KNFFE ANGEL ANTI-VIOLENCE TOUR GWENT NOVEMBER 2022

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FOREWORD

We were honoured to host the Knife Angel in Gwent in November 2022. Thousands of people visited during its stay and the reaction from the public was overwhelmingly positive. To prevent violent crime, we must start at the earliest opportunity.

As part of the Knife Angel's visit, thousands of secondary school children across Gwent received workshops about the dangers of violence and aggression, and we also worked with primary schools and youth groups to discuss these important issues. This work will continue long after the Knife Angel has departed.

Bringing the Knife Angel to Gwent was a real partnership affair. I must thank everybody that worked so hard to make its visit a success, with particular thanks to the British Ironwork Centre, Newport City Council, Friars Walk, and Fearless.

The Knife Angel is a reminder to us all of the devastating impact that violence and aggression can have on communities, and I am pleased that it will go on to continue this great work in towns and cities across the UK.

- JEFF CUTHBERT, POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR GWENT



Hosting the Knife Angel has been an honour and a privilege.

Knife crime can have devastating consequences and while thankfully it remains rare in Gwent, we understand the fear that this crime can have on our communities.

The Knife Angel's visit was an opportunity for us to engage with our residents, particularly our children and young people, and equip them with the tools that will help keep them, their friends and their families safe.

Our school liaison and community support officers visited local schools to discuss the message behind the visit and officers spoke personally with thousands of visitors to the Knife Angel site.

It acted as a talking point to bring police and the public together, helping to build relationships within the community. We also held a knife amnesty throughout the month, taking hundreds of potential weapons off our streets.

I would like to thank everybody who worked so hard to make the visit such a positive one and to wish the Knife Angel well on its UK tour.

- PAM KELLY, CHIEF CONSTABLE OF GWENT POLICE



ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION

Throughout the Knife Angel's visit, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Gwent Police worked with partners to deliver a programme of anti-violence youth engagement across Gwent targeted at schools and youth groups.

We also held road shows in towns across the region to publicise and promote the Knife Angel's visit.

Thousands of people were engaged with over the month and the work undertaken will continue, ensuring that the Knife Angel's legacy will continue in Gwent for many years to come.

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KNIFE ANGEL ROAD SHOW

The Knife Angel was based at Friars Walk in Newport. Locating it in the city centre ensured significant footfall during the run up to the Christmas period and more than 640,000 visitors saw the Knife Angel over the month.

However, Gwent is a region made up of five counties that differ greatly in their makeup. Our communities encompass old mining villages, historic towns, vast rural areas and Wales's third largest city. To ensure that as many people as possible were aware of the Knife Angel's visit my team worked with Gwent Police to deliver a Knife Angel road show, visiting the communities in Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire Newport and Torfaen to raise awareness of the visit. We also worked with Coleg Gwent to engage with young people, visiting the Torfaen Learning Zone, Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone, Cross Keys Campus and Newport Campus to speak with students.

The sessions gave us an opportunity to share information about the Knife Angel, provide general advice and support, and give out community safety items. Combined with regular social media messaging they ensured that residents across all of our communities were aware of the Knife Angel and had an opportunity to visit for themselves.



STREET DOCTORS



The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner directly funded a series of first aid sessions that were delivered by the national charity Street Doctors.

The sessions aim to equip young people with the skills to help someone who has been stabbed, or is bleeding excessively. It is a fun and informal way to deliver a very serious message. The sessions were offered to partner organisations which we support and where we felt they may be the most effective.

More than 90 young people from the following organisations benefited from Street Doctors Sessions: Bryn Farm Youth Club, Blaenau Gwent; Newport Yemini Community Association, Newport; Cwmbran Centre for Young People, Torfaen; the Youth Offending Service, Newport; Brynmawr Youth Club, Blaenau Gwent; and Senghenydd Youth Drop-In Centre, Caerphilly.

FEARLESS

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent, and Gwent Police, work closely with the charity Fearless to support young people in Newport who have been identified as being at risk of serious crime. As part of the Knife Angel's visit, we worked together to expand this work and widen the reach to schools and colleges across the Gwent region.

We were supported by Newport City Council's education department to reach all the schools in the city, and we targeted other secondary schools across Gwent through their safeguarding leads. As a result, more than 4,000 young people from 27 schools and colleges received workshops from Fearless on the dangers and consequences of carrying knives and sharp objects. The sessions also reinforced the role of Fearless and the importance of reporting a crime.

Thanks to this work we have built up positive links with schools and the workshops have enabled Fearless to build contacts across the region which will aid and support future work.





ANTI-VIOLENCE ART AWARDS

Throughout the Knife Angel's visit, we ran a competition to design an anti-violence sticker, targeted mainly at year six primary school children. The competition encouraged children to become anti-violence champions and templates were designed to make participation as easy as possible.

