



**July 2020**

Dear Partners, I would like to introduce myself as new District Commander Karen McManus.

Firstly, I would like to thank Chief Inspector Stuart Ratcliffe for his leadership in Basingstoke. Stuart has now moved to a new role working for our Chief Constable.

I have taken on a very strong team, who work hard with our partners for Basingstoke and I am very excited to be working in Basingstoke again having worked here as a Sergeant and Inspector.

I have been struck by the very strong partnership arrangements and I look forward to continuing that. The community response to COVID 19 remains very supportive and whilst the demonstrations in support of Black Lives Matter have reduced, the spotlight it has given to inequality in our society remains very much at the forefront of my mind as I start my work in Basingstoke.

Last week we executed a successful warrant in Sherborne St John recovering several items suspected of being stolen including a quad bike, a caravan and a number of power tools. We also seized a vehicle suspected of being used in local crime and arrested a male. He has been released under investigation while we continue our enquiries.

I have chaired our planning meeting for the month and the current District Priorities are:

- \* Drug Related Harm, particularly relating to County Lines
- \* Reducing violence amongst children and young people
- \* Reducing rural crime

I would encourage you to share this newsletter amongst your teams and partner colleagues. Please do contact myself or one of the team with any issues or concerns.

**Chief Inspector Karen McManus**  
**District Commander**

# COVID-19 update

We are still in the unprecedented period of working under restrictions to limit the spread of the coronavirus and protect our NHS.

Recently, the government announced further changes to the restrictions which include:

From 11 July:

- People can participate in team and other grassroots sports where the sports governing body has issued guidance on how to do so safely
- Outdoor swimming pools and outdoor water parks can open
- Outdoor performances in front of a live audience and indoor rehearsals can take place in COVID-19 secure venues. Indoor rehearsals and indoor performances for broadcast should only happen where no audience is present
- Smaller-scale indoor performances can be piloted in COVID-19 Secure venues once approved by the government

From 13 July:

- Close contact services, such as nail bars, salons, tanning booths, spas, massage parlours, tattoo parlours and body piercing studios, can open. Only services that do not involve work in the highest risk zone – directly in front of the face – should be made available to clients, in line with government guidance.

From Friday, July 24:

- It will be mandatory for everyone to wear a face covering while inside a shop.

And from 25 July:

- Sports facilities and venues, including such as indoor gyms, fitness and dance studios, indoor swimming pools and indoor water parks, will open – subject to evidence closer to the time.

The pandemic is certainly not over and there is a way still to go. There are lockdown guidelines in place and ongoing challenges for us all. It's the role of us all to look out for those who may be suffering adversity, whether that's violence, abuse or negative influences.

# Domestic Violence



We know that the Covid-19 pandemic has restricted access to face-to-face support for those experiencing domestic abuse but it is vital that these people know that help is still available.

We continue to work closely with our partners and charities in this area to make sure those who need help are getting it and many of these organisations have adapted their services to get support to people while following the current government guidelines.

We continue to running our 'Safe At Home' campaign which also includes beat surgeries at local supermarkets where people can come and have a chat about any concerns they have.

Updated information and contact details for our partners and charities are being shared across our channels to make sure we carry on supporting domestic abuse victims and responding to calls for help during these challenging times.

## Investigation updates

Jury trials in England and Wales have resumed, although changes have taken place in courtrooms to comply with social distancing guidelines.

For up to date information and guidance for all court users, please go to the [HM Courts and Tribunal Service website](#).

In these unprecedented times, it's really important that you and the public see that we are still progressing investigations. We continue to work tirelessly to tackle offenders, protect the vulnerable, and provide reassurance to our communities. Here are just a couple of examples:



Two teenagers have been sent to a Young Offenders' Institution for their part in two public order incidents.

A 15 year old boy and a 16 year old boy were sentenced to a six month Detention & Training Order.

They pleaded guilty to affray. The 16 year old also admitted assaulting a police officer during the incident at the Buckskin Centre, Blackdown Close, on May 25.

They were also sentenced for their part in an incident at Longridge Mill in Sherfield on Loddon, where a 17 year old boy was attacked and had his head "kicked like a football". Both admitted affray in relation to that incident. Others have yet to be dealt with in relation to the Longridge Mill incident.



Officers returned a quad bike to its owner on the same night it was stolen from a farm premises in Ellisfield.

