

Inspector Neil Bellamy.  
Neighbourhood Policing Inspector, East Bassetlaw.

The new head of Neighbourhood Policing in East Bassetlaw has a 25 year police career that has taken him from Mansfield to the Caribbean and Miami – and back to Retford for a second time.

Inspector Neil Bellamy joined Nottinghamshire Police in 1986 in Mansfield and after three years there, he joined the Road Traffic Department where he served a further five years.

He was then seconded to the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service and spent six years in the Caribbean working with the Marine Unit, the Drugs Task Force and the Intelligence Unit.

It was there that he met his ex-wife and the couple moved to Miami to pursue her business interests and Neil worked in a casino as assistant director of security.

The couple came back to this country in 2002 to start a family and Inspector Bellamy now has a nine-year-old daughter.

In 2004 he was promoted to Sergeant and moved to Retford and has worked in Neighbourhood Policing for six years in both Retford and Worksop, later taking his Inspector's exams. He has also worked on response and prior to taking his present position, was the Demand Management Inspector for Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood.

After such a varied career, Neil said: "I am very happy to be back at Retford. "Amazingly, I am back at the same desk where I worked as a Sergeant back in 2004, looking out over King's Park," he added.