



THE KINDNESS OF NOTTINGHAM'S STRANGERS

In July, Robin Hood Energy attempted to find the kindest person in Nottingham to champion the local community and local people's effort. They found many great examples but decided [Cibele Alvarenga](#) was a standout champion of Nottingham's kind spirit. Cibele has been reaching out to Nottingham's homeless and organized the recording of a song alongside 38 other musicians to raise funds, in order to help those most in need in Nottingham. [Click here for more](#)



NottsWatch Quarterly Review Meeting, 1 October 2018

AUTUMN – A TIME FOR RENEWAL

The last few months have seen several changes to NottsWatch be proposed and implemented, including a fresh website platform, social media presence and [communications team](#). New faces and fresh ideas, paired with the knowledge and expertise of veteran campaigners and organizers will assuredly help build further community cohesion, lower crime rates and greater support for the Neighbourhood Watch movement. For further updates and to get in touch, find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

AREA SPOTLIGHT – LITTERPICKING IN LADYBROOK

Ladybrook residents came together on Saturday 29th September to take part in a Ladybrook Litter Pick event to clean up parts of the estate that had become unkempt. Organised by Anthony Wharmby, a local young man with a passion for improving the environment on the estate and the lives of Ladybrook residents, the event cleared dozens of bags' worth of rubbish from the area, displaying to the rest of the community how the area ought to look and be treated.

Anthony has established a community group called 'All Rise' with the aim of bringing residents of all ages together to improve the reputation of young people and to reduce loneliness and isolation. If you would like to get involved in this community group, contact Anthony at allrisecommunity@outlook.com

GRASSROOTS PRACTICAL SAFETY, WITH BELLS ON

Pickpocketing in urban areas is a difficult crime to detect as much as it is to prevent. However, in Arnold Iris Hallam decided to tackle both by attaching small bells to valuable items, like purses and handbags, as an early-warning anti-tamper measure.

She began by buying the bells from pet shops, but soon after had hundreds of bells delivered to her by Gedling Borough Council and now gives them to people most at risk of being targeted. Through a little ingenuity and concern for others, Iris believes she has both raised awareness of the danger of pickpocketing and decreased its prevalence in Arnold, thanks to the unintrusive and simple addition.

BONFIRE NIGHT SAFETY

Many people enjoy the festivities of Bonfire night by playing with sparklers, fireworks and the obligatory bonfire itself. All these activities, while fun, carry risks that should be considered prior to lighting any fuses. Nottingham city council in particular has clamped down on shops' incorrect and unsafe storage and sale of fireworks, but proper care should be taken by individuals to ensure secure placement, safe launch space and adequate distance from any lit materials. Thorough guidance [can be found here](#).



Be safe while having fun this bonfire night

NOTTINGHAM SAYS NO TO HATE

National Hate Crime Awareness Week (NHCAW) is an opportunity to raise awareness of hate crime, communicate our commitment to the issue to citizens and affected communities, and to promote cohesion by continuing to develop the narrative of solidarity and 'Nottingham Together'.

This year's NHCAW began on Saturday 13th October and encompassed a range of well-attended workshops, stalls, discussions and meetings across the city, including:

- A screening of the film *Moonlight* at the Nottingham Contemporary, organized by [Communities Inc.](#);
- A leafleting session tackling misogyny hate crime in city centre organized by [Nottingham Women's Centre](#);
- A Disability Hate Crime Awareness discussion ran by [Nottingham Together](#)

And a whole host of other events.

A great deal of the events were well attended by people of all ages, and great discussions on how to combat hate speech and abusive behavior were had. Positive action was focused on, with an emphasis on grassroots, bottom-up organizing and education, rather than relying on punitive measures and law enforcement.

For more information [click here](#), and if you want to be informed of upcoming events please follow our social media links on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY MEETING WITH NATIONAL TEAM

Our Chair, Sue Sambells, represented NottsWatch at the 1 November meeting with our national team, led by NTU's Professor of Quantitative Criminology. The university have undertaken vital research reviewing trends, obstacles, members' and potential members' profiles. One surprising outcome was that 25% of households questioned within a Neighbourhood Watch area said they weren't members because no one had asked them to join!

A CALL TO ACTION FOR STUDENTS

NottsWatch are excited to be working with Nottingham Trent University (NTU) and the University of Nottingham to create a bespoke Student Watch. Our trustee, Lianne Taylor, is taking the lead with this work and contributed to a stakeholder meeting held on 1 November at NTU.