Police were alerted after an alarm sounded at the premises on College Lane after midnight on July 5. The quad bike and an orange and white Stihl chainsaw were stolen from inside a garage and driven away by the suspects.

Officers attended within minutes and tracked the quad to the A339 in Herriard where it had been abandoned by the suspects. The quad was not legally able to be ridden on the roads so an officer manoeuvred it back

across fields to return it to its rightful owner.



Two men were arrested following the theft of medication from a veterinary surgery in Basingstoke.

Two men were hospitalised – believed to be as a result of taking animal drugs. One was discharged but the other, a 51 year old man, remains in hospital, though his condition has stabilised.

The burglary took place overnight between June 29 and 30 in Worting Road, Basingstoke.

The arrested men, a 36 year old and a 47 year old, both from Basingstoke, were arrested on suspicion of burglary and remain under police investigation.



Two men and a woman have been arrested on suspicion of being involved in a conspiracy to supply Class A drugs in Basingstoke.

The three were arrested after officers attended a property in Basingstoke Town Centre on June 26.

The 35 year old woman from Basingstoke and a 23 year old man from South East London were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs.

A 23 year old man from South East London was arrested on suspicion of possessing Class A drugs with intent to supply. All three were released under investigation.

Officers also seized suspected Class A drugs and a quantity of cash.



Two teenagers were arrested following an attempted knifepoint robbery at a Basingstoke store.

The incident occurred at 6.15pm on Saturday, March 15, at the Bhuller store in St Peter's Road.

Both boys were arrested on suspicion of attempted robbery.

A 19 year old from Basingstoke was given conditional bail.

A 17 year old from Basingstoke has been released under investigation.

Police enquiries are ongoing.



A 35 year old Basingstoke woman has been arrested in connection with the supply of Class A drugs.

The woman was arrested at 1.30pm on July 5 in Chineham after being stopped by officers. She was arrested on suspicion of possessing Class A drugs with intent to supply.

A 19 year old man and an 18 year old man from London were also arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs. The 18 year old was also arrested for possessing Class B Cannabis.

All have been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

## Reassuring Basingstoke & Deane



Officers across the town and rural areas continue to get out and about to ensure everyone is kept safe and reassured of our presence.

We continue to maintain our engagement work with key community partners to ascertain at an early stage any likely potential concerns or issues relating to community safety.

**And of course, the public can find us on Facebook as Basingstoke Cops and on Twitter @BasingstokeCops**

Here are just a few examples of how our teams continue to use social media as a great engagement tool:

 **Basingstoke Cops**  
June 15 at 10:53 AM · 🌐

It's great to see some normality resuming in the town. The council, Business Improvement District, businesses, Centre Management and partners have all worked hard to ensure that people can comply with current restrictions, but are still able to go to town. It is very busy though with some long queues already formed. Say hello if you see us about 🙋



 **Basingstoke Cops**  
June 21 at 5:27 PM · 🌐

Your neighbourhood team are out tonight around Basingstoke on their bikes. Happy Father's Day to all of those special people who have special connections and responsibilities enjoy your day too. 🙌🚲



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Basingstoke Cops added a new photo.

June 19 at 5:26 PM · 🌐

Dedicated team have taken nearly £10,000 worth of Class A drugs off Basingstoke's streets in the last six months.

Read more here...

<https://mymsg.eu/9hgt>



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Basingstoke Cops

June 10 · 🌐

PCSO's Debs and James took a few snaps while cycling through Old Basing this evening 📸 it's for The Old Basing Scarecrow Festival 🐝 #Community



Basingstoke Cops added a new photo.

June 15 at 2:26 PM · 🌐

Four men detained by police and dog seized following report of trespassing in field in Whitchurch

<https://mymsg.eu/9fxi>



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Basingstoke Cops

June 13 · 🌐



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# Your Local Contacts

Please feel free to contact your local inspector with any query you may have, or go direct to Chief Inspector Karen McManus via [Karen.McManus@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Karen.McManus@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

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## Don't forget about the Community Partnership Information (CPI) process

As trusted partners we would like to remind you what the form is used for. In its simplest form the aim of the CPI is to provide relevant information to us that you think we should know.

Below are two links to the CPI process and forms:

Modern Day Slavery <http://www.modernslaverypartnership.org.uk/contact-us/>

Schools & Education <https://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/sharing-information/>

When completing the form please try to bear in mind why the information is relevant to us and what we might realistically be able to do with it. Think about our priorities as well as those who could be at risk of harm or associated to vulnerability.

