



## Young artists brush away City's graffiti

**A city-centre walkway, previously blighted with graffiti and litter, has been transformed by young people from Nottingham Youth Offending Team who worked with local artists to create a spectacular display of murals.**

Emma Julian, Putting it Right Coordinator for Nottingham Youth Offending Team, says: "This project was run in conjunction with Westfield Shoppingtowns Ltd to improve the appearance of a site near the Broadmarsh Shopping Centre, which had been identified by Nottingham City Council, and local people, as a priority for a clean up. The site had been frequently the target for graffiti and despite the efforts of 'Putting it Right' to keep the site clean by visiting it every week, the area was continually 'hit'."

Emma continues: "A competition was run for young people in the Broadmarsh Centre, in local schools, and within the Youth

Offending Team, to find a series of designs which could be made into tiled and painted murals and mounted at the site. Twelve young people undertaking reparation created the murals with the help of two local artists – over a period of four months. The murals were mounted in mid-December 2006 and there has been little damage to the site since. The murals have improved the appearance of the site significantly, and the surrounding walls and pillars were also painted in bright colours in keeping with the art work."

The "Putting it Right" reparation project was launched in June 2005. The project aims to increase community engagement and satisfaction with the youth justice system by ensuring that reparative activities undertaken by young people are of the greatest possible benefit to local

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### Rising Performance

**New Government figures for Nottinghamshire show rising performance in the number of offences being brought to justice.**



Local performance figures for the county on delivery against Government criminal justice targets are published quarterly.

In Nottinghamshire the latest figures show:

- 1) Almost 6,000 additional offences were brought to justice in the year ending September 2006, rising from 24,314 in March 2002 to 30,281 in September 2006; and
- 2) The average time from arrest to sentence for persistent young offenders in the county has fallen to only 55 days (July – September 2006), compared to a Government target of 71 days.

**Mr Steve Green, Chair of Nottinghamshire Criminal Justice Board, said:**

**"Nottinghamshire Criminal Justice Board continues to make improvements in the way individual agencies deliver justice in the county. I am pleased that more offences are being brought to justice and persistent young offenders are being dealt with quicker and more efficiently."**

communities. Local residents are involved in the selection of appropriate activities for young people to undertake, through the identification of areas in need of environmental improvement, or by suggesting local worthwhile causes which young people can contribute towards.

**For more information about the "Putting it Right" programme please call Emma Julian at the Youth Offending Team on 0115 915 9400.**

## Home Secretary visits Nottinghamshire Probation Area

**Nottinghamshire Probation Area played host to the Home Secretary Dr John Reid on Friday 12 January. Dr Reid visited a sheltered housing complex, Mayfield Court, in the Meadows Area of Nottingham, to see how offenders had worked to completely transform the gardens, laying paving, digging flowerbeds, and building garden furniture for the residents to enjoy. This work formed part of the national 'Community Payback' scheme whereby offenders work to make a visible difference to the local area as part of their unpaid work orders.**

The Home Secretary was greeted by Chair of the Nottinghamshire Area Board, Christine Goldstraw and given a tour of the complex by Mayfield Court's manager, Sheryl Fraser and other probation staff. He then spent time chatting to residents about the benefits of having the Nottinghamshire Probation Area working with them, and also spoke to the group of offenders about their experience of working on the project, which combined hard work with skills development.

Chief Officer for Nottinghamshire Probation Area, Jane Geraghty said: 'It was an honour to have the Home Secretary come and visit our area, and a great opportunity to showcase the fantastic work we do. The work carried out at Mayfield Court has had a really positive impact on the residents and it's clear that working to make amends to the community on the project has given the group of offenders a real sense of achievement.'

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Dr John Reid at Mayfield Court

To find out more or to nominate a project in your area please visit our website – [www.nottinghamshire-probation.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire-probation.co.uk) or telephone the Nottinghamshire Probation Area on 0115 9560934.

## Community Justice to start in May

**Nottingham's community justice initiative will start hearing cases at Nottingham Magistrates' Court by May 2007. This is the next step in the initiative, which has so far been working closely with local people, finding out what their needs are. The courts will tackle the types of anti-social behaviour and quality of life crimes that the community say causes them the most concern.**

Ms Kate Carty, Chief Crown Prosecutor and Criminal Justice Board member (pictured above) responsible for community justice, says: "Nottinghamshire Criminal Justice Board is delighted to announce that the new courts will initially start at Nottingham Magistrates' Court. Following this we will, in consultation with the community and with the support of our partners at Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership and Nottingham City Council, bring one of the community justice courts into the heart of either Aspley or St Anns."

