

Resident and Supporters of Newstead & Annesley
Country Park

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Dear Resident and Supporters of Newstead and Annesley Country Park,

Thank you for your open letter dated 9th August 2026 raising the concerns of the local community for Newstead & Annesley Country Park.

Residents have understandably expressed concern about crime, antisocial behaviour and safety within Newstead & Annesley Country Park. Nottinghamshire Police recognises the impact that recent incidents have had on confidence within the community and remains committed to working with residents, local councils, RCAN and other partners to address these concerns.

It is important to acknowledge that a number of actions have already been taken in response to issues raised by residents over recent months. Following meetings between the local area commander Inspector King, Parish Council representatives and RCAN, police patrols in and around the Country Park were increased through tasking arrangements and the specialist off-road bike team have been deployed to tackle illegal motorcycle use. Dedicated days of action have been carried out, resulting in enforcement activity and the seizure of off-road bikes, while social media updates have been used to keep residents informed of these operations and their outcomes.

Additional opportunities for community engagement have also been introduced, including increased Beat Surgeries. The first of these was held on 29 July 2026. Whilst attendance was limited, feedback suggested that residents were not aware of the event sufficiently in advance. In response, posters displaying direct contact details for local Neighbourhood Policing Team officers are being placed in prominent locations around Newstead following feedback that many residents did not know who their dedicated officers were or how to contact them directly.

Recognising that environmental factors can contribute to crime and antisocial behaviour, the local Neighbourhood Policing Team also referred the site to our Designing Out Crime Team to undertake an assessment of the Country Park and provide security and community safety recommendations to the landowner. Partnership work with RCAN, local councils and other stakeholders has continued throughout this period to identify opportunities to improve safety and reduce opportunities for offending.



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Following further discussions with community representatives, a number of additional commitments have been made. A ward walk will be arranged with the County Councillor to provide an alternative and more accessible opportunity for residents to meet officers, discuss concerns and identify issues within the Country Park directly. Future Beat Surgeries will be planned further in advance, with details promoted through social media channels and communicated directly to the Parish Council Chair and residents' representatives to maximise awareness and attendance. Information regarding local policing social media channels has also been shared with the Parish Council to ensure residents have better access to updates, engagement opportunities and crime prevention advice.

Days of action and targeted enforcement activity will continue, alongside ongoing reassurance patrols as part of daily neighbourhood policing activity. The current tasking will remain under review to ensure resources continue to be directed appropriately. Nottinghamshire Police will also continue to use social media proactively to share updates, highlight enforcement outcomes and provide reassurance to local residents.

In respect of the specific concerns regarding the recent reporting of a sexual assault, Inspector King did address this with attendees at the recent Parish Council meeting held on 12th August. We can confirm that enquiries were conducted in Newstead Village, those enquiries have now concluded with no further police action required. There is not believed to be any wider risk to the public in Newstead.

While policing alone cannot address all of the concerns raised about the management and condition of the Country Park, Nottinghamshire Police remains committed to working collaboratively with partners and the community to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour, improve public confidence and ensure that residents' concerns continue to be heard and acted upon. Residents are encouraged to continue reporting incidents and sharing information with their local neighbourhood officers, as community intelligence remains vital in helping police target resources effectively and keep the area safe for everyone. Reports can be made via 101 or 999 in an emergency, alternatively online reports can be made using our Nottinghamshire Police website.

Yours faithfully

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