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A Nuneaton healthcare worker has been given a national award for her work, spanning across more than three decades.

Lisa Wheelhouse, a clinical support worker at George Eliot Hospital in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, was given a Chief Nursing Officer's Healthcare Support Worker (HCSW) award for commitment to quality of care.

The award celebrates the contributions made by healthcare and maternity support workers across the NHS.

Ms Wheelhouse began her career at the hospital in January 1989 and has been there ever since.

Described as a *"pillar"* of the Felix Holt Ward, the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust said she was *"widely respected"* in her role there.

Ms Wheelhouse mentors new staff and student nurses - helping them learn both clinical skills and values and standards behind patient care.

Ms Wheelhouse was described as having made a *"lasting impact"* on wards at the hospital.

She also helps with onboarding new healthcare workers and will soon mentor students from a new T-Level programme.

"Lisa is an exemplary example of what the NHS should be proud of," said Natalie Green, the hospital's chief nursing officer.

"She places the patient front and centre in everything she does."

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The trust added that Ms Wheelhouse's leadership



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Two quick-thinking members of the public, Neil Gill and Steve Elston have been presented with the Chief Fire Officer's Commendation Award by Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS).

The award recognises their extraordinary bravery and decisive actions which saved the lives of one adult and two young children from a submerged vehicle in Nuneaton on 5 March.

Neil and Steve, who were driving between jobs for Currys, were flagged down by a member of the public. They were told a car had gone through the trees. Neil immediately went to investigate, spotted the vehicle upside down and partially submerged in a lake. Neil bravely jumped into the cold lake and forced the car door open. Inside the submerged car was one adult and two small children, both under the age of five, with their seatbelts still on.

Neil rescued the youngest child first, a baby, giving him his woolly hat to keep warm, and he passed the baby to Steve who was on the riverbank. Neil then rescued the second child from the rear passenger seat. Steve had quickly organised a human chain with two other passersby who had stopped to help, passing the child along to get them to safety.

With both children safe, Neil returned to the car



to help the adult driver. He managed to pull the driver free and help them to the bank.

Chief Fire Officer Ben Brook of Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service praised their life-saving efforts. *"WFRS would like to thank Steve and Neil for their courageous actions after coming across a car on its roof and submerged in water. Their quick thinking and decisive actions, helping one adult and two young children to get out of the vehicle, has saved lives. It was a privilege to meet Steve and Neil in person and to present them with their well-deserved Chief Fire Officer's commendations."*

Neil said: *"It was a very emotional day that I will never forget. I hope the family involved are all doing well. I don't feel like a hero, I just did what was necessary."*

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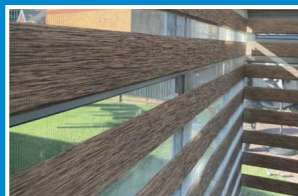
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A series of events is being held in Nuneaton as part of Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week, which runs from Monday, June 30 June until Sunday, 6 July.

The week encourages communities to take a stand against ASB and highlights the actions victims can take.

It is organised by Resolve and will feature a series of events with the theme of #MakingCommunitiesSafer.

Cllr Chris Watkins, Leader of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and Portfolio Holder for Housing, said: "Anti-Social behaviour is something we take very seriously in our borough and will not tolerate.

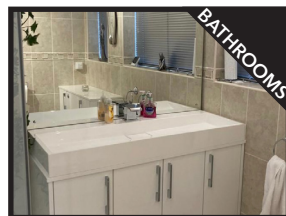
"The awareness week is of massive importance in alerting our residents to the measures we have in place to combat ASB."

Nuneaton events include:

- Monday, 30 June: Community Event, Kingwood Road Community Centre, Nuneaton at 9:30am to 12:30pm.
- Tuesday, 1 July: Community Event, Stoneleigh Court, Nuneaton and Lydgate Court, Nuneaton from 2pm to 4pm
- ASB & Cuckooing Awareness Session at Independent Living schemes:
- Priory Court, Nuneaton at 2:15pm
- The Poplars, Nuneaton at 3pm
- James Diskin Court, Nuneaton at 3:45pm
- Wednesday, 2 July: Market stall in Nuneaton Town Centre
- Thursday, 3 July: Community Event, Dorlecote Court, Nuneaton and Franklin Court, Nuneaton from 1pm until 3pm
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Operation Sceptre Gets Talkative to Tackle Knife Crime



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At its core, Op Sceptre is about educating young people and helping to create changes that can prevent tragedy.

As part of this, officers and PCSOs visited schools, talking to more than 1,300 young people directly about knife crime.

VR headsets featured a powerful presentation on the tragic realities of carrying a knife and were shared with hundreds of people.

Neighbourhood officers put on pop-up stalls too, inviting residents to come and talk about their concerns.

'Knife sweeps' were conducted in parks and open spaces, whereby officers and PCSOs were using knife wands (specially-adapted metal detectors) to scan for weapons.

This is because those involved in knife crime will sometimes 'stash' weapons to be picked up and used without needing to be carried on their person.

Police said: "Tackling knife crime isn't just for a week – it takes us (and you, our communities) to work together year round to educate, divert

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"Here in Warwickshire, this is where our own project, Operation Talkative, comes in.

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The ribbon cutting will take place at 12 noon and the event will go on until 6pm, with an after party taking place at Popworld in town.

Organisers said: *"We would proudly like to announce that the Mayor for Nuneaton and Bedworth will be opening our 2025 Nuneaton Pride this year! Our Mayor and Mayoress will be the only dignitaries opening Nuneaton Pride this year."*

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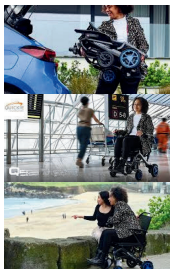


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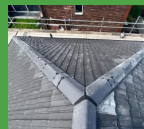
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