Ms Carty continues: "The Board is committed to ensuring the courts are operating by May 2007. Community justice is about more than a building. It is about adopting a problem-solving approach to crime and

engaging with local people to understand and respond to their concerns – that's why the Board is determined to ensure we keep residents in Aspley and St Anns informed of progress."

The local judiciary have been providing advice and support to Nottinghamshire Criminal Justice Board on all aspects of the community justice initiative. The Board is pleased that local judges and magistrates will be taking an active role in the delivery of the project and in all community engagement events.

Nottingham's community justice project is a local response to the Government's plans to expand the community justice programme to other areas of England and Wales. It will seek to develop links with existing crime reduction initiatives, community empowerment programmes and social inclusion projects.

**For more information on the initiative contact Vanessa Law, community justice project manager, on 0115 955 8135.**



The Government gave the go-ahead in November for the Board to pilot two city-based projects covering Aspley and St Anns. The Government has also announced the extension of the community justice programme to nine other sites: Birmingham, Bradford, Devon and Cornwall, Kingston-Upon-Hull, Leicestershire, Merthyr Tydfil, Middlesbrough, and two areas of London.

Local people have been taking part in an ongoing public community justice consultation. This includes helping the Board to find possible locations for a community-based court. The Board has also been working closely with Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership and Nottingham City Council to support this work. Once a suitable building is found one of the community justice courts will move from the magistrates' court into this building.

## Looking back over 100 years of Probation

Over 60 delegates, including judges, magistrates and probation staff from across Nottinghamshire, attended a one-day conference in January to examine some of the changes to the Probation Service over the last one hundred years.

The "Sentencer Conference" was held at Nottingham Magistrates' Court and looked at developments in sentencing, and the role of the Probation Service as it evolves under the National Offender Management Service (NOMS). The theme of the conference, held in the centenary year of Probation, was "Looking back and moving forward."

The event was hosted by the Probation Liaison Committee – a partnership of Probation staff and magistrates who strive to develop and improve the way sentencers and Probation work together.

Keynote speakers at the event included Linda Jones, East Midlands Regional Offender Manager for the National Offender Management Service (NOMS), who spoke about the role of sentencers in



Delegates discuss progress at Nottingham Magistrates' Court

informing regional and area commissioning of services to reduce reoffending from the Probation Service, Prison Service and other providers, and trends in sentencing, nationally, regionally and locally that affect regional and area commissioning. Linda also described how analysis of offender risk of harm, and of factors linked to offending e.g. accommodation, employment, drugs and alcohol use, leads to joint commissioning of services with other agencies such as the Learning Skills Council and Primary Care Trusts.

The second speaker, Professor Rob Canton, Head of Division of Community and Criminal Justice at De Montfort University, Leicester, gave a historical context to the work of Probation with an eye to the future, looking at lessons learned from history on what does and does not work with offenders.

The day featured two workshops looking at Offender

Management and at the impact of the 2003 Criminal Justice Act, as well as an opportunity to discover more about key areas of probation work at a 'market place' run by Nottinghamshire Area staff. Stalls included domestic violence, public protection, prolific and priority offenders and unpaid work.

The conference ended with an opportunity for members of a panel comprising the Chair of the Nottinghamshire Probation Area Board, Christine Goldstraw, and Chief Officer Jane Geraghty, Director of Offender Management, Sheila Wright, Director of Interventions, Sharon Flannery and Chair of the Nottingham Bench, Trevor Greaves, to answer questions devised by sentencers in the workshops.

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### 100 Community Protection Officers for Nottingham

One hundred community protection officers will be patrolling Nottingham's streets by April 2007. Nottingham City Council's unique Community Neighbourhood Protection Service (CNPS) – the only service in the country that has combined council and police powers to address anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime – will grow from a 74-strong team to a formidable 100 community protection officers.

Nottingham City Council works in partnership with Nottinghamshire Police and Nottingham City Homes to reduce anti-social behaviour and make Nottingham a safer, cleaner city.



### Respecting Nottingham

Home Office minister Vernon Coaker MP got to grips with graffiti when he came to Nottingham to announce the city as one of the Government's new Respect Areas on Monday 22 January.

