officially opened on 9 October 1964 by Sir Charles Cunningham, Permanent Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, as the new force and divisional headquarters for the former West Suffolk Constabulary.

To celebrate this occasion former police officers and employees who were based at the station, including several ex-divisional commanders, were invited to attend an event to commemorate the opening 50 years to the day, including some of the people who were present at the original opening.

There were guided tours of

the building, the chance to view police memorabilia and photographs covering all the decades the building has been in use, and also a DVD showing of the original opening.

The event provided former employees the opportunity to reminisce, see how the building has changed, meet with old friends and colleagues and compare 'pocket note books' with staff from different eras, including those presently working for Suffolk Constabulary.

Chief Superintendent Jon Brighton, County Policing Commander, who gave the welcoming address at the event, said: "As someone who first came to Bury Police Station 30-years-ago at the beginning of my career, I am delighted to have been able to take part in the anniversary celebrations.

"I had initially started my serv-

ice at Lowestoft Police Station, which at the time was a relatively new building, so as Bury Station had been built 20-years previously at that point, I thought it was old then! I am pleased to see the station is still going strong as the centre of policing in the west of the county.

"The walls of this building have a great many stories to tell and I'm sure the majority of those who spent part, or in some cases all, of their service based here will have an affection and affinity for it. I certainly have fond memories of my time spent based here and it has been wonderful seeing staff past and present spanning 50 years come together to celebrate this occasion."

John Cullum, former Deputy Chief Constable of Suffolk Constabulary who retired in 2000, added: "I started working



Celebrating 50 years

in this building in August 1964 whilst the carpenters were putting the final touches to it and was a 16-year-old cadet in the guard of honour at the official opening.

"I spent some of the happiest days of my working life here and in fact it is where I met my wife. This event has been a brilliant opportunity to re-live past experiences and meet with old colleagues and it has been really interesting to compare the policing world of fifty years ago with today."

## Steering drug users into treatment and recovery

**A** groundbreaking project aimed at getting drug users into recovery and away from crime is being rolled out across the Durham Constabulary area.

After a successful pilot scheme in Peterlee and Bishop Auckland police stations, the 'Drug Test on Arrest'

policy has now been extended to cover all of the force's custody suites.

It means custody staff can take a mouth swab from those detained in custody for certain offences which will test for the presence of cocaine and heroin. A positive result will mean the person is then required to attend two separate appointments with drug

treatment staff; if they decline the test, or fail to attend the appointments the courts will be informed.

Both, Durham's Chief Constable, Mike Barton and Police and Crime Commissioner, Ron Hogg believe tackling the issue of substance misuse will bring about long-term reductions in such crime.

It should also allow the force to concentrate on the suppliers, rather than users and steer a significant number of users away from the criminal justice system and towards health-based resolutions.

Durham is leading the way nationally for the new procedure, which uses equipment provided by Draeger UK, a leading international company in the fields of medical and safety technology.

Although nationally other Drug Test on Arrest initiatives take place, the trials in Durham and Darlington are using equipment that will also show if the detained person has taken not only heroin or cocaine but

other controlled substances. This enables the police and treatment services to provide the best response and treatment to enable the user to enter recovery at an early stage.

"In our force area we have around 1,750 individuals currently in treatment for heroin and cocaine abuse. The drug intervention and treatment teams do a fantastic job in steering these people into the right services and ultimately recovery, but we can do so much more if we identify addicts at the point we first

come into contact with them," said Chief Constable Mike Barton.

"It has long been recognised that drug users commit crime to feed their habits. The Drug Test on Arrest programme should bring about swifter access to treatment, will significantly reduce offending and help keep our communities safer."

In the first full week of the

*"The Drug Test on Arrest programme should bring about swifter access to treatment, will significantly reduce offending and help keep our communities safer."*

programme 40 tests were carried out with a number of positive results. Those who tested positive were found to be using not only the class A drugs of heroin and cocaine but also cannabis and in several cases other substances such as benzodiazepines and amphetamines.

The treatment and recovery services for the scheme are provided by two specialist agencies, 'Addaction' and the North East Council on Addictions (NECA).

"I strongly believe that as a country we should be doing

more to help drug addicts into treatment and recovery. I fully support and welcome this work by the constabulary and hope that it results in more positive outcomes for the individuals involved and reduces the likelihood of reoffending," said PCC Ron Hogg.

Mark Burrup, drug and alcohol specialist at Draeger, said: "It's extremely positive to see our drug detection kits being used in innovative ways and supporting programmes such as 'Drug Test on Arrest'.

"Draeger is an acknowledged expert in the manufacture of drug and alcohol testing equipment, launching the first ever

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# Merseyside's £130 million plan

**M**erseyside Police's Commissioner and Chief Constable have unveiled their proposals to transform the Force's buildings and ensure officers remain at the heart of communities across the region.

Over the next 10 years, the £130million plan will provide community police stations for each neighbourhood, fund a new serious and organised crime centre and save £2.5million every year on the cost of running the present police estate - protecting 65 police officer posts each year.

Following this announcement, the Commissioner, Jane Kennedy, started a two-month consultation inviting the public to have their say on the proposals.

Merseyside Police's estate currently consists of 78 buildings, with an average age of 52 years and some dating as far back as 1890. The last police station built on Merseyside was the station on Stanley Road, Kirkdale, back in the seventies.

Many of these ageing buildings are inefficient and expensive to maintain. They currently cost more than £12m each year to run and this bill is increasing. By putting these proposals in place, the Commissioner intends to reduce these costs by £2.5mil-

lion every year - saving money and protecting frontline policing jobs.

At the heart of these proposals is the Commissioner and Chief Constable's commitment to providing visible and accessible neighbourhood policing.

Every community will have a neighbourhood team of officers and PCSOs. New or refurbished area headquarters will be provided in each of the five local authority areas and community police stations will be developed where old police stations are currently closed to the public.

Community Police Stations have already proved a huge success in St Helens, reducing anti-social behaviour and improving relationships with the public. The intention is to roll this model out across the region, providing modern facilities which are regularly open to local people.

Jane said: "These are hard times, but I am committed to providing accessible and visible policing for every community. I want to invest in modern police stations and save money too.

"By transforming our estate, creating more efficient and effective buildings, we will be protecting frontline policing and putting officers where the public want to see them - in

the communities they serve.

"By opening up these modern Community Police Stations, officers and PCSOs will be more accessible to the public and we will be saving money and protecting jobs.

"These are the right steps to take and this is the right time to take them."

The proposals include plans to create a new centre designed to tackle serious and organised crime in Speke. The £44million Operation Command Centre will bring together all the teams that form the Matrix Serious and Organised Crime team (MSoC) under one roof.

It also includes plans for the £26million refurbishment of Merseyside Police Headquarters in Canning Place for essential repairs to be delivered.

Merseyside Police's Chief Constable Sir Jon said: "It's fair to say that we have an estate of police stations and office buildings which are not fit for purpose, due to their age and condition, some even date back to Victorian times.

"Some of our existing buildings are in a state of disrepair and badly in need of modernisation. There is no doubt that the cost of maintenance for our existing estate has become a drain on our finances and although we have reduced in size as a Force in recent years, we still retain the same number of buildings, with space in neighbourhood police stations being under used. The longer we leave it - the bigger the problem will become and costs will increase."