All primary schools in Gwent were sent information on how to participate and we visited ten schools in person, delivering workshops raising awareness of the competition and the important message behind it. During the sessions we also shared a film of how the statue was made.

In total we received 191 entries from schools and people who had seen the competition advertised online, or at one of our roadshow events. A selection of these designs were displayed in empty shops close to the Knife Angel site during the city's Christmas light switch on event which is the biggest event in the city centre each year.

The eventual winner will have their creation professionally design and printed, and their stickers will be given out at events throughout 2023. This will ensure that the legacy of the Knife Angel lives on in Gwent.









I pledge to stand against violence and aggression because...



PLEDGE CARD

DESIGN

To support the Knife Angel's visit we designed a range of online and printed materials that were in keeping with the brand guidelines for the British Ironwork Centre, Gwent Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent.



LEAFLET







Os edrychwch chi'n agos gallwch weld bod negeseuon o obaith gan deuluoedd dioddefwyr wedi cael eu hysgythru ar adenydd Yr Angel Cyllyll.

If you look closely, you can see that messages of hope from the families of victims have been engraved into the Knife Angel wings.



SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



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Trwy gydol mis Tachwedd gallwch gael gwared ar gyllyll yn ddiogel ac yn ddienw yn y gorsafoedd canlynol:

Throughout November you can safely and anonymously dispose of knives at the following police stations:

Canol Casnewydd | Newport Central: 8am - 7pm Sir Fynwy | Monmouth: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm Coed-duon | Blackwood: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm Glynebwy | Ebbw Vale: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm Cwmbrân | Cwmbran: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm

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BOOK COVER





CERTIFICATE



YR ANGEL CYLLYLL

Estynnir gwahoddiad cynnes i chi You are cordially invited 2 Tachwedd 2022 2 November 2022

Hoffai Comisiynydd yr Heddlu a Throsedd Jeff Cuthbert a'r Prif Gwnstabl Pam Kelly estyn gwahoddiad i chi ymuno â nhw ar gyfer dyfodiad y cerflun gwrth-drais cenedlaethol, yr Angel Cyllyll, yng nghanolfan siopa Friars Walk yng Nghasnewydd. Edrychwn ymlaen at eich croesawu chi am 12pm dydd Mercher 2 Tachwedd 2022.

RSVP erbyn dydd Gwener 28 Hydref:

commissioner@gwent.police.uk



CYSTADLEUAETH STICER 'DWED NA WRTH DRAIS'

Yn rhan o ymweliad yr Angel Cyllyll rydyn ni eisiau i blant ein helpu ni i ddylunio sticer y gall pobl ei wisgo i ddangos eu cefnogaeth sy'n dweud 'dwed na wrth drais

Y cyfan sydd angen i chi ei wneud yw:

Lawrlwytho'r templed.

Meddyliwch am yr hyn sy'n gwneud ymddygiad treisgar, a pham rydych eisiai rhoi terfyn arno.

Dyluniwch a lliwiwch eich sticer

Llenwch y manylion ar gefn y templed hwn ac anfonwch eich dyluniad atom ni erbyn dydd Llun 1af Rhagfyr.

Bydd y tri dyluniad gorau yn derbyn taleb a bydd yr enillydd yn cael ei sticeri wedi eu dylunio a'u hargraffu. Byddant yn cael eu gwisgo gan gannoedd o blant a phobl ifanc mewn digwyddiadau dros y flwyddyn nesaf.

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THE KNIFE ANGEL

The Police and Crime Commissioner Jeff Cuthbert and Chief Constable Pam Kelly invite you to join them for the arrival of the national anti-violence monument, the Knife Angel, at the Friars Walk shopping centre in Newport. We look forward to welcoming you at 12pm on Wednesday 2 November 2022.

RSVP by Friday 28 October to: commissioner@gwent.police.uk







SAY NO TO VIOLENCE **STICKER COMPETITION**

As part of the Knife Angel's visit we want children help us design a sticker that people can wear to show their support and 'say no to violence'

All you need to do is:

Download the template.

Think about what makes violent behaviour, and why you want it to stop. Draw and colour your design.

Fill in the details on the back of template and send your design to us by Monday 1 December

The top three designs will receive a voucher and the overall winner will have their stickers designed and printed. They will be worn by hundreds of children and young people at events over the next year.

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KEY STATISTICS **Knife Crime** 4,000 YOUNG PEOPLE workshops delivered to **First Aid 90** YOUNG PEOPLE sessions

delivered to





MORE 1,600,000 impressions on social media MORE 640,000 visitors to the Knife Angel

MORE 500

MORE 200 THAN

young people engaged in the anti-violence art competition

knives surrendered at amnesties across Gwent

SUPPORT

To report information to Gwent Police call 101, or search for @GwentPolice on Facebook and Twitter.

In an emergency always call 999

Report anonymously:

0800 555 111 crimestoppers-uk.org fearless.org

If you are a victim of crime and would like some support, contact:

0300 123 2133 connectgwent.org.uk