Nottingham has led the way with its pioneering Respect for Nottingham campaign, launched in 2003. The announcement came as the

latest Respect for Nottingham Week of Action got underway in The Meadows, where Mr Coaker saw for himself how various agencies work with communities to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues. The Youth Offending Team has worked with young offenders to create murals in the community.

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### Confidential support at the touch of a button

Looking for someone to offer support, experience, advice or just a listening ear, but worried about time, anonymity or verbal communication? E-chaplaincy may be the solution!

E-chaplaincy aims to offer a listening ear, in confidence, to all people, whatever their beliefs. The online initiative, funded by the Church of England, has been set up by the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to provide support via email.

E-chaplaincy could help with: bereavement, health issues, relationship concerns, loneliness, stress, redundancy, managing change and work/life balance.

E-chaplains are not professionally trained counsellors, but can recommend professional counselling if needed. E-chaplains state that they offer an impartial and confidential service and do not attempt to influence anyone's religious beliefs or report back to workplaces.

To find out more, visit the website: [www.e-chaplaincy.co.uk](http://www.e-chaplaincy.co.uk) or contact Reverend Rachel Stock via email: [Rachel@e-chaplaincy.co.uk](mailto:Rachel@e-chaplaincy.co.uk)



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## Prosecution team approach helps secure conviction

**Efficient and effective working relationships between investigators and prosecutors helped secure the conviction of a man who supplied a gun which was used to kill a man outside a Nottingham pub, according to Nottinghamshire Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).**

Gary Salmon, 34, had denied the charge but was convicted of the murder of Marvyn Bradshaw, 22, at Nottingham Crown Court in January. Salmon's conviction followed the successful prosecution of Michael O'Brien, who was sentenced in 2004 with the same offence.

Ella Hendy, communications manager at Nottinghamshire CPS says: "At the recent trial, the court heard that O'Brien had been glassed in the Sporting Chance pub and wanted revenge. Salmon and O'Brien changed into dark clothing and balaclavas at Salmon's house where Salmon produced a gun and then loaded it. Salmon and O'Brien then went back to the pub but O'Brien shot the wrong man. The intended target was one of Mr Bradshaw's passengers who had been involved in a brawl at the pub, but Mr Bradshaw, an innocent man, was shot instead."

Gary Salmon went on the run for two-and-a-half years and changed his name, but after an ongoing and thorough investigation police eventually arrested him in Birmingham.

Experienced prosecutor, Martin Bramley, was involved in the case from the early stages of the investigation, providing officers with advice prior to the arrest and charge of O'Brien in 2003. He continued to work closely with the police to bring the case to trial, and subsequently in relation to the search and eventual arrest, charge and trial of Salmon.

"This case is a very good example of the 'Prosecution Team Approach' where the same team of police officers, prosecutors and counsel worked closely together throughout," says Mr Bramley.

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Despite a recent promotion, designated caseworker Paul Hughes maintained responsibility for the Gary Salmon case.

"I wanted to see this case through to the end. Martin Bramley and I built up a very good working relationship with the police officers and prosecution counsel, who also remained consistent throughout the two trials. I'd like to think that this Prosecution Team approach helped reassure the Bradshaw family who had the ordeal of sitting through two trials," adds Paul Hughes.

After trial Gary Salmon was also found guilty of possessing a shotgun with intent to endanger life and one charge of making threats to kill door staff at a city centre nightclub. His conviction alongside that of Michael O'Brien in 2003 secures justice for the Bradshaw family and the people of Nottinghamshire.



Martin Bramley



Paul Hughes

## Justice Hero – Sue Younger

In a world packed full of award-winners with overblown egos it would be easy to get carried away and lose touch with reality after scoping a national Government accolade. But not Sue Younger, the Young Witness Service manager for Nottinghamshire Victim Support.

Despite helping to create the county's Young Witness Service only three years ago; being in demand to speak at numerous national young witness care conferences; and fresh from receiving a national justice award, Sue Younger is one of the most passionate and committed people working in Nottinghamshire's criminal justice system.



Sue Younger

Sue, who has worked for Victim Support for six years, including the last three as manager of the Young Witness Service, is determined to provide a first-class service to children and young people who go to court to give evidence. Sue speaks to **nb.** about the Young Witness Service and its work.