# DNA fingerprinting drama

**A** fictional drama based on the first major UK case that was solved using DNA profiling has announced John Simm as the actor to portray DNA fingerprinting inventor Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys.

He joins co-star David Threlfall, previously announced for the role of Detective Chief Superintendent David Baker who headed the investigation between 1983 and 1987.

Familiar to many for his role as Doctor Who's arch-villain The Master opposite David Tennant, John Simm's most recent appearances include ITV's crime thriller Prey, Sky's Mad Dogs and the BBC drama The Village.

ITV has commissioned Line of

Duty producer World Productions to make Code of a Killer, a two-part DNA-based crime thriller which tells the story of the first major UK case that was solved using DNA profiling.

Code of a Killer has been written by Michael Crompton (Kidnap & Ransom) with the full knowledge and input of retired Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys and former Detective Chief Superintendent David Baker.

The drama will be directed by James Strong (Broadchurch, United), produced by Priscilla Parish (Line of Duty) and executive produced by Simon Heath (Line of Duty, The Great Train Robbery). Filming is taking place in Leicester and London.

Commented Simon Heath: "Code of a Killer is a testament

to the pioneering science of Alec Jeffreys and the foresight and determination of David Baker. Together they brought justice for two grieving families and changed the course of criminal investigation forever."

Professor Julian Ketley, Head of the Department of Genetics, said: "We are very pleased that the story surrounding Alec's groundbreaking research is now being dramatised, with the Department of Genetics central to his story. Dr Ed Hollox from the Department has been advising the production company on the science and equipment that was used by Alec. We are all looking forward to watching the drama on ITV next year, and seeing our workplace in the limelight."

# Innovation project for west Yorkshire

**A** 12-month project is underway, designed to bring innovation to policing across west Yorkshire.

Funding of £125,000 from the Economic and Social Research Council will help create opportunities for research, information sharing and skills training, developing a platform for knowledge exchange between West Yorkshire Police, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the University of Leeds.

It will focus on four key themes: Partnerships and Culture Change, Understanding Acquisitive Crime such as burglary and shoplifting, Community Engagement and also Public Order.

The police aspect of the project is being led by 'West Yorkshire for Innovation' (WyFi), a ground-breaking re-

search and development team of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire.

Head of WyFi is Detective Inspector Andrew Staniforth, who said: "This unique project brings academic researchers and police practitioners together to share their expertise. This collaborative approach ensures that rigorous research shall be grounded in the operational reality of policing."

Mark Burns-Williamson, Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire added: "This new research progresses the 3i strategy I launched earlier this year which seeks to develop innovation, income and investment in policing. The findings from this research will add great value to the way in which we keep our community's safe and feeling safe."

Temporary Chief Constable

of West Yorkshire Police, Dee Collins said: "This exciting project will foster greater collaboration between police and academia, enabling greater translation of research into evidence-based practice to develop the service we deliver to the public."

Professor Adam Crawford, of the School of Law, who is leading the University of Leeds team, commented: "This is an exciting moment in policing as we set out on a journey to build a stronger partnership of collaboration and a more robust evidence base on which police can draw. We see this as a pilot project that will hopefully alter dramatically relations between police and universities in years to come with benefits in knowledge creation, innovation and learning that will impact on policing across West Yorkshire."

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# Virtual crime fighting network

**T**housands of people from across Cleveland will be the eyes and ears of the community at the click of a mouse - thanks to a new virtual crime fighting network which was launched last month.

Cleveland Connected is a new web system which sends messages to email, mobile phone or home telephone on crimes happening in areas across Teesside. It also allows people to reply back with intelligence to police and partners.

Everyone who signs up to Cleveland Connected, receives information on criminal activity taking place in their area at a time that suits them or by the method they choose. It's an extension of traditional neighbourhood watch methods, but uses modern technology to tar-

get a new audience and enhance the experience of established neighbourhood watch members.

www.clevelandconnected.co.uk is led by Cleveland Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, with backing from national group Neighbourhood Alert and involvement from charity Neighbourhood Watch.

Neighbourhood Policing Chief Superintendent Gordon Lang said: "People have busy lives and don't have time or don't wish to attend meetings, Cleveland Connected enables us to get direct into people's homes and tell them about important things relating to their area.

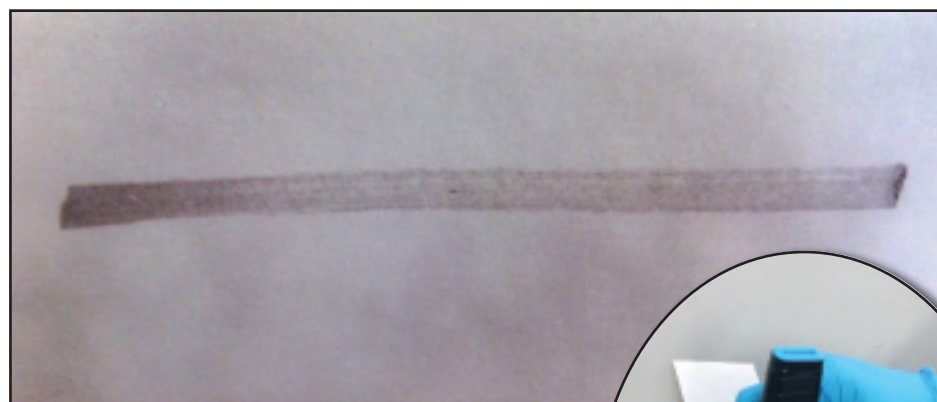
"The key to unlocking most crimes lies in intelligence from our communities, so we wanted a system

where people could feed back. It allows us to hone in on identified groups such as retailers, people living in a certain street, or farmers for instance and give them messages most relevant to them."

Police and Crime Commissioner Barry Coppinger said: "Cleveland Connected will be a network of people who care about Teesside, their homes and their communities and who want to help police to keep them safe from crime.

"Detectives often say that it's the slightest bit of information which can have the biggest impact in an investigation and Cleveland Connected is a brilliant portal for people to provide this information and intelligence. I want this to be the biggest virtual crime fighting network in the north east."

# Bond's latest gadget: The 'magic' marker pen



Images show the 'magic' marker pen in action.

Picture credit: University of Leicester



**A** crime-fighting 'magic' marker pen that can identify the hidden properties of receipts containing fingerprint deposits within a matter of seconds is one of many innovative gadgets developed by scientists at the University of Leicester that was demonstrated at the Knowledge Transfer Network's (KTN) 'Applications of Forensic Science Research and Development Technology Showcase 2014' event on Wednesday 8 October in London.

The pen, which has been developed by Dr John Bond OBE from the University's Department of Criminology, provides forensic experts, police and criminal investigators with an easy-to-use method of determining whether a receipt, such as those from petrol stations, supermarkets and ATMs, is printed on thermal paper.

The pen works by initiating a chemical reaction on the paper that changes its colour if it is thermal.

Once identified as thermal paper, another gadget which Bond showed at the event comes into play - a specially designed light source for identifying fingerprints on thermal paper that can be used to catch criminals by the paperwork they have

been touching.

