



Office of The Police and Crime Commissioner

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2021



Welcome from Police and Crime Commissioner, Festus Akinbusoye

Welcome to the latest edition of my newsletter.

Community Meetings

This month I have hosted multiple community meetings including the Annual Parish Council Conference. The meeting saw Town, Parish and Ward councillors from across Bedfordshire coming together to discuss issues in their local area. Our parish councillors have been key in maintaining contact with our communities throughout the pandemic, providing them with a crucial point of contact through which they can raise community priorities. Having this quality time together was priceless and I wanted to once again thank everybody for their participation and feedback. There is always work to do but their passion for their communities never ceases to amaze me.

ASB Conference

On Wednesday 17th November 2021, I will be joining partners and professionals at Bedfordshire's ASB conference. We will be hearing from ASB practitioners discussing tools and powers to tackle the causes of ASB (anti-social behaviour) and learn from past experiences and case studies.

Schools Debate

As part of my election campaign, I pledged to run an annual school debating competition for children aged between 15-18 years old. I am delighted that we are proceeding with this event for pupils and we very much welcome all schools to participate. The debates provide a good opportunity for young people to develop their confidence, public speaking skills and also broaden their knowledge of social issues. It's going to be a fun experience for all involved.

Speed Watch

Speed Watch is an educational scheme aimed at raising awareness of speed restrictions and encouraging drivers to reduce their speed to the legal speed limit. I recently provided funding for new Speed Indication Devices (SIDS) for the Speed Watch team who came to showcase them to me and my office. The devices provide an instant visible notification of the speed the motorist is travelling at. Those captured speeding receive a warning letter from Bedfordshire Police and persistent offenders' details are passed to the local policing team for further action. I'd like to thank all the Speed Watch volunteers for their help in keeping our roads safer. Our Speed Watch volunteers generously donate their time helping to make their communities a safer place.



If you are interested in becoming involved in Speed Watch please email: WatchSchemes@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk for more information.

As always, if you have any feedback or suggestions you can email the office here PCC@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Follow my team's social media accounts here to keep up-to-date with everything including our upcoming events.

Facebook - @BedsOPCC and @Fest4BedsPCC
Instagram - @BedsOPCC and @fest4bedspcc
Twitter - @bedsopcc @Fest4BedsPCC and @SignpostBedford

Stay Safe
Festus Akinbusoye



Signpost

Signpost Hub support those affected by crime in Bedfordshire, putting victims at the heart of everything they do. The hub offers free and confidential support to anyone affected by crime, whether it has been reported to the police or not. This includes victims themselves, bereaved relatives, parents or guardians of victims under 18 and members of staff where a business has been the subject of a crime.



Signpost
to Support Bedfordshire

When you report a crime to the police you will be asked a few questions to find out how you have been affected by the crime and your personal circumstances, to see if there is any additional support that you might need. Signpost will use this information to decide the best way to support you.

Whether you have recently been affected by a crime or are experiencing delayed impact from a past crime, they are able to help you understand what has happened and how to cope and recover from what can be a traumatic experience.

Their experienced staff and volunteers know what emotions and challenges you may be going through. They are specially trained to listen to you and give you help and advice.

Signpost offers practical and emotional support to those impacted by crime living in Bedfordshire, regardless of when and where the crime occurred. If you need support, please call Signpost on 0800 0282 887 and speak to one of their specialist team of Victim Care Coordinators.

This is not ok.

I will make it up to you tonight

I had too much to drink.
It won't happen again

I just love you too much, I can't
lose you. I don't want you
wearing that outfit again.

Where are you?

I didn't mean to hurt you, you
made me do it.

**You do not
deserve this.**

**It is not
your fault.**

**You are not
alone.**

**Domestic Abuse can happen to
anyone, at any age.**

**It can be physical or mental abuse.
It can be controlling.**

Please call **0808 2000 247** for advice and support. We
can help to get you through this, your way, when you're ready.

In an emergency, always call 999. If you are afraid to speak
or cannot speak, call 999 from a mobile, await operator
instructions and press 5,5.



If home isn't safe, we're here to help.



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experiencing Domestic Abuse,
call 0808 2000 247 for
advice and support.**

In an emergency, always call 999.

If you are afraid to speak or cannot speak,
call 999 from a mobile, await operator
instructions then 5, 5.



Upcoming public events



**FLITWICK
COMMUNITY
EVENT**

The local community is invited to a discussion with the PCC and the Local Authority about serious violence and how we, together as a community, could work to prevent it.

THE OFFICE OF THE
POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER

6:00PM - 8:00PM
3RD NOVEMBER 2021
(this event is ticketed)

THE RUFUS CENTRE
THE RUFUS CENTRE, STEPPINGLEY ROAD,
FLITWICK, BEDS, MK45 1AH

for more information:
PCC@BEDFORDSHIRE.PNN.POLICE.UK

@BEDSOPCC
for ticket information

Flitwick Community Event

Wednesday 3rd November

The local community is invited to a discussion with the PCC and the Local Authority about serious violence and how we, together as a community could work to prevent it.