### What is the Young Witness Service?

The Young Witness Service, which is part of Victim Support, is a free service for children and young people who are going to be witnesses in court. We know how hard going to court can be and that children and young people may feel frightened, confused, angry, upset, ill or depressed at the thought of it. We help children and young people aged between 5 and 17 who live anywhere in Nottinghamshire and who are going to be witnesses in any of the Nottinghamshire courts.

### How many children do you support?

The Service's workload has tripled in two years with nearly 200 young witnesses receiving our support in the last year. The cases referred to us included murder, rape, indecency, grooming, robbery, witness intimidation and grievous bodily harm.

### How do you help young people?

Support consists of up to three home preparation visits, a court familiarisation tour, support on the day of the trial, and a post trial visit – to ensure further support is available if needed.

### How many people make up the team?

Two staff and 30 volunteers visit young witnesses at home and show them the court before they give evidence and that support continues through and after trial. Our volunteers are at the heart of our operation – they range from students at our local universities to retired professionals who want to give something back to society. One of our volunteers spent three days supporting young witnesses giving evidence in a homicide case, from a remote link relayed to a court in another part of the country. This was the first time we had supported a young person in this way – and is a great example of how our volunteers go the extra mile to support child witnesses.

### What are your plans for the coming months?

I've been asked to speak at Her Majesty's Court Service's "Supporting Child Witnesses at Court" conference in London

"We help children and young people who are going to be witnesses"

## news in brief.

### Makeover for Nottinghamshire Probation Area's website

The National Probation Service may be 100 years old, but Nottinghamshire Probation Area's website is brand new!

The site, which can be found at [www.nottinghamshire-probation.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire-probation.co.uk), has been updated and given an all-new look. It now offers valuable information about the service for the public, partners, sentencers and other interested parties.

Why not log on to discover information about its wide-ranging work in Nottinghamshire. You can find out about types of community orders, download Annual Reports and other key publications, learn about its Board, read latest news, look for current job opportunities and much, much more.

To find out more please contact Lindsay Narey, Communications Officer for Nottinghamshire Probation Area on 0115 8406497 or email [lindsay.narey@nottinghamshire-probation.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:lindsay.narey@nottinghamshire-probation.gsi.gov.uk)



on 16 March. I hope to raise the profile of our work in the hope of building awareness of the importance of supporting young people who have to cope with all too often very traumatic experiences.

### How can you contact the Young Witness Service?

Anyone interested in receiving more information can get in touch by calling me on 0115 993 4247 or by emailing [sue.younger@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:sue.younger@victimsupport.org.uk)



Finalists meet Steve Green

## We are the champions

Justice champions who reached the final of a prestigious national award scheme were thanked for their "outstanding accomplishments in delivering justice in Nottinghamshire" at a special meeting of the county's Criminal Justice Board.

The celebration took place at Nottingham Magistrates' Court on Friday 19 January 2007. Chief officers from the county's criminal justice system congratulated staff who reached the final of the 2006 Justice Awards.

Justice workers from Nottinghamshire attending the event included Detective Sergeant Jan Rusdale of Nottinghamshire Police, members of the Probation Service's Access Team, and representatives of the Young Witness Service.

Mr Steve Green, Chair of Nottinghamshire Criminal Justice Board, said: "I'm delighted that I and other Board members have the opportunity to personally congratulate these hidden justice heroes who represent all the good work within the criminal justice system."

The Nottingham Evening Post and Trent FM attended the award celebration. Sue Younger, of the Young Witness Service, told reporters that she was: "delighted and thrilled that the hard work of Young Witness Service volunteers had been recognised by criminal justice agency leaders."

There were 14 categories covering different areas of work in the Criminal Justice System. From these 14 categories, one winner and two runners up are chosen. The awards presented during Inside Justice Week were held at the Old Billingsgate Market and attended by the Attorney General Lord Goldsmith, Lord Chancellor Lord Falconer, and Minister of State for the Criminal Justice System Baroness Scotland.

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## Working for You

Nottinghamshire Criminal Justice Board is made up of chief officers from the Police, Crown Prosecution Service, Prisons, Her Majesty's Courts Service, Probation and Youth Offending Teams. The Board, created in April 2003, is one of 42 throughout England and Wales.

Agencies work together to increase the number of offences brought to justice and increase confidence in the criminal justice system by making it more responsive to victims and witness needs.

The Board's chair is Mr Steve Green, Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police.

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