

News from the OPCC

The start of 2020 has been very busy. **The Tommy Coyle Box Clever bus** are now running youth intervention sessions at Sidney Sussex Recreational Ground for 6 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will return again to NEL for a three week session just before the funding is due to end in March.

The **North East Lincolnshire Fraud Form** have also held their second meeting and copies of OPCC funded **Little Book of Big Scams** were handed out to partner agencies to distribute in doctors surgeries and other targeted groups such as Neighbourhood watch to spread the word about ways to avoid becoming a victim of fraud. Humberside Police advised that in the last 5 months of 2019, NEL had 315 victims of fraud that they know of, unfortunately some people do not report on-line fraud or other 'Scams'. Many are too embarrassed to admit that they have been conned, especially if they are members of our older generation. It is important to understand that the fraudsters make millions of pounds out of conning people, they use tried and tested tactics to gain trust and get victims off guard. There is no shame or stigma, it can happen to anyone and the only way to combat it is to be aware take 5 minutes to think and make sure we speak out and make NEL a place where we are too savvy for them to con our communities. More advice can be found on the OPCC website in the 'Little Book of Big Scams' booklet.

Police and Banks will NOT telephone out of the blue to ask you to move money from one account to another. They most certainly will NOT send a courier to collect your bank cards and PIN or any cash. We need to ensure our communities know this.

Also this month there will be some PCC and Home Office funded work on a sequel to the film '**Alfie's Story**' which is a film aimed at young people and shared on social media which highlights how young people can be drawn into being exploited by organised crime groups. You may see film makers working with young actors in the community working on the next phase in the life of 'Alfie' based on the decisions he makes. The previous film has had almost a million views and we are very proud that NEL is where we decided to make the first film and take a stand against child criminal exploitation and better prepare our young people to make better choices.



The Crime Reduction Fund which is a pot of money available to charitable and not for profit groups, still has funding left and the closing date for applications is **27th February**. The purpose of this fund is to prevent crime and enable local groups to develop projects which will reduce crime in their area for the benefit of the community. Application forms are on the Vanel website or you can follow a link on the NEL page of the PCC

Website.

Projects funded by the Crime Reduction Fund in 2019/20 to date are: Addaction, Sidney Sussex Pavilion, YMCA, Fusion Boxing, Emerge Hub, Ghetto Park, Oasis Community Hub and Welholme Works.

Visits to Parish council meetings: Last year I managed to get to most Parish Councils, and this year I will start filling my calendar for visits again. I do this because I as a member of the NEL community and the PCC feel that it is important that the voice of the community is heard at strategic groups and at the Community Safety Partnership Board which is funded through the OPCC. This is also why I regularly ask you to **tell us what your top 3 community safety priorities are and why?**

If you can let me know what safety issues are being raised as a concern in your community I will make sure they are raised at the Community Safety Partnership Board or other strategic meetings as appropriate. If you would like me to attend your parish council meeting please send me an invitation with a couple of dates and I will attend whenever possible.

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To learn more about what we do please visit www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk

CrimeStoppers – Tel: 0800 555111 – web: crimestoppers-uk.org

The OPCC and Humberside Police actively promote the use of Crime Stoppers for passing information on any type of non-urgent criminal activity. Crimestoppers guarantee 100% anonymity always which can be really helpful, particularly in small communities.

Do you have a Town or Parish newsletter?

If you would like the PCC to submit information about the work he is doing for publication in your newsletters please do get in touch and I can arrange for up to date information to be sent through. Also the Humberside PCC website is regularly updated with information about the work of the OPCC <https://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/Home.aspx> and there is a North East Lincolnshire page which I periodically update <https://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/Community/North-East-Lincolnshire.aspx>

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Useful Links:

Community Safety Partnership www.safernel.co.uk/

Crime Reduction Fund: <http://vanel.org.uk/va/projects/csp-crime-reduction-fund/>

Who are your community police team: <https://www.humberside.police.uk/find-my-team#>