Dr Bond explained: "The 'magic' marker pen works by impregnating the paper with a small amount of a chemical that I discovered will react with the dye, changing its colour. This chemical is mixed with others in the marker to provide a viscous liquid, ideally suited for application with a marker-type pen.

"The idea is that a small corner of the receipt could be marked with the pen and if it changes colour it is thermal paper. Touching a small corner of the receipt will minimise the potential destruction of any fingerprints on the paper, helping to retain forensic evidence. The pen-like shape of the device will be handy to have in the pocket for technicians to apply as and when it is needed."

The conventional method of treating non-thermal paper turns thermal paper black, obliterating any fingerprints in the process, which cannot be undone. The pen allows for paper to be quickly identified, which will be useful in criminal investigations when extracting fingerprints from a variety of paper documents is necessary.

Both technologies were demonstrated at the prestigious KTN event, supported by the Home Office Centre for Applied Science and Technology (CAST) and

Innovate UK, which strives to take new ideas and concepts to market.

Dr Julie Pratt from the University's Enterprise and Business Development Office said: "Dr Bond has the knack of identifying problems that have impeded the efficient identification and visualisation of latent fingerprints and then develops simple, low cost, rapid and robust solutions, ideal for implementation by forensic technicians. These solutions are ready to go and Leicester is looking for a licensing partner to manufacture and sell the products."

Dr Bond added: "It is very prestigious for the University of Leicester to be represented at events like this that showcase innovation and, in this instance, forensic innovation.

"Enabling the police service to make use of advances in technology is very important in helping to solve and reduce crime and I'm proud that our work is recognised in this way by the Forensic Science Special Interest Group at Innovate UK."



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# Poll finds millions open to scams

**T**he BBA is launching a fraud awareness campaign as YouGov polling reveals that millions of people in Great Britain are unwittingly leaving themselves vulnerable to scams perpetrated by fraudsters posing as their bank.

The poll assessed customers' responses to some of the common tactics used by criminals, over the phone, via email or via text. Based on the answers, the BBA calculates that people all over the country could fall foul of the most prevalent frauds around:

- 8 million vulnerable to "vishing" or voice phishing
- 4 million might transfer money into another supposed "safe" account if instructed
- 3 million could be willing to carry out "test transactions" online
- 1.7 million would pass their bank card over to a courier on their doorstep if they carried some form of ID card

To counter this, the UK retail banks - with the support of law enforcement bodies, including the City of London Police and the National Crime Agency - have produced a new leaflet and are launching an awareness drive called Know Fraud, No Fraud in order to help their customers spot the difference between a legitimate call and a call from a fraudster.

The leaflet includes eight things your bank would never ask you (but a fraudster might), advice on how to avoid becoming a victim and instructions on what to do if you do get caught out. It will be available across the country in bank branches and police stations and also on the Know Fraud, No Fraud website - [www.knowfraud.co.uk](http://www.knowfraud.co.uk).

**The leaflet sets out eight things your bank will NEVER ask you to do:**

- Ask for your full PIN number or any online banking passwords over the phone or via email
- Send someone to your home to collect cash, bank cards or anything else
- Ask you to email or text personal or banking information
- Send an email with a link to a page which asks you to enter your online banking log-in details
- Ask you to authorise the transfer of funds to a new account or hand over cash
- Call to advise you to buy diamonds, land or other commodities
- Ask you to carry out a test transaction online
- Provide banking services through any mobile apps other than the bank's official apps

City of London Police Commander Steve Head, who is the Police National Coordinator for Economic Crime, said: "Fraud and cyber-crime is costing the UK tens of billions of pounds each year, causing significant damage to big businesses, destroying smaller businesses and ruining many individual lives. Criminals are also exploiting the technological and internet revolution to target people of all ages and from all walks of life with ever more sophisticated and convincing scams, increasingly delivered directly into the home via

telephone, mobiles, laptops and tablets.

"The key to creating a safer society and stopping the fraudsters in their tracks is law enforcement working in close collaboration with government and the public and private sector to raise awareness of current and future threats and to disrupt and dismantle the networks and enablers that are facilitating much of this criminality. The BBA's campaign to flag up the most prevalent scams against

bank customers and to provide advice on how to avoid becoming the next victim is another important step in the right direction and is fully supported by the City of London Police, in its role as the National Policing Lead for Fraud."

Anthony Browne, Chief Executive of the BBA said: "Being defrauded is a devastating experience for anyone which is why we are launching this campaign. The more people know about fraud, the

less likely they are to become victims."

Nigel Kirby, Deputy Director of the Economic Crime Command, said: "Prevention is vitally important in the UK's fight to cut fraud and the NCA fully supports this campaign which gives people the information they need to protect themselves. If you are familiar with the ways that criminals try to scam you, then you are far less likely to become a victim of the fraudsters"



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# New Chief Inspector

**A** new Chief Inspector has started in North Herts who is responsible for leading policing in the district.

Chief Inspector Julie Wheatley, who lives in Letchworth, is passionate about North Herts and making a difference in the area.

Julie began her policing career in North Herts in 1990 and, after spending her initial two years on the beat in Stevenage, she progressed onto becoming a Detective investigating crimes in the town.

In 1995, Julie was promoted to Sergeant and moved onto Stevenage's Safer Neighbourhood Team.

After she was promoted to Inspector in 2000, Julie performed a number of roles including leading the Hitchin Intervention team (999 emergency response) for six

months. Julie then moved onto the Resource Management Unit, where she was involved in how police officers are deployed in Hertfordshire and later returned to North Herts to head up the Hitchin Safer Neighbourhood Team.

In 2008, Julie was promoted to Chief Inspector where she was involved in the tasking and coordination of police officers in response to priority crime and criminals.

Julie moved onto Offender Management in 2009 which saw her working to reduce crime through dealing with the county's most prolific offenders. As part of this role, Julie also took on the important issue of tackling hate crime. This involved raising public awareness of this form of offence and encouraging victims to report incidents to police - something



Chief Inspector Julie Wheatley

she still feels passionate about today.

Speaking about her new position, Julie said: "I am so delighted to be taking on the role of CSP Chief Inspector for North Herts. I've not only had the good fortune to have worked in the area in a variety of roles throughout my career, I have also lived here for a number of years and feel extremely proud to now be leading policing in the area."

# PC gets gold for Glossop

**A** Glossop officer brings home a trophy and medals after securing a gold and bronze placing at this year's national police judo championships.

PC Julian Gallagher, from the Glossop Safer Neighbourhood Team, competed in three categories to represent Derbyshire at the PSUK Judo Championships.

PC Gallagher fought his way through the competition and picked up a gold medal in the 100kg veterans category and a bronze medal in the over 90kg masters category.

The competition, which was hosted by Police Scotland,

took place at Tulliallan Castle in Kincardine, Fife.

Judo is a full contact martial art in which two judokas try to throw or takedown their opponent, immobilising them with a pin or forcing them to submit with a joint lock or choke.

PC Julian Gallagher from the Glossop Town Safer Neighbourhood Team said: "I have been representing the force in national competitions since 2002, so to bring back gold and bronze medals is an achievement which I am very proud of.