HOSTED BY
Bedfordshire
Police & Crime
Commissioner

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S
**SCHOOLS
DEBATE
COMPETITION**

ROUND 1
BEDFORD ACADEMY

8TH NOV 21
**6:30
PM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
PCCEVENTS@BEDS.POLICE.UK

Schools Debate Competition

Monday 8th November 2021

Local schools from across Bedfordshire with students aged between 15 and 18 years old, have been invited to get involved with this year's 'PCC's Schools Debate Competition'.

If your school would like to get involved, please email the office:

pccevents@beds.police.uk



**BEDFORD YOUNG PERSON
COMMUNITY EVENT**
FOR AGES 14 TO 25 YEARS OLD

The local community is invited to a discussion with the PCC and the Local Authority about serious violence and how we, together as a community, could work to prevent it.

THE OFFICE OF THE
POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER

BEDFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

10:30AM - 11:30AM
23RD NOVEMBER 2021
(this event is ticketed)

THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.

for more information:
PCC@BEDFORDSHIRE.PNN.POLICE.UK

for ticket information
@BEDSOPCC

Bedford Young Person Community Event

Tuesday 23rd November

The local community is invited to a discussion with the Police and Crime Commissioner Festus Akinbusoye and the Local Authority about serious violence that is occurring between young people and how we together as a community could work to prevent it.

The event will be held virtually.

Press releases – October 2021

[Beds Police and Crime Commissioner announces Schools Parliamentary Debating Competition](#)

1st October 2021

As part of his election campaign, the Commissioner pledged to run an annual school debating competition for children aged 15-18. Schools across Bedfordshire have been contacted to take part in the event.

[Beds PCC hosts 'spectacular' Annual Parish Council Conference](#)

7th October 2021

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Festus Akinbusoye, hosted the Annual Parish Council Conference online this week alongside senior team members from Bedfordshire Police.

[Beds PCC funds additional Speed Watch Devices in Bedfordshire](#)

8th October 2021

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner recently spent time with members of the Speed Watch team at Bedfordshire Police Headquarters.

[Beds PCC invites you to have your say on potential changes to firearms licensing](#)

12th October 2021

All Police and Crime Commissioners are inviting the public to have their say on potential changes to the licensing of firearms and shotguns in England and Wales.

[Office of The Police and Crime Commissioner re-open Road Safety Fund for the second time this financial year](#)

18th October 2021

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), have announced the opening of their Road Safety Funds for community groups and partners to bid into, to try and reduce the number of people harmed on roads.

[Beds PCC thanks Family Drug and Alcohol Court for their work after two successful years](#)

20th October 2021

Police and Crime Commissioner, Festus Akinbusoye, thanked the FDAC (Family Drug and Alcohol Court) team for their fantastic work with a thank you event.



Social Media – October 2021

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire
Published by Opcc Bedfordshire · 7 October at 13:58 ·

We've given our platform over to **Lorell Scott**, Youth Ambassador from **Att10live Social Enterprise** to tell us what **Black History Month** means to him.

#blackhistorymonth2021
<https://youtu.be/wR2vZbMkxW0>



YOUTUBE.COM
Black History Month - Lorell

Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire
Published by Festus Akinbusoye · 19 October at 07:30 · Bedford

EVENT NEWS

We have now written to eligible schools in Bedfordshire, inviting them to enter a team for our inaugural Schools Debating Competition. 15-18 year olds will compete for the Commissioner's Cup and a chance to win prize money for their school. There is a fantastic lineup of judges also.

Make sure your school has signed up. We look forward to you coming to support our young people on the dates below 🏆

The dates for each round are as follows:

First Round:
Date: Monday 8th November 2021
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Location: Bedford Academy, Bedford

Second Round (Semi-Finals):
Date: Wednesday 17th November 2021
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Location: Chiltern Academy, Luton

Finals:
Date: Tuesday 30th November 2021
Time: 7pm – 9pm
Location: Bedford Magistrates Court

For more information, follow this link:
<https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/beds-pccs-and-/>

Festus Akinbusoye PCC
Published by Festus Akinbusoye · 2 October at 16:03 ·

As part of **#BlackHistoryMonth** it was a pleasure to visit **Putteridge High School** yesterday and speak with Yrs. 10 and 11 pupils. Fantastic learning environment with truly brilliant staff. I am proud of our young people. As Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire, I will do my best to support their aspirations and success. Well done to the **Chiltern Learning Trust**



Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire
Published by Opcc Bedfordshire · 19 October at 07:16 ·

Tamar Lovindeer, Co-chair of United Luton Caribbean and Africa Committee (ULCAC) tells us what **#blackhistorymonth2021** means to him. This is worth a watch! #BHM

