

# Update from Surrey Police Chief Constable Nick Ephgrave



June 2017

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*The beginning of the month saw another successful edition of one of our county's biggest events, the Investec Derby Festival at Epsom Racecourse. Ahead of the event, in light of the recent attacks both in the UK and across the world, we reviewed our policing approach, working with the racecourse and our partner agencies to ensure the safety of those attending. I am happy to say the event went smoothly and safely so thank you to those of you who worked with us to make it a safe and enjoyable day.*

*Over the two days we had an increased police presence which included armed officers and I was pleased to hear all the positive feedback from those attending about how reassured they felt by the arrangements we put in place.*

*But, we all have a part to play in tackling the ongoing threat from terrorism, so please continue to encourage your communities to remain vigilant. It is so important, now more than ever, to work together to keep our communities safe.*

*Chief Constable Nick Ephgrave*

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## Engaging with our communities

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Without the support of our local communities our job would be even more challenging, and so we are working hard to understand our communities and the best way to engage with them to ensure we deliver the best possible service. We have recently undertaken a review of our community engagement strategy, looking at what we are doing, if it's working and what we need to do to improve. I look forward to updating you on any activities in your local areas once our plans have developed further.

As I have mentioned before, we are working hard to ensure local communities are kept informed of relevant news and updates from their areas. One way we are doing this is through 'In the Know', an initiative that allows members of the public to sign up and received tailored messaging direct to their email. So far over 7,400 people from across the county have registered for updates which is really positive, but I would like to see this number increase. Please can I ask that you encourage sign up within your communities? You can register at [InTheKnow.Community](#) and select which subjects you'd like to receive updates on. For those of you currently registered we have been working on improving the updates you receive so I hope you notice the difference.

## Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week

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Next month Surrey Police will be supporting Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness week (17-21 July). The week-long campaign will highlight the ongoing work to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the community by the police and our partner agencies. During the week we will be helping residents understand what ASB is, which organisation deals with which type of ASB as well as what can be done locally to tackle issues quickly.

Our teams will be targeting areas where there are known issues, and we will be promoting local projects and the work of Surrey Mediation Services. You'll have seen from previous updates in this bulletin some of the successful work we are doing to tackle these persistent problems.

I know a number of you will be supporting the week, however I would like to encourage you all to show your support by sharing any updates from our Facebook and Twitter accounts. We will be keeping communities up to date with our activities and sharing an online quiz to test people's knowledge.

## Operational updates

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Here are just a few of our operational updates:

- Over the course of the Investec Derby Festival at Epsom Downs Racecourse 12 arrests were made. One arrest on Ladies Day for drunk and disorderly and public order offences, and 11 arrests on Investec Derby Day for public order offences, drug offences and a breach of a dispersal order.
- A 45-year-old man from Guildford has been sentenced to three years and four months in jail after pleading guilty to burglary. The court heard that the man broke into a house in Park Barn, Guildford in December 2016 and stole a gold wrist watch that had significant sentimental value to the victim. A forensic hit on blood found at the scene meant the individual was able to be identified and he handed himself in at Guildford Police Station on 18 January 2017.
- A 54-year-old man from Ashted has been found guilty and sentenced to four years imprisonment for three recent sexual assaults on a girl under the age of 13-years-old. The offences took place throughout 2015 in the Dorking and Ashted areas. This successful outcome was delivered by our specialist dedicated investigation team who are experienced in this area of work, in particular ensuring victims are believed and their confidence gained in order to obtain the best evidence to secure a successful prosecution.
- During June Surrey and Sussex Police have been cracking down on drink and drug driving offences as part of the Force's year-round strategy which targets offending motorists in a bid to prevent collisions and save lives on the roads across the two counties. The campaign, which ran for one month from 1 June, saw officers out on patrol actively looking for driving offences and behaviour behind the wheel which may be due to being under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances.



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