

**LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS  
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**CITATION**

*Special Constabulary Officer of the Year*

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RECIPIENT:

Special Sergeant Christopher Gow

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I cannot think of a time when Special Sergeant Gow has not been a pivotal figure in the Special Constabulary. Chris is highly regarded wherever he goes and he is not only a testament to the Special Constabulary, but Lincolnshire Police as a whole.

He has arranged training and support for officers county wide and supported officers through their own personal development, all of which he takes above and beyond the expectations of his line managers.

I have had the privilege to be both Chris' Sergeant and Inspector and there has never been a time when he has not been accommodating or supportive of our endeavours. He once sent me a card before he took a break in service, it read: "Thank you for everything you have done for me, I am the officer I am now because of you." I want to say on behalf of myself, and I think all of my colleagues would agree, that Chris has this wrong - we are the officers we are today because of you, Chris. You have shown each and every one of us what it is to be a truly Special Constable.

The Chief Constable is pleased to ask John Lockward to present the Special Constabulary Officer of the Year award to Special Sergeant Chris Gow.

**SPECIAL SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER GOW**

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**CITATION**

*Stacey Pyke Award for Student Officer of the Year*

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RECIPIENT:

Constable David Revitt

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Constable David Revitt is an outstanding student officer who shows maturity and professionalism that far exceeds his level of service. During his short time as a police officer he has progressed at an exceptional rate with his commitment being second to none. He is able to communicate effectively with both his colleagues and members of the public.

David secured one of the first convictions for “revenge porn” in the county which was a complex investigation. He was able to build the trust and confidence of the victim which resulted in a prosecution. He has helped to train other colleagues in the use of new technology, many of whom are far longer on in service than him.

David has the ability to recognise situations that aren’t what they seem. When responding to a low risk missing person David quickly established that the missing person was in fact a sex worker who had not informed anyone she was safe. David reported these facts to his Inspector.

These are just a couple of examples of the excellent work that David produces on a continual basis. His attitude and professionalism are excellent with a work ethic that is second to none.

The Chief Constable is pleased to ask David Pike to award the Stacey Pyke Award for Student Officer of the Year to Constable David Revitt.

## **CONSTABLE DAVID REVITT**

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## CITATION

*Copper's Copper*

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RECIPIENT:

Constable Dawn Young

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The Lincolnshire Police Federation "Copper's Copper" award is to recognise an individual not for one outstanding act but for being that solid, reliable, hardworking team member that the team relies on throughout the year for their contribution and dependability.

It is the player's-player award, nominated by peers who acknowledge the value added by the individual. This year's winner is Constable Dawn Young from Lincoln.

It is fair to say that her perseverance and tenacity is almost terrier like.

There is not time to tell you all of the words of recommendation in the nomination from fellow Constables, Sergeants and her Inspector. But it would be appropriate to tell you some of why she was nominated and I quote:

- “She will normally be the first to tip out of the station for a 7am urgent”
- “She will attend any job- she will be the first to offer”
- “She can get her handcuffs on a prisoner before most people have left their vehicles”
- “She is one of the first to arrive for shift and almost always the last to leave”
- “She is relentless, doesn’t give up nor let go of the suspect- no matter what”
- “She is small in stature but a giant when it comes to upholding her moral and legal duty as a police officer”
- “Despite her size, she is probably the first person I’d ask for in a fight”
- There is no doubt that Dawn will continue to be a benefit to Lincolnshire Police wherever she works and, just as importantly, a source of pride for the officers that are lucky enough to work with her”
- “I know that I can always rely on Dawn no matter what”

I am further told that she is a delight to work with, whose work ethic, professionalism and integrity are consistently high and make her a role model to all of those around her.

She is the cornerstone of the group, notable for cohesion and drive and her behaviours positively affect the whole group.

She is clearly held in great esteem by colleagues and displays all of the values that Federated members want to see in their peers, and a future leader.

It is for all of the above reasons that this year's Copper's Copper is Constable Dawn Young.

The Chief Constable is pleased to ask John Lockward to present the Copper's Copper Award to Constable Dawn Young.