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vSN7gpn30c>



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BHM Tamar

Festus Akinbusoye PCC
Published by Zoe-Jade Fraser · 1 d ·

Delivery and Beating Crime Meeting - 21st October 2021 (previously known as Strategic Board)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WjvFiMy9L...>



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Delivery & Beating Crime Meeting - 21/10/2021

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to enter one team each, to take part in this fantastic and exciting

BOBBY SCHEME



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Festus Akinbusoye PCC @Fest4BedsPCC · Oct 19

Absolute delight to meet with our Families Drugs and Alcohol Court (FDAC) team this morning. They work to help families at risk of losing their children or who want to have their children back turn their lives around. And what incredible successes too!!! 1/



Festus Akinbusoye PCC
Published by Instagram · 17 October at 17:26 · Instagram

It was a pleasure to speak at the recent Nigerian Diaspora Direct Investment Summit NDDIS in London on the role of technology in fighting crime and supporting victims.

Federal Legislators, State Executive Governor, Ambassadors etc were in attendance among others... See more



Bed's Police Partnership Trust
October at 16:21 ·

Today, Bed's Police Partnership Trust attended the Ageing Inclusion exhibition at the Harpur Suite Bedford. We were lucky to speak to members of the community... See more



Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire
Published by Instagram · 13 October at 22:07 · Bedford

It's been a long day. I'm very grateful for all those in our county of **#Bedfordshire** who work tirelessly to keep our community safe. I finished off my day tonight with a community engagement meeting with residents and cllrs from **#Dunstable** area. There's a lot of work to do.



Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire
Published by Instagram · 14 October at 13:01 · Bedford

I did a walkaround @bedspoliceuk HQ today (with some tasty Haribos 🍬) to say hi to our staff and officers. I met a big time gamer, TV sports junkie and an @idriselba fan (mistaken identity, save for the bald head). Super proud of our teams and their work for a **#SaferBedfordshire** ❤️

Thank you for your resilience, professionalism and dedication.



Festus Akinbusoye PCC
Published by Festus Akinbusoye · 14 October at 13:42 ·

GET LOCAL POLICING INFO ABOUT YOUR AREA

Did you know?

- If you enter your postcode on Bedfordshire Police's website, under 'find your area', you can find out:
 - The names of your local Community Policing Team (CPT).
 - Local policing priorities for your neighbourhood.
 - When the next priority setting events are for your area.
 - Crime data for your area.
 - Local news tailored to your postcode.
- If you need to report a crime you can do this via our website here <https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report/Report#a99338dc> or by calling 101. Please do not report these crimes via this Facebook page. In an emergency always call 999.



Festus Akinbusoye PCC @Fest4BedsPCC · Oct 21

Truly memorable day at the @NBPALUK conference at @lutonhoestate in #Bedfordshire. I am incredibly proud to be a sponsor of the event and have gained much knowledge as a result. It was overwhelmingly inspiring to hear my big bro @krissakabusi this evening. All speakers were fab 1/



Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire
Published by Instagram · 12 October at 10:59 · Bedford

I feel good this morning having met our new cohort of @bedspoliceuk interns - thanks to @wendybirdlives & #Bedfordshire Community In Policing team. They are bright, witty, ambitious, committed and extremely engaging. They'll be working in different parts of the force and adding value to safety of our county.

Great credit to their parents and family too. 🍌



Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire
Published by Instagram · 12 October at 15:09 · Bedford

We have some truly inspiring people in Bedfordshire Police. Sgt. Suzie CARR is one of them. She's recently has taken on the important task of wing output and effectiveness of our Special Constabulary. It was assure to meet my former Specials tutor today and to offer her more about becoming a Special Constable here 🏠

<https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/.../Special-constables-...>



Festus Akinbusoye PCC
Published by Festus Akinbusoye · 6 October

Last night I was joined by some very special people for our Annual Parish Council Conference.

Ward, Town and Parish Councillors were in attendance from all areas of **#bedfordshire** alongside myself, Chief Exec Clare Kelly, DCC Trevor Rodenhurst, Chief Superintendent John Murphy (also Head of Community Policing), C/I Mo Aziz, Insp Cray Birch, Insp Sam Hunt and C/I Lee Haines. Updates were shared and questions answered about their respective areas of the county.

The focus of... See more



Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire
Published by Instagram · 10 October at 15:04 · Bedford

Off to the Lord Lieutenant's Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Church, #Bedford



Festus Akinbusoye PCC is at Bedfordshire
Published by Instagram · 1 October at 21:18 · Bedford

It was fantastic to spend time and share pizza with some of our Special Constables this evening. We had frank discussions but the commitment and passion for the job was unquestionable. These men and women are some of policing's greatest assets. 🙌🙌🙌

@BedsSpecials thank you



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