"It was a challenging competition but a great opportunity to put Derbyshire



PC Julian Gallagher with his trophy and medals

Constabulary on the map.

"I have been taking part in the sport since the age of 16, training at various judo clubs including, Glossop and Wilmslow, and at present I train at the Holme Valley Judo Club in West Yorkshire.

"I hope to compete in the 2015 championships which are set to be hosted by the Metropolitan Police Service in the area of High Wycombe."

# New DCC for Cumbria

**C**hief Constable Jerry Graham announced last month that Assistant Chief Constable Michelle Skeer who has been undertaking the role of Temporary Deputy Chief Constable since 1st August, is now the new Deputy Chief Constable of Cumbria Constabulary.

Chief Constable Jerry Graham: "I am pleased to announce that Michelle Skeer

has been appointed permanently to the role of Deputy Chief Constable.

"She has a strong understanding of Cumbria and a thorough knowledge of policing gained during her 24 years that she has served with Cumbria Constabulary. I am confident that she will provide continuity and stability at this difficult and challenging time and I look forward to continuing to work closely together."

T/DCC Michelle Skeer

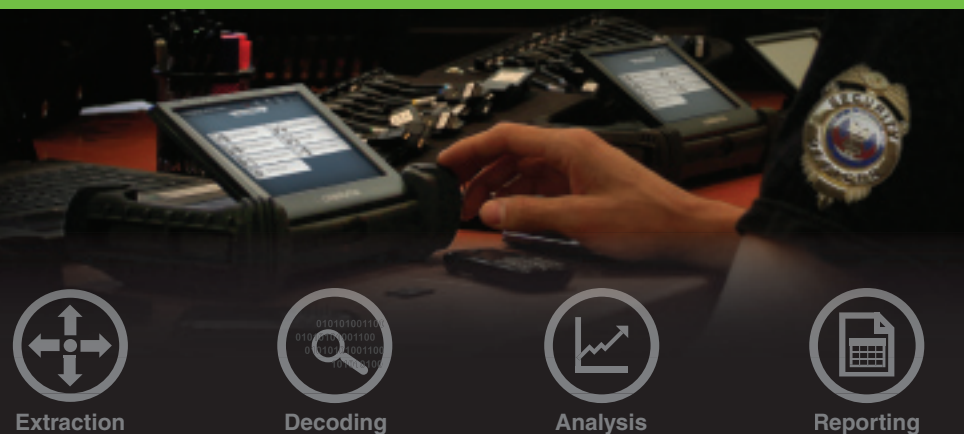


New Deputy Chief Constable Michelle Skeer

commented: "I am absolutely delighted to be appointed as the Deputy Chief Constable for Cumbria Constabulary. I am proud to continue to serve the communities in Cumbria and I am committed to working hard during these difficult times."

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# Force unveils new police marine boat

**D**orset Police unveiled its new marine boat last month- thanks to sponsorship from Humber RIBS.

The boat will be used by officers from the Marine Section, which is staffed by two police constables, assisted by specially-trained officers from across the Force.

It has been named 'Flare' by 12-year-old local Sea Scout Finlay Webb who won a naming competition offered to the 1st Lilliput scouting group.

Flare can seat up to four people, with the capability to carry a total of eight, and replaces the Force's existing marine boat, which was no longer fit for purpose.

Humber RIBS have sponsored the craft and provided it to Dorset Police at a significantly reduced rate. The company is one of the market leaders in the production of high-quality and highly capable RIBS that meet the demand of Dorset's challenging waters.

The craft is a Humber Ocean Pro 7.5m ACPO-coded RIB and is powered by twin counter rotating 140 Suzuki engines that encompasses Lean Burn Fuel Control, which will reduce the Force's fuel usage and carbon footprint.

Dorset Police engaged with a number of other specialist suppliers who have provided equipment at a discounted rate as part of their commitment to support policing in the county.

Raymarine supplied the advanced navigation and electronic systems and Scot Seats provided the shock mitigation seating, which can be adjusted to suit individual officers.

The Marine Section is based at Poole Quay and is responsible for policing the 89-miles of coastline in Dorset out to the territorial limit of 12 miles. This includes the busy and popular Weymouth and Christchurch harbours, the smaller fishing ports of West Bay, Lyme Regis and Swanage and the World's second largest natural harbour at Poole.

The work carried out by the section is specialised and hugely diverse, and includes crime prevention patrols, responding to incidents on the water, searching for missing people, body recovery and boarding vessels with fisheries and ports officers.

Inspector Neil Leat, of the Marine Section, said: "We are delighted to have a sponsor like Humber RIBS who have provided us with a state-of-the-art craft which will enable us to continue to provide a visible presence on the water and help to protect our marine community."

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill said: "This new boat will boost Dorset Police's marine capability and will protect the interests of maritime communities. It will allow officers to provide a visible presence on the Dorset coast and will contribute to the prevention of crime."

"I am proud that the marine policing element of policing has been preserved since my election."

Paul Chick MBE, head of transport services for Dorset Police, said: "Without the collaborative working between all parties we would not have had the budget to procure this fabulous craft that fully meets the needs of our marine section and ultimately the public we serve."



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# Learning Curve

Time to Study? Looking to enhance your career or ready for a new challenge then this month's Learning Curve pages make essential reading

## Talking Blues

**T**his month we spoke to former police officer and founder of Talking Blues John McTaggart which launched in 2001. Mr McTaggart explains to readers how the assessment preparation company was launched and why it has been so successful.

John McTaggart writes...

A colleague and I noted the fact that like most police officers, we were always being asked how people could join. Often, we would sit down and gab for half an hour about the process.

We soon realised that

there was a demand for a professional, structured, accessible, interesting and understandable method of approaching the selection exercises. We abandoned the old idea of one presenter talking to a big room of students, with little chance for student practice.

We invested in professionally printed materials, and decided that although the course would be a long day, everyone would get the chance to be the role actor in two different role plays, as well as being able to work on their individual interview answers.

Our company Talking Blues built on our experiences of relating real life policing skills to the selection process. Most policing situations can be dealt with through a series of procedures (there is even a national police decision making model of course), and our unique selling point was that by using a heavily interactive teaching style, with simple to understand and follow methods, combined with a bit of personality and humour, we could help people pass.

Today, Talking Blues have trained thousands of people to get into the service. We have a best-selling book on passing the police recruitment process, and remain the largest provider of assessment centre training courses in the country.

Even if you are a Special Constable or a PCSO, who could be forgiven for thinking you know what the process requires, we would ask "If that is so, why do all of you know a special or PCSO who would make a great police officer who failed?"

We now offer the Certificate of Knowledge in Policing, delivered nationally by our professional training partners, who are approved by the College of Policing. The CKP typically involves study of a number of modules on basic policing issues, followed by an assessment on how those modules would apply to typical policing scenarios. Some forces, such as the Met, require perspective applicants to achieve this qualification prior to joining.

We are able to provide courses over a variety of locations and time scales.