**CONSTABLE DAWN YOUNG**

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## CITATION

*Above & Beyond Award*

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RECIPIENT:

Emma Jackson

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Operation Pottery is a large scale investigation into offences of modern slavery and fraud and is one of the largest and most complex that Lincolnshire Police has ever managed, spanning over three years.

The case involved three separate trials, with the first lasting almost six months. Due to the complexity of the trial and the huge amount of evidence to be presented, thorough and comprehensive jury bundles needed to be produced. Prosecuting Counsel changed their requirements for the contents of the bundles often several times a day, which meant that the team was working under significant pressure and to very tight timescales.

Emma Jackson played an absolutely integral role in the production of these bundles, ensuring they were of very high quality, formatted as required by Counsel and produced within the timescales. The work required to produce these bundles was extensive and Emma went above and beyond what would be expected of her in her role; she worked tirelessly, staying late and coming in on her own time to get them completed.



The bundles were required at Nottingham Crown Court for 10am and Emma therefore had to have them completed very early in the morning. Without Emma's dedication and help the investigation team would not have been able to get the bundles out, which would have been extremely detrimental to the case. Emma was a pleasure to work with on this case and I am delighted she is receiving this award.

The Chief Constable is pleased to ask John Lockward to present the Above and Beyond Award to Emma Jackson.

**EMMA JACKSON**

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## CITATION

*Volunteer of the Year*

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RECIPIENT:

Lynn Chantrey

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We work with a large team of volunteers all who are fantastic but Lynn is the glue that holds us all together. Lynn started with Op REVIVE 18 months ago and has been key to its success.

Lynn's dedication and hard work have been invaluable to Sergeant Broughton and I. Lynn set up the administration for the project, worked with us to develop leaflets, referral forms, databases, casefiles and so much more.

Lynn keeps the projects administration up to date allowing Sergeant Broughton and I the time to co-ordinate, support, train, supervise and allocate volunteers to the many referrals we receive.

Without Lynn's contribution to Op REVIVE we wouldn't have been able to work with so many volunteers and in turn give the enhanced and tailored support to so many vulnerable victims of crime in the community.

Lynn's commitment to Lincolnshire Police and in turn the people of Lincolnshire is an inspiration. She is the first to help others, volunteer to do extra one off pieces of work and is known to many as 'the lovely Lynn'.

Lincolnshire Police would be very much worse off without her drive, honesty and dedication.

The Chief Constable is pleased to ask Marc Jones to present the Volunteer of the Year Award to Lynn Chantrey

**LYNN CHANTREY**

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## CITATION

*Outstanding Professionalism*

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RECIPIENTS:

Sergeant Rachel Blackwell  
Constable Ian Freeman  
Detective Sergeant Jennifer Lovatt

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In October 2013 Lincolnshire Police commenced Operation Floyd, an investigation into a series of thefts of antiques and investment fraud in Stamford. The estimated loss to the victims of these offences totalled approximately £200,000.

Sergeant Rachel Blackwell identified the scope of the offending as a result of completing an assessment of community intelligence and her diligent initial key witness enquiries. Sergeant Blackwell identified that the offender, who was trading as an antiques dealer had stolen property belonging to a large number of local victims, he had hidden their property at a number of locations across the east midlands and the north east of England.

Sergeant Blackwell went onto coordinate the execution of a series of search warrants resulting in the seizure of thousands of exhibits and the recovery of many items of stolen property.

Sergeant Blackwell then volunteered to undertake the role of exhibits officer, using her skills as a photographer she catalogued the exhibits into a format that could be shown to victims and witnesses.

Constable Ian Freeman was appointed as the officer in the case and despite having relatively little experience of investigating crimes of this type he began the process of gathering, assessing and presenting a vast amount of evidence, including complex financial evidence which took many months.

Constable Freeman managed the preparation of a complex advice file, liaising with CPS and the prosecution barrister to ensure the completion of all relevant tasks in an accurate and expeditious manner.

Detective Sergeant Jen Lovatt managed what was a challenging investigation with a variety of strands including, offences relating to financial loss and dishonesty as well as issues of safeguarding and supporting the many vulnerable victims of these offences.

