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# Newsletter

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## New victims' services launched across West Yorkshire

I was joined by the Victims' Commissioner for England and Wales, Baroness Helen Newlove, to see the vital work being done to ensure victims and witnesses are supported across the county. We attended the Victims' Hub in Wakefield where we met Victim Support staff and volunteers before helping to launch the new victims' services. I awarded £3.6million to Victim Support to continue to provide core support to victims and witnesses for the next three years. As well as the direct service for children and young people, the service is open to victims of all crime types, and also has a web chat facility as well as the hubs, including a new hub in Halifax, meaning that there will soon be one in every district of West Yorkshire. Victims' Hubs, which are drop in and outreach facilities for anyone affected by crime, are already in Bradford, Shipley, Huddersfield, Leeds and Wakefield. For more information on Victim Support call 0300 303 1971, or visit [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk).

[Find out more](#)



## Safeguarding Week

Tackling domestic abuse, mental health, forced marriage and providing awareness on protecting children and victims of human trafficking were some of the topics covered as part of West Yorkshire's Safeguarding Week.

The week ran from 25 June to 1 July, and all the local safeguarding boards and community safety partnerships across the region joined forces with me and West Yorkshire Police to hold workshops and events aimed at informing the public and professionals about how to protect the most vulnerable across the region. Representatives from across all of the organisations also spoke out on social media through short video clips, explaining what safeguarding means to them. Safeguarding remains 'everyone's business' and I was delighted to once again support partners in raising awareness, whether that is a public consultation event, online resources or training for professionals around protecting our most vulnerable.

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## West Yorkshire Policing Awards

New innovations, dedication to frontline policing, bravery and intricate murder investigations are among the achievements which have been honoured at this year's West Yorkshire Police awards. The annual awards ceremony which was held at the Force's Training and Development Centre, at Carr Gate in Wakefield in June, recognised the accolades of police officers, staff, volunteers and members from the Special Constabulary. It's no secret that it is a very challenging time for policing and our officers and staff really are at the forefront of that. They put themselves in harm's way day in day out to keep us all safe, displaying exceptional bravery, professionalism and integrity in the way in which they go about their business. The awards celebrate the best achievements from over the last year and it's testament to the work of West Yorkshire Police that there are so many nominations making it so difficult to choose the winners!

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*Me with Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) of the Year Robert Powell, Assistant Chief Constable Catherine Hankinson and Chief Constable Dee Collins.*

## Three senior West Yorkshire Police officers recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours

West Yorkshire Police Chief Constable Dee Collins is awarded a CBE, for services to policing and to the British Association of Women in Policing, Chief Superintendent Mabs Hussain is awarded an MBE for services to West Yorkshire Police and to charity and Chief Superintendent Paul Money is awarded the Queen's Police Medal for Services to Policing. I am delighted that Dee, Mabs and Paul have been recognised for their very significant contributions to UK policing, diversity and charitable work. I know how passionate they all are about serving the communities of West Yorkshire and I want to warmly congratulate them all on receiving their very well deserved honours.

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## Proceeds of crime fund boosts road safety in Leeds and Kirklees

Grants from my Safer Communities Fund have given road safety a boost in Leeds and Kirklees. Leeds City Council - Highways and Transportation received £5000 for their Road Safety Oscars project while The Polish Saturday School in Huddersfield received £2538.88 for a special event to increase awareness of road safety around their building- used by a large number of people from the community and situated near a busy main road. When I speak to members of the public, improving road safety is often their number one priority and both of these projects are raising awareness among younger people which is a key audience for prevention. Poor road safety behaviours can have such devastating consequences and be so easily avoided. It's crucial that everyone using our roads takes the time to think about how their actions affect both themselves and potentially other people, and these messages are delivered very effectively by these two projects. My thanks go to Leeds City Council and the Polish Saturday School for all their efforts.

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## Can you nominate an exceptional police volunteer or volunteer team?

**Do you know a police volunteer that goes above and beyond?** West Yorkshire Police and I are looking for help in nominating exceptional volunteers from across policing in West Yorkshire as part of the Lord Ferrers Awards. Launched in 1993 by former Home Office minister Lord Ferrers, the Awards recognise the commitment and dedication shown by special constables, police support volunteers, volunteer police cadets and volunteers. Our police volunteers do an amazing job, they sacrifice time with loved ones and other commitments to help their communities which is fantastic and something we all admire. I would urge anyone who knows a police volunteer that goes above and beyond to nominate them for an award. Nominations close on Sunday 22 July, to nominate visit [www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/lordferrersawards2018](http://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/lordferrersawards2018)

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## Keighley charity increasing community cohesion

**A Keighley charity has received a grant from my Safer Communities Fund to help increase community cohesion.** The Good Shepherd Centre received £1245 from the fund to assist with their project "Safe Learning". The Centre provides health, education and social justice support to people who are newly arrived in Keighley from other countries to enable better integration and participation in communities. Community cohesion is a priority in my Police and Crime Plan and something that really impacts on feelings of safety. This project offers really valuable support to people who are often vulnerable and at risk of isolation. We are proud of our diverse communities here in West Yorkshire and I was pleased to be able to provide some funding to help this project continue its important work and meet some of the organisers and people involved.

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## Hate crime reporting app

Stop Hate UK have created a free hate crime reporting app. The App is available on Android and IOS platforms by going to Google Play or the Apple App Store and searching for 'Stop Hate UK'. Find out more about it here:

[www.stophateuk.org/report-hate-crime/west-yorkshire-hate-crime-reporting-app/](http://www.stophateuk.org/report-hate-crime/west-yorkshire-hate-crime-reporting-app/)