There are a number of companies offering the CKP of course. But a CKP by itself is worthless. It buys you a ticket to enter the recruitment process (without guaranteeing you will be able to

do so!). The CKP is in effect a step on a journey, the end of which is a letter from your chosen force telling you that you have passed the recruitment process. What makes us different however is that we do not just provide the CKP, but instead link it to our assessment preparation day, as well as offering a workshop

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## International police training

**D**ozens of officers from 10 countries around the world have taken up leadership training at the College of Policing.

The world renowned International Leadership Programme attracted officers from as far afield as Singapore, Canada and Botswana who arrived at the College to gain the expertise of UK officers.

The training is aimed at middle managers in policing, law enforcement agencies and the broader criminal justice system and examines UK Policing as a vehicle to build leadership and management skills.

The 25 international officers visited police in Gwent and South Wales to get a rounded view of how British policing works in practice.

They met with senior man-

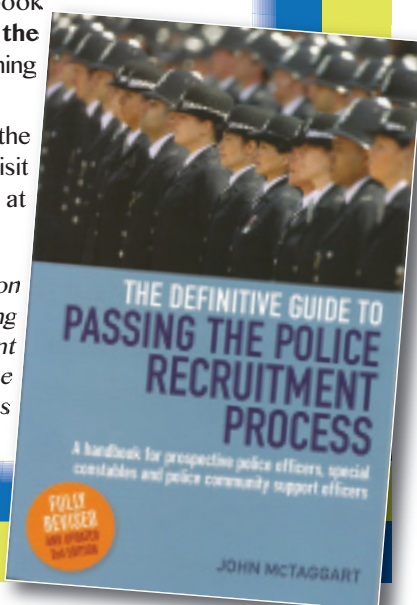
## Joining the Police?

Depending on your force, to join the police as a regular officer you will need to undertake the national assessment day, and achieve a Certificate in Knowledge Policing. Talking Blues have helped thousands of people join the police for over ten years. Our national, one day courses teach you how to pass your assessment centre. We also have a number of options to get you your CKP quickly.

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agement to understand the big issues in those forces, and the strategic approach being taken to deal with them. Visits were paid to control rooms and departments including counter terrorism and professional standards.

They were also given a presentation on how the media can play a role in assisting police.

The eight-week course required officers to arrive at the College with a change issue they are wrestling with in their own force to develop potential solutions as part of the coursework.

Some officers chose to spend time shadowing a district commander, and others took a detailed look at a police forensics lab.

Officers have come to the College from countries including Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, China, Oman, Bahrain and Indonesia.

Director of open programmes at the College of Policing, Simon Stevenson, said: "We believe we have one of the best police services in the world and the

high demand for our course suggests we are viewed the same way internationally.

"The course develops officers and those within the criminal justice system into leaders and builds excellent relations internationally.

"Many of the officers we trained in the past are now in very senior positions in policing around the world and it is encouraging to see they continue to value the perspective British policing has to offer."

Some of the main areas the course focuses on include the structure of UK policing, crime scene management, counter terrorism and international organised crime.

International leadership courses for police have been running in the UK for more than 40 years.

They began in the 1970s and now include training of officers from almost 100 countries.

The course is run twice a year, with the next one due to start in April 2015 and the cost of the course is met by the officer's home force or Government.

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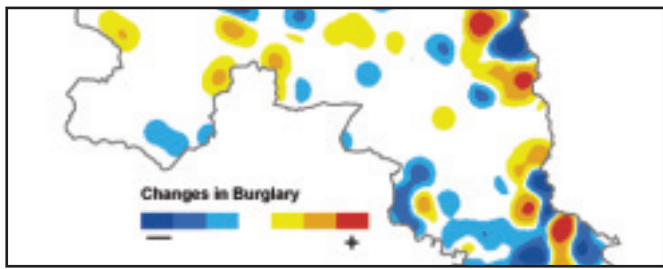
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# Scholarships on offer



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UCL's Department of Security and Crime Science is home to some of the UK's premier courses in crime and security including the MSc in Crime and Forensic Science, the MSc in Crime Science and the MSc in Countering Organised Crime and Terrorism.

Professor Richard Wortley, head of the department, explains what makes the course so distinct: "Our courses reflect our commitment to world leading research in security and crime prevention and detection.

We embed knowledge from our work into our courses. We also have years of experience working with police forces and an understanding of the needs of operational policing. For instance, we are one of the leading trainers of police and crime analysts. We train officers as far afield as Uruguay and will shortly begin a three-year training programme with senior Indian police officers. Our research covers many areas of keen interest to policing. We run the £1.3m What Works in Crime Reduction project with the UK College of Policing seeking to rate the effectiveness of crime interventions and to develop an evidence-based approach for police professionals and the

€3m PRIME project looking at lone actor terrorism. By using the latest knowledge we seek to train a new generation of people to draw on a range of scientific disciplines to tackle crime issues. Our courses pay equal attention to fundamental questions, such as the causes of crime, and to applied concerns, such as how do we use this knowledge to prevent these crimes on the ground. That emphasis on problem-solving explains why our courses are the first of their kind to be hosted in an engineering faculty. It also explains why the courses suit equally students with no prior background in security as well as practitioners with several years of experience."

By the end of the programme, graduates can set out on various career paths, such as research, crime analysis, policy-making, and of course public sector careers in law enforcement, defence and security agencies.

Students have the opportu-

nity to specialise in one area or another by way of their dissertations, which are often work-related. For example on the MSc in Countering Organised Crime and Terrorism projects have included: "Investigating Human Trafficking in the Off-Street Sex Industry in Bristol"; "Assessing the Strategic Efficiency of Leadership Decapitation in Countering Terrorism" and "Paedophile Use of Online Forums on the Hidden Internet." On the MSc in Crime and Forensic Science, projects have included "Persistence of DNA from bodily fluids within the context of internal child sex trafficking investigations" and "Can Forensic Transferable Markers be used to track criminal contacts via secondary transfer?"

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2009) 75% of the department's research activity was judged to be internationally excellent or world leading, placing the department joint second in the UK in the relevant unit of assessment. The department is based at University College London, ranked 5th best university in the world in the 2014/15 QS World University Rankings.

## Eyewitnesses under the spotlight

**A study into the effectiveness of eyewitness identification procedures involving the University of Leicester could change the way US law enforcement gathers evidence.**

University of Leicester psychologist Dr Heather Flowe and her collaborators have carried out hundreds of mock police line-ups to determine the most successful procedure.

Inaccurate identification can lead to the prosecution of the

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innocent while the guilty go free, according to a team of experts studying the accuracy of eyewitness reports.

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS), a non-profit scientific advisory organisation, based in Washington, USA, has released a report on strengthening the value of eyewitness evidence.

The report was based on scientific evidence gathered by numerous sources including a paper co-authored by Dr Heather Flowe, from the University of Leicester's School of Psychology.

Her study, 'Receiver Operating Characteristics Analysis of Eyewitness Memory: Comparing the Diagnostic Accuracy of Simultaneous Versus Sequential Lineups', was used for its recommendations concerning lineup presentation procedures.

And it played a pivotal role in the NAS report, titled, 'Identifying the Culprit', which focuses on methods to improve the way in which police officers collect reports from witnesses, strengthen the value of eyewitness reports in court, and improve the scientific foundation underpinning eyewitness identification.

Dr Flowe worked with Dr Laura Mickes (Royal Holloway University of London) and Professor John Wixted (University of California, San Diego), to determine whether police lineups were more successful at obtaining ac-

curate results if the lineup members were viewed simultaneously (as a group) or sequentially (one-by-one).