Detective Sergeant Lovatt provided clear direction and support for the investigation, working tirelessly to ensure that appropriate lines of investigation were followed. Going above and beyond her normal duties she continued to provide this support even after she left the department to take up a new position with the East Midlands Special Operations Unit.

This complex and protracted investigation took three years to complete. It is without doubt that the hard work and professionalism of the team in gathering and presenting the evidence to the Crown Prosecution Service as well as the Crown Court demonstrates their continued professionalism and commitment to provide a positive outcome for the many victims.

The detail and quality of their work ultimately led to the defendant pleading guilty and receiving a four year custodial sentence, which also resulted in there being no requirement for a costly and lengthy trial.

Unfortunately Sergeant Rachel Blackwell is unable to join us this evening. However, the Chief Constable is pleased to ask John Lockward to present the award for Outstanding Professionalism to the following officers.

**CONSTABLE IAN FREEMAN**

**DETECTIVE SERGEANT JENNIFER LOVATT**

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## CITATION

*PRIDE Award of the Year*

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RECIPIENT:

Sergeant Paul Wills

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Boston and South Holland is recognised as having a diverse community with a significant population of non-English speaking residents. No provision currently exists for the police to significantly influence this community in relation to encouraging reporting, improving public confidence or monitoring community cohesion. Some steps have been taken to redress this situation by the increased recruitment of bi-lingual volunteers to assist police officers with crime enquiries, victim updates and joint agency visits. This needs to be managed and Paul has taken over the volunteer portfolio for Boston.

Paul has attended a number of community events, met with local community action groups and also the local MP. There is now a possibility of employing community connectors who will give out advice on things such as housing, schooling and reporting incidents to the police.

Since taking over this role, Paul has now increased our Bi-lingual volunteer numbers and created a bank of volunteers where our police officers can book one of the volunteers to assist them with some of their enquiries.

Overall, Paul has gone above and beyond his role and has taken time to invest in the diverse community which will assist police officers and the community alike.

Paul's contribution has made a significant impact on the relationship building between the police and our communities in Boston. We are trusted more, supported better and we have long-lasting links with a new and emerging community.

The Chief Constable is pleased to ask John Lockward to present the PRIDE Award of the Year to Sergeant Paul Wills.

## **SERGEANT PAUL WILLS**



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**CITATION**

*Citizen of the Year Award and Public Appreciation Certificates*

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RECIPIENT:

No publicity of names authorised

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On Tuesday 11 April 2017 a 70 year old woman called into Barclays Bank on Tritton Road, Lincoln, with a small bag containing cash collected from charity boxes for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. As she entered the bank a man approached her from behind and grabbed the bag and the woman fell to the floor sustaining injuries to her ribs and face.

Mr A was in the bank at the time and heard screams for help. He looked toward the doorway and saw the elderly woman being assaulted and falling to the floor.

As the attacker ran from the scene, having stolen the bag of cash, Mr A ran out of the building and pursued him, eventually tackling him to the ground where a struggle ensued. Mr A was joined by his wife who tried to help her husband as the man shouted that he had a knife and threatened to stab Mr A. The man then pulled out a knife and stabbed Mr A in the hand five times.

Another man, Mr B, who witnessed the man being detained on the floor went to assist and managed to stand on the man's wrist and prise the knife from his hand.

A woman, Ms C, who was in her car outside the bank at the time, witnessed the lady in the bank being pulled to the floor in the scuffle and the man running away. She got out of her vehicle and ran to help, she saw the knife on the floor and moved it away and out of arms' reach from the man who was being restrained.

These four members of the public eventually managed to restrain the man until the police arrived and made an arrest. The man was subsequently charged and convicted of robbery and wounding.

Mr A showed exceptional bravery throughout this dangerous and frightening incident, challenging an individual who was unknown to be armed at the time, with no means of protecting himself.

As a result of their courage, tenacity and sense of public duty that day, a violent, repeat-offender, who carried out a sickening crime on a vulnerable and elderly woman, was apprehended and imprisoned for a total of nine and a half years .