Any students who are interested in joining a Focus Group to develop this concept should contact Eleanor Cosh at NTU or communication@nottswatch.co.uk

STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS

NottsWatch are developing a joint, collaborative Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottinghamshire Police Force to replace the current, independent agreements that we have with them.

Our previous Service Level of Agreement was drafted before the police lost further resource and it became infeasible. All three parties are now seeking to agree achievable actions, while valuing each other's contributions.



The Age Friendly sticker, displayed in shops and businesses across the county

AGE FRIENDLY – STANDING UP FOR OLDER CITIZENS

Nottinghamshire's less mobile, older or unwell citizens should expect to see more support in local businesses and public spaces as Age Friendly roll out their Take A Seat campaign. Local shops who display the We are Age Friendly sticker will offer people the chance to sit down and a warm welcome, with some businesses offering a drink and, if accessible, use of their toilet facilities.

The Take a Seat initiative is part of Age Friendly Nottinghamshire to support older citizens stay mobile, maintain their independence and live fulfilled lives, though it will also seek to help people with chronic illnesses or disabilities to feel less rushed as they move through their day.

Banks, pharmacies, libraries and supermarkets are already displaying their Age Friendly stickers to bring citizens' attention to the campaign (see bottom left of this page) and more businesses across the county are expected to join in the coming months. For more information visit [Nottinghamshire County Council's website](#) as well as [Nottingham City Council's](#) for details of this scheme in city areas.

TECH AND TEA TIME HELPS SPREAD GOOD VIBES

In Beeston's Tesco Family Cafe a friendly and informal social group meets on Mondays at 2pm to talk and work through technical issues they're having with both hardware and software – laptops, phones, tablets and applications with volunteers plus support from the Age Friendly Notts team. This initiative was originally set up by 'Good Vibes' Community group.

Good vibes are a community group whose main aim is to help reduce isolation and improve community spirit by arranging social groups with those most isolated. Started by Georgina Harbottle in 2017 with help and support from Age Friendly, the charity has already brought social events to a number of establishments in the Broxtowe area, and is now looking to work further afield across the whole of Nottingham.

NottsWatch are keen to enable new Tech & Tea groups to be set up throughout the city and county. We hosted a stakeholder meeting in September bringing together representatives from both universities (to provide volunteers), Co-op (venues), Trading Standards (protocols) and Inspire (experience) plus Age Friendly. It was a fruitful meeting at which Inspire believed they had the necessary resource to take the lead. Watch this space....

For more information on the work Good Vibes are doing, [click here](#) or email contact@mygoodvibes.co.uk

NATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT CONFERENCE

Sue Sambells also gave a talk at the National Neighbourhood Alert Conference on Thursday 11th October, which discussed the functionality of the system in place and how best it can be implemented in future. Sue said the following:

“Great to be part of this year’s National Conference and be asked to share how NottsWatch are embracing our national team’s new working model to be more inclusive and diverse, relevant and ambitious through successful co-production with Nottinghamshire agencies, such as Notts County Council’s [Age Friendly Team](#). It was also enlightening to hear about the success that police forces around the country are having in engaging effectively with their communities using the neighbourhood alert tools and a more collaborative approach.”

For further details on the meeting [click here](#), and to watch Sue’s presentation [click here](#).

PILOT SCHEME ADOPTED BY NOTTINGHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

Nottinghamshire has been selected to lead on a national pilot project which aims to improve care for people in the community. Integrating care teams covering Mansfield and South Rushcliffe, which includes County Council social care staff, will pilot health and social care providing more joined up care through:

- more joined-up health and social care assessments and reviews
- personalised support plans to include health and social care outcomes
- integrated personal budgets for adults with social care and health funding.

It is intended the learning from the pilot will be used to inform a future roll out to other Nottinghamshire areas during 2019-20. At the end of 2017/18, 1,700 Nottinghamshire people benefited from the choice and control offered by an integrated personal budget.

GET INVOLVED, GET IN CONTACT

If you have a campaign idea or want to get involved in campaigns already underway but don’t know where to start, NottsWatch has a vast array of resources, expert campaigners and enthusiastic members that would greatly value your support. Contact us!

Resources can be found on our website as well as [Ourwatch](#).

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT

You can receive free security alerts from a range of sources, such as Action Fraud and National Trading Standards as well as local policing alerts regarding crime in your area via the Neighbourhood Alert system that we connect to. Sign up by registering at www.nottswatch.co.uk (if you are not already registered).



Sue Sambells at the National Neighbourhood Alert Conference #AlertConf2018

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This newsletter is part of the relaunching of NottsWatch's quarterly communications. Be sure to sign up to the Neighbourhood Alert service so that you receive the next quarterly newsletter in Spring –

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