Using a technique known as Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC), they concluded that the simultaneous procedure was better at discriminating between the guilty and the innocent.

Dr Flowe said: "For decades, research suggested that sequential procedures reduced innocent suspect identifications, without having an appreciable effect on the rate at which the guilty are identified. This resulted in many jurisdictions in the US adopting sequential procedures. However, we showed in our paper that this previous research was using the wrong performance metric. Simultaneous procedures may actually be better."

Dr Flowe and the team carried out hundreds of staged lineups in an attempt to determine which method - group or singular - yielded the most accurate results.

Dr Flowe said: "We carried out our work with participant witnesses in California, and then we replicated it, recruiting participant witnesses online throughout the world.

"They watched a crime simulation, and then attempted to identify the culprit from a lineup. We varied whether or not the perpetrator was actually present in the lineup, and whether the lineup was simultaneous

or sequential.

"We found that people were better able to distinguish guilty from innocent suspects in a simultaneous lineup.

"Several labs around the world have replicated our findings. As a consequence of our work, sequential lineups can no longer be recommended.

"The NAS report reflects this dramatic shift in scientific opinion. We also introduced ROC analysis, a new performance metric for evaluating lineup identification performance, and this is rapidly changing how lineup identification researchers conduct their studies."

The NAS has highlighted a number of issues surrounding eyewitness reports based on the ROC paper as well as a number of other sources.

It found that memory is not always a faithful record of eyewitness's experiences and was affected by a number of factors including their emotional state, the environment, and the way the brain processes and stores memories.

Factors such as dim lighting, brief viewing times, large distances, duress, elevated emotion, and the presence of distracting elements such as weapons all play a part in how the witnesses interpret the crime.

The study also explains that the way the brain stores information can also affect the accuracy of the witness's memories.

It said that human memories are

ever changing - forgotten, reconstructed, updated and distorted.

Therefore, caution must be taken when relying on eyewitness identifications court.

Dr Flowe said: "Our research underscores the usefulness of asking eyewitnesses to evaluate their identification confidence at the time of the identification.

"Confidence is a valuable measure of how good an eyewitness' identification is, but only if it is measured at the time of the identification. Eyewitness confidence is not a good index of an eyewitness' memory strength if it is taken after the fact.

"The confidence we have in the accuracy of our memories is malleable. It can be shaped by social influences."

Speaking at a NAS conference in October, Professor Thomas Albright, director the Vision Centre Laboratory at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, in California, said: "Inaccurate identification may lead to the prosecution of innocent people while the guilty roam free.

"It is therefore crucial for our system of justice that we follow eyewitness identification procedures that achieve maximum accuracy and reliability."

The study also identified a number of other variables which affect eyewitness reports during crimes, such as the way police officers go about ob-

taining the eyewitness reports.

Prof Albright said that there was insufficient training for law enforcement officers when it comes to obtaining reports.

He suggested five main improvements that police and other law enforcement personnel should follow when obtaining the witness statements.

**1** Provide personnel with training about vision and memory and the variables that affect them. For example, training which minimises the contamination of eyewitness memory - asking opened rather than leading questions.

**2** Officers involved in the case should not be involved in the organisation of the lineup and should not know the placement of the subject (criminal). Meaning they cannot inadvertently influence the witness.

**3** Create a standard set of easily understandable instructions used for engaging a witness in an ID procedure. For example, telling the eyewitness that the perpetrator may or may not be in the lineup.

**4** Officers should document the level of confidence of the eyewitness when he or she identifies the suspect. Prof Albright said that expressions of confidence which take place in the courtroom often deviate substantially from the lineup itself.

**5** Eyewitness procedures should be videoed and kept as a permanent record of the identification.

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# Police Scotland launches national SmartWater project



**A** Police Scotland project that produced a 53% reduction in domestic housebreaking by using SmartWater technology and tactics has been extended across the country, potentially benefiting homeowners and businesses across Scotland.

As part of the national project, around 4,000 domestic properties throughout Pollok-

shields, Rutherglen, Torry, Gullane, the Duddingston area of Edinburgh and the Stirling West area will be provided with SmartWater traceable liquid packs to protect their personal possessions.

Tactics aimed at deterring criminal activity are also being implemented, including searches for SmartWater within police station custody suites and at second hand outlets, which will make it more difficult for

thieves attempting to sell on SmartWater-marked stolen goods. This is also being supported by a national media campaign.

These activities will generate significant awareness of the SmartWater brand amongst criminals, creating a powerful deterrent that will not only benefit homeowners, but also local businesses that are using SmartWater.

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Within a commercial environment SmartWater can be used to protect everything from IT equipment through to metal infrastructure. It has a proven track record for helping businesses to reduce theft-related losses, protecting both their service delivery and profitability whilst minimising downtime and repairs that are frequent by-products of criminal victimisation.

In addition, SmartWater will work closely with its clients to help them identify any vulnerabilities and maximise their security spend, thereby helping them to achieve significant return on their investment. This is already benefiting major national businesses including Network Rail, Openreach (a BT Group Business), G4S and National Grid.

SmartWater Chief Executive Phil Cleary, said: "This is the

first time that SmartWater has been rolled out on a national scale. We are committed to working in close partnership with Police Scotland to suppress crime by heightening criminal awareness of SmartWater and the threat it poses to their livelihood."

"There is compelling evidence, both academically and operationally that the SmartWater brand is a very powerful deterrent. The 53% reduction in housebreaking achieved during the Edinburgh pilot demonstrated this to Police Scotland and we have seen similar results in other areas of the UK."

Research carried out by Perpetuity Research Group Ltd, spearheaded by criminologist Professor Martin Gill, has further demonstrated the power of the SmartWater brand. The research involved

the interviewing of over 100 criminals and found that 91% of those interviewed were aware of SmartWater and able to describe how it worked. Furthermore, 74% of those interviewed said they would abandon plans to break into a building if a SmartWater warning label was on display.

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# Body Worn Video starts a Workflow- Are you prepared?

**B**ody worn video is not new. It was first adopted by UK policing in 2005 but is now a subject attracting a great deal of interest. This is due in part to a number of recent high profile incidents, to the government's proposed visions of digital courts and paperless policing aims. The recent awards from the police innovation fund are enabling forces to accelerate the deployment of this technology. However it is important to acknowledge that capturing what you see with body worn video is just the tip of an iceberg. How will you deal with the challenge that the workflow and large data volumes associated with digital evidence presents?

Simply equipping officers with body worn video (BWV) does not represent digital policing- 10 officers recording 6-9 videos per shift will in 1 year create 10TB of data - that's 2,179 DVDs. A UK force is allowing an officer an hour daily to extract data from BWV- that's 30hrs a month, 360 hours a year. These facts raise efficiency and scalability concerns and further reinforce the importance of having a digital evidence management solution to compliment body worn cameras. Information Commissioner's Office's recent publication rightly recognised that BWV cameras are a part of a larger workflow of information. TASER's Evidence.com is the solution to management of the big workflow associated with BWV.