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## CITATION

*Award for Outstanding Contribution to Public Service*

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RECIPIENT:

Constable Rizwaan Chothia

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Constable Rizwaan Chothia is an essential part of the local effort to deliver the Prevent agenda in Lincolnshire which aims to prevent the radicalisation of vulnerable individuals who may be on a path to violent extremism.

Over the past year, Rizwaan's passion, dedication and work ethic have yielded impressive results in embedding the core messages behind Prevent into the community. Following the adoption of the statutory Prevent duty within the education sector Rizwaan delivered over 250 Prevent training sessions into schools, colleges and universities.

In addition, Rizwaan has made a significant contribution in engaging Muslim women across the county through events held in Boston and Lincoln where there are emerging Arabic, Bangladeshi, Kurdish and Afghan communities. These have included efforts to work with public protection colleagues to achieve common safeguarding aims.

The feedback received at a local, regional and national level from peers, colleagues and local communities is evidence of Rizwaan's dedication and passion. It is a testament to Rizwaan's efforts that Prevent engagement in Lincolnshire continues to achieve a legitimacy and uptake unlike other parts of the country where hostility to the Prevent agenda is evident. The moral courage demonstrated by Rizwaan is greatly appreciated by Lincolnshire Police.

The Chief Constable is pleased to ask John Lockward to present the Outstanding Contribution to Public Service Award to Constable Rizwaan Chothia.

### **CONSTABLE RIZWAAN CHOTHIA**

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## **CITATION**

*Making a Difference Award*

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**RECIPIENTS:**

**Victim Lincs Team:**

Olga Babiak, Jess Collings, Emma Fillingham, Hannah Gosling, Sabiha Kathrada,  
Izabella Kiss, Emily Luxton, Barney Porter

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In late 2015 Lincolnshire Police were seeing satisfaction levels in victims of crime at 67% in terms of how satisfied victims were with our service.

In October 2015 the Victim Lincs team started work and from the very start, improvements were seen in levels of satisfaction for victims, with increased numbers of contacts for victims, better referrals to Victim Support and increased levels of updates to victims about the cases they had reported.

The team was the first of its kind in Lincolnshire, providing a single point of contact for victims, allowing them to contact case workers directly to ask about their case or seek information from Officers about case progress. The team also carry out needs assessments for victims to ensure that any support that is needed by victims or their families is provided on an individually suitable basis.

Between October 2015 and May 2017, the team have made over 38,500 individual contacts with victims of crime. They have identified 826 victims who had not been referred to Victim Support for cope and recovery services.

These victims would not have been provided with this service if not for the team. 414 victims have also been referred to their neighbourhood policing teams for ongoing support and crime prevention advice and work. Again, not something that would have happened without the assessment from the Victim Lincs team.

Since May 2015 when the Standard Risk Domestic Incident service started in the team, over 200 victims of low level domestic abuse have received calls from the team offering and referring advice and support to this vulnerable group of victims.

Whilst it is very difficult to fully assess the impact of the contribution of the team, given the above contacts with victims it is impossible not to conclude that all this contact with victims, at times of darkness in their lives, has not had a massively positive effect.

The period of time since Victim Lincs started their work has also seen a dramatic rise in victim satisfaction for the force. In fact, from a starting point of 67% satisfaction in September 2015, the victim satisfaction levels now stand at 82%. Whilst it is impossible to state that this rise is singularly the result of the work of Victim Lincs it is fair to say that the 67% start point was part of a downward trend which changed immediately on the inception of Victim Lincs and has continued to rise since.

Comments on the monthly survey of victims has also produced positive comments specifically about the work the team has done for individual victims, so whilst the whole rise cannot be directly attributed to the team, I can safely say that much of the rise is due to Victim Lincs.

Unfortunately Emma Fillingham is unable to join us this evening, however the Chief Constable is pleased to ask John Lockward to present the Making a Difference Award to the Victim Lincs Team.

**OLGA BABIAK**

**JESS COLLINGS**

**HANNAH GOSLING**

**SABIHA KATHRADA**

**IZABELLA KISS**

**EMILY LUXTON**

**BARNEY PORTER**