Earlier this year, the world witnessed Metropolitan Police launching the world's largest urban pilot by rolling out 500 TASER body cameras to 10 London boroughs and 500 TASER head cams to firearms and public order officers. The Metropolitan Police are sensibly complimenting the use of TASER's cameras with Evidence.com, hence officers are simply docking their cameras at the end of their shift where the footage automatically uploads to Evidence.com and the camera is fully charged for the next day shift. This highlights the benefit of efficiency resulted by automation.

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## New mini COFDM transmitter for body worn and mobile surveillance applications from MEL Secure Systems

**M**EL Secure Systems, the leading developer of surveillance and security solutions, has launched Ranger Mini, a new and compact COFDM H.264 digital video transmitter.

It supports high quality, real-time video monitoring and recording applications for

body worn, mobile and temporary CCTV applications and delivers images at distances of up to 1 km in non-line-of-sight urban environments. In line-of-sight environments, a range of 15km has also been achieved. Ranger Mini is designed to meet the needs of users in a wide range of law enforcement, security and military applications.

Ranger Mini provides class-leading performance and uses ultra-narrowband to provide exceptional range and video quality in high multipath environments regardless of line-of-sight as well as enabling users to co-locate more channels in the increasingly crowded RF spectrum. It is available in a wide range of frequencies including 1.3, 2.4 and 5.8 GHz while bandwidth is available in 1, 2, 4 and 8 MHz. Built-in AES 128/256-bit encryption ensures that the highest security standards are maintained.

Optional receiver kits include an LCD monitor and integrated DVR and enable high quality, interference free images to be received from up to four cameras simultaneously. Standalone receivers have diversity aerials as standard.

According to MEL Secure Systems: "This new mini COFDM transmitter simplifies the process of deploying body worn cameras and meets the performance requirements for a wide range of surveillance applications. The compact size of the unit also allows it to be used to provide clear images from the new generation of commercial and military drones."

The dimensions are 86mm x 56mm x 25mm.



Ranger Mini, a new and compact COFDM H.264 digital video transmitter

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MEL Secure Systems Ltd is one of the UK's leading developers of surveillance and security solutions. It offers a range of standard products as well as a bespoke design and build service to suit individual applications. An in-house design and development philosophy provides MEL with an unprecedented lead in new product design and very short turnaround time to market. MEL solutions are used by CCTV installers and are available through many of the major CCTV distributors, whilst the more specialised equipment is used by government agencies throughout the world.

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# Senior Citizen Liaison Team wins national award

**A** team of Avon and Somerset Constabulary police officers, staff and volunteers who dedicate their free time to helping the elderly feel safe and avoid becoming victims of crime has

won a national award.

The Senior Citizen Liaison Team (SCLT) was presented with the 'Understanding and Engaging with Communities Award' at the 2014 Civil Service Diversity and Equality Awards in London.



Civil Service SCLT Trustee, PC Roger Ibrahim (centre), receives the trophy from the recently retired Civil Service Diversity Lead, Sir Paul Jenkins, watched by Sir Simon Frazer the current Civil Service Diversity Champion Diversity Champion

Since 2009, the SCLT has provided one on one support to elderly victims of doorstep crime and vulnerable adults considered at high risk of becoming victims. This ranges from a free personal safety pack to regular telephone contact and befriending work to support rehabilitation.

It also delivers regular presentations at community groups for elderly people

about topics including doorstep crime, home and personal safety.

In 2012, trustee PC Roger Ibrahim, whose day job is a response officer based at Broadbury Road Police Station, formed the SCLT Outreach Team. He works with diverse elderly communities across Avon and Somerset who may not otherwise benefit from the service's advice and support

due to language or cultural differences.

PC Ibrahim travelled to the Ministry of Justice headquarters to collect the award on behalf of the SCLT. He said: "This award feels like a real pat on the back from the judging panel and hopefully all our volunteers will appreciate the recognition this brings for all the sacrifices and effort that they put into their on-going de-

votion to keeping older adults safe.

"I really want to recognise, too, the support from our sponsors like the Ahmadiyyan Muslim Association and the Somerset Community Foundation. Without them, we would not be able to carry out the vital volunteering work - so, a huge thanks goes out to all our supporters, who really do share in this fantastic accolade."

## Scheme co-ordinators praised

**T**wo watch scheme co-ordinators from Mid Suffolk have been praised by police at the National Farmers Union (NFU) Mutual East of England Country Crime Fighters Awards Ceremony.

The awards ceremony took place on Thursday 9 October at the Saddlers Hall in London. Although the Eastern Regional Countryside Watch, Suffolk was applauded for its efforts. Peter Beck, Network Chair for the Botesdale and Rickinghall Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Group was also highly commended as runner-up and was presented with a framed certificate by NFU Mutual Chairman, Richard Percy.

Peter Beck, who has been part of the Rickinghall and Botesdale NHW Group for

the past ten years, introduced a 'No Cold Caller Zone' in the Church Meadow area of Rickinghall. The aim was to help safeguard the residents against unsolicited callers, especially older and more vulnerable residents. This has involved ongoing partnership working with Trading Standards, district and parish councils and has canvassed the neighbourhood to gauge public support. He also maintains regular contact with his local officers, organises regular meetings, writes regular reports in the local parish magazine and circulates crime prevention newsletters to scheme members such as details of any current 'scams'.

Peter Dixon, Mid-Suffolk North FarmWatch Co-ordinator, has been in his role for over five years. During that time he has served as a conduit between the police and the



(l-r) NFU Mutual Chairman Richard Percy, Peter Beck from Rickinghall and Botesdale Neighbourhood Watch and Simon Prince, Chief Constable of Dyfed Powys police

farming community to exchange vital information, has helped by circulating details of stolen tractors, plant equipment and similar machinery as well as alerting members to emerging crime trends. Having lived and worked in Mid-Suffolk all his life, his geographical knowledge and multiple contacts within the farming com-

munity have made him an ideal ambassador.

Both men were nominated by the Mid-Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team on behalf of the communities served by the nominees. As a result, both were short-listed and invited to attend the awards ceremony, dinner and champagne reception.

# Chief honoured by the Queen

**D**urham Police's Chief Constable has received an honour from the Queen.

Mike Barton was named in the Birthday Honours list 2014 and recently collected the Queen's Police Medal at a ceremony in London.

The medal is awarded to police officers for gallantry or distinguished service.

Mr Barton said: "I'm immensely proud to have served the communities of Lancashire and County Durham and Darlington for over 34 years now. Police officers don't join the serv-

ice for public accolades - they are motivated because they want to make a difference. Of course, I take tremendous personal pride in being recognised by our Queen, but I am humbled because it wouldn't have happened without the fantastic support I've had from my family and colleagues. I would like to think the award is a massive vote of confidence for Durham Constabulary."

The Chief Constable has served in most ranks in both uniform and detective roles.

He served 28 years in Lancashire, starting as a beat officer on Blackpool promenade in 1980.

He joined Durham Constabulary in June 2008 as Assistant Chief Constable, was promoted to Deputy Chief Constable in September 2009 and then to Chief Constable in February 2013.

Mr Barton has led on the regional development of serious crime investigation and Durham is now recognised as a leading exponent of targeting organised crime.



Mike Barton, QPM

# Vehicle crime national award

**O**fficers from the Merseyside Police Matrix Serious Organised Crime Vehicle Crime and Commercial

Unit are celebrating after scooping a national award for their work in investigating the supply of false number plates on Merseyside.

The award was handed out at the annual conference of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators held at Loughborough University.

In particular, it recognises the work of officers in helping to secure the conviction of a man for fraud and trademark offences in April 2014 after

around 13,000 number plates were dispatched from a property in Southport.

Chief Inspector John Hogan, Matrix Serious Organised Crime Roads Policing Unit, said: "This conviction was the first of its type in the country and was only made possible by hundreds of hours of painstaking enquiries by offi-

cers from the force's Vehicle Crime and Commercial Unit.

"This award recognises their hard work and also reflects our determination to crack down on the supply of false number plates across Merseyside.

"The people who supply them end up facilitating a wide range of serious and or-

ganised criminality and their activities have no place in our communities.

"They may think they won't be caught as they are hiding behind various internet sites but I want to assure people we will be relentless in our efforts to bring them to justice and this award clearly shows that."



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# Fundraising for MNDA



**M**otor Neurone Disease (MND) is a fatal, neurological disease that kills five people in the UK every day. Today there are 5,000 people living with MND in this country.

MND is a fatal, rapidly progressive disease that can affect any adult at any time. It attacks the nerves that control movement; people can still think and feel, but their muscles refuse to work. It can leave people locked in a failing body, unable to move, walk, talk and eventually breathe.

Five people die every day in the UK from MND. Around a

third of those diagnosed die within a year. There are around 5,000 people living with MND in the UK at any one time. There is currently no diagnostic test, no effective treatment and no cure.

The MND Association is the only national organisation in England, Wales and Northern Ireland dedicated to the support of people with MND and everyone who cares for them. They improve care and support for people with MND, their families and carers. The Association also fund and promote research that leads to new understanding and treatments to bring them

closer to a cure.

The organisation have been told by many people living with or affected by MND that fundraising gives them a sense of empowerment. Fundraising can be a fantastic way to involve friends and family in fighting back against MND.

The 2015 Events Diary is packed full of ideas for all ages and abilities; readers can join any one of these events or alternatively organise their own event. There's something for everyone, from runs and walks to tougher challenges in the UK and further afield. If you can't find what you're looking for, just let them know and they'll do

their best to help you make your idea become a reality.

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# Chief's Charity Challenge

**Last month Bedfordshire Police Chief Constable Colette Paul handed over a cheque for £364.06 to the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) after undertaking the Ice Bucket Challenge at Bedfordshire Police Headquarters in August.**

The Chief's challenge - which can still be viewed on YouTube - took place in front of 63 new officers who were taking part in their Passing Out parade. 58 of them had just completed their twenty week training course, while the remainder had joined earlier in the year and were already out on patrol. All the officers will be helping to deliver local policing across the county, bolstering operational capability and strengthening the frontline. An additional 36 recruits have also

just arrived at Kempston Police Headquarters forming part of an on-going recruitment programme.

Chief Constable Paul was one of millions of people across the world who took up the challenge of being doused in ice cold water to raise awareness and funds for MNDA. In the UK a staggering £7 million has been raised for MNDA which will allow the charity to undertake a number of new initiatives and research projects to help sufferers of Motor Neurone Disease.

Speaking about the challenge, Chief Constable Paul said: "I didn't have to think twice when I was nominated to take the Ice Bucket Challenge as it is such a fantastic cause which has taken the world by storm and raised a huge amount of money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

"I was also keen to take part in memory of my friend and former Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service, John McDowall, who died in January 2012 after being diagnosed with the illness in 2008. John was a fantastic police officer, a great friend and a true gentleman who is sorely missed by all those who knew him and had the absolute pleasure of working with him.

"I hope that the contribution made by myself and others from Bedfordshire Police goes a long way in supporting both sufferers of Motor Neurone Disease and their families who also deal with this terrible illness."

Rita Beaumont, North Bedfordshire Group Lead for the MNDA, said: "The Ice Bucket Challenge has raised a fantastic amount of money nationally

for the charity as well as raising the profile of the organisation. The money has meant that new research to find a cure can be carried out while also offering assistance and support to carers and the families of those affected by the illness.

"Locally, donations such as this mean that we can offer group members a number of specialised trips or activities where their needs can be fully catered for. The money kindly raised by Chief Constable Colette Paul is going to be used by our group to pay for an extra special Christmas lunch and we thank everyone who has supported the Ice Bucket Challenge."

**You can watch Chief Constable Paul's Ice Bucket Challenge by visiting <http://youtu.be/U5SGvN6pc> Ak and if you wish to donate to MNDA then please visit their website [www.mndassociation.org](http://www.mndassociation.org) for information on how to do so.**



# Five-a-side charity footy



John Chapman Memorial Shield

**A police charity five-a-side football tournament in Dronfield, Derbyshire has raised more than £800 for Ashgate Hospice in memory of a colleague who died from Cancer last year.**

Ten teams made up of officers from different policing teams, and some family members, from across Chesterfield, North Derbyshire, Bolsover and Amber Valley took part in the

event on Sunday, September 21. It is the third time the tournament has taken place, but this year it was named the John Chapman Memorial Shield, in memory of the late Sergeant John Chapman who sadly passed away in 2013.

The now annual fixture has raised almost £4000 in total for Ashgate Hospice, a charity that provides specialist palliative care for adults and their families across North Derbyshire.

This year the shield was won by a team of officers who work on response and in custody at Chesterfield police station.

PCs Dale Holland and Glenn Holden organised the tournament which took place at the The Akademy Soccer and Leisure Centre in Dronfield.

Each officer taking part paid to play in the matches, and there was also a raffle and charity auction at the event.

PC Holland said: "The tourna-

ment went really well and before kick-off we had a minute long applause in memory of John, who sadly passed away just before last year's event.

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- Competitive interest rates

	APR representative	Monthly repayment	Total amount payable	Extra you pay
<b>PCU Resourcer</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>£121.08</b>	<b>£5,811.84</b>	<b>-</b>
Tesco Bank	12.3%	£129.10	£6,196.80	£384.96
Post Office	14.9%	£135.43	£6,500.64	£688.80
HSBC	18.9%	£145.51	£6,984.48	£1,172.64
Halifax (existing customers only)	18.9%	£145.51	£6,984.48	£1,172.64
Barclays (via Branch existing customers only)	22.9%	£155.98	£7,487.04	£1,675.20

Loan comparisons based on an average PCU unsecured personal loan of £4,875 arranged over 48 months. Competitor information source: Moneyfacts (September 2014). Repayment calculations source: PCU Acumen.



\*Life Insurance is offered subject to conditions including a six month pre-existing limitation. For full terms and conditions about the policy, please contact Police Credit Union or visit the PCU website. Loans subject to status, conditions and credit checks to members aged 18 or over. The Police Credit Union is a member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The Scheme guarantees to pay 100% up to a maximum £85,000 of savings, should the Credit Union fail. The Police Credit Union Ltd is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority & the Prudential Regulation Authority (Registered No 213306). 0845 telephone numbers are charged at local rate for landlines but may attract a premium from mobile phone providers.

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