

Crime prevention tips

Cut Car Crime with Durham Constabulary

Remember the "three Cs"

Clear valuables out of your car...

If you need to store valuables in your car keep them out of sight from opportunist thieves by locking them in the boot.

Take **C**are where you park your car...

If you have a garage use it as this will dramatically reduce the chance of becoming a car crime victim.

If you do not have a garage, you are less likely to become a car crime victim if you park in a well-lit, busy area or secure car park.

Consider making life more difficult for thieves...

Use theft-resistant number plates which are widely available online. Stolen number plates can be transferred to vehicles subsequently used to commit driving offences and more serious crimes.

Pick-up vehicles, 4x4s, vans and high-performance cars are particular targets for thieves and owners need to be vigilant.

Join your local Neighbourhood Watch as crime is always lower in areas with an effective Neighbourhood Watch presence.

Play your part in cutting car crime!

For more information visit www.durham.gov.uk/vehiclecrime or join the police on Twitter and Facebook. Contact us by telephone on 101.



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Good reasons to be confident in Durham Constabulary...

Overall crime and anti-social behaviour is going down every year.

Detection rates are rising.

We respond to 90% of our immediate priority calls within set targets.

We answer nine out of ten emergency calls within ten seconds.

Eight out of ten people in County Durham and Darlington think we do a good job.

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Police News

Issue 2

Police action in your area

My name is Paul Anderson and I am the neighbourhood inspector for Durham City, which covers the city centre and surrounding district.

Durham is a very safe place to live, work and visit and it is my aim to improve this even further, by reducing the number of victims of crime and trying to improve the quality of life for all our communities.

This can only be achieved by working together with our partners and local communities. This newsletter aims to keep you updated about policing activity in your area and provide crime prevention advice, which hopefully you will find useful. Together we can make a difference!



You may already be aware of the Safe City initiative which was launched last October.

It was launched on the back of the success of the Night Safe scheme, extending it to all

aspects of community safety across the whole district both day and night, with the aim of making Durham the safest city in the country.

To help it succeed we took a co-ordinated approach, working with shops, businesses, partner organisations, such as Durham

University, Durham Area Action Partnership, Durham County Council, and the local community.

No one area is looked at in isolation. What happens at Belmont Retail Park is connected to the City Centre and the Arncliffe Centre, and people involved in shop crime can also affect licensed premises.

We have started a number of projects around Neighbourhood Watch, retail crime, homeless/rough sleepers, anti-social behaviour, burglaries and thefts from vehicles.

And the result? Ongoing reductions mean there are fewer victims of crime and by the end of February anti-social behaviour was down by nearly a third.

The initiative will continue as we aim to make Durham the safest city in the country. We can only do that by working in partnership with local organisations and local people. Together we can make a difference!

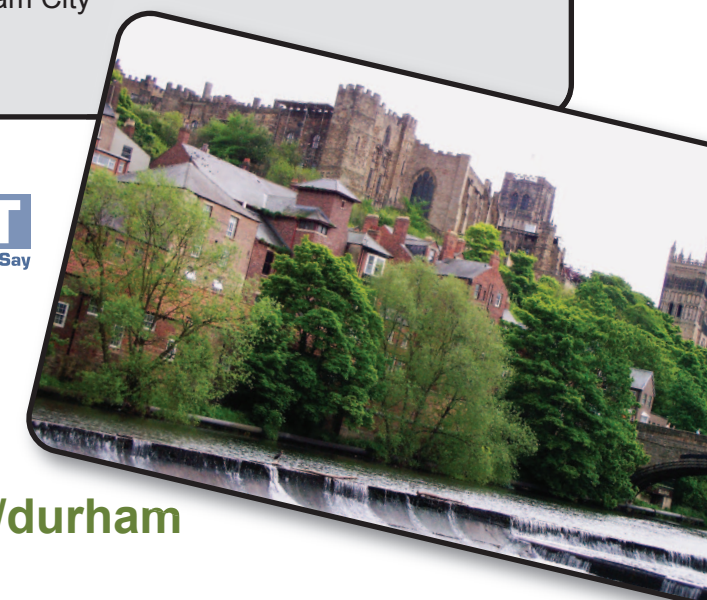
Paul Anderson
Neighbourhood Inspector
Durham City

Your PACT Meetings



Have your say about policing in your community by attending one of our Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings - either online or in person. Check out the 'events' section of your local policing team website pages for meeting dates, times and locations.

www.durham.police.uk/local/north/durham



Out and About

Neighbourhood Watch Challenge

More than 1,000 Durham residents have signed up as new Neighbourhood Watch members after a recent police recruitment drive as part of the 'Challenge 1000'.

Our challenge is to recruit new homes, new members and new co-ordinators to the Neighbourhood Watch network in our area. We are looking for the new street co-ordinators to receive our police Voice Connect messages and pass the information onto their fellow members.



Schemes can be big or small, a large housing estate, a village, or they might involve just half a dozen houses.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes bring people together and can make a real contribution to tackling and solving local problems.

- Neighbourhood Watch is free to join.
- British Crime Surveys show fewer crimes are committed in active NHW areas.
- Most household insurance providers offer premium reductions for NHW members.
- NHW provides a close link with your local police team.
- Voice Connect keeps members informed about relevant crime issues and offers crime prevention advice.

More info? Ring Durham Constabulary on 101 and ask for Tim Thompson on ext 668 2814.

The television digital switch over starts in the Tyne Tees area in 2012 and some people are using this as an opportunity to target vulnerable people with offers of new aerials and other unnecessary equipment. If in doubt contact the Digital Switchover Help Scheme at www.helpscheme.co.uk or on 0800 40 85 900.

If you are organising a local community event, please contact your local council's Safety Advisory Group for advice, guidance and support. You can find details on both the Durham County Council and Darlington Council websites.

Local projects and crime prevention initiatives:

Operation Selcey is an exciting and innovative project, working with pupils from Belmont Community School, which is overseen by PC Waheed Mughal and showcased by Melody Hossaini from TV's The Apprentice. The aim of the project is to get local youths more involved with their communities and so reduce anti-social behaviour.

Business Watch is overseen by PC Ralph Thompson with a view to local businesses in the Gillesgate area working together and making their premises harder for criminals to target.

Forecourt Watch. In response to a national rise in fuel theft, PC Ian Madsen has linked in with several international petrochemical companies to make petrol stations harder for people to drive off without paying for fuel.

We are proud to be the first neighbourhood team to receive Investing In Children status for a project involving youths from the Sherburn Road and Sherburn Village areas. By listening to their views and hosting events such as football tournaments, we are on first name terms with many of the youths who used to cause anti-social behaviour in the area. This has directly led to a reduction in anti-social behaviour.



Sherburn NPT officers at football event in Sherburn Village

... down your way

You can contact your local neighbourhood team on 101

Your neighbourhood sergeant

My name is Jim Cowell and I am the neighbourhood sergeant with responsibility for the Sherburn and Bowburn Areas. This is a very busy neighbourhood with lots of community-based projects and crime reduction initiatives ongoing.

Brief explanations about some of the projects which are ongoing are included in the 'out and about' section of this newsletter. If you would like to speak to a member of the local policing team you can contact us on the non-emergency number 101 or via the other contact details listed below.

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Neighbourhood sergeant

Sgt 308 Jim Cowell

Gillesgate

PC 2386 Ralph Thompson
PCSO 6425 Neil Wilkinson
PCSO 7247 Thomas Strawbridge

Carrville

PCSO 6425 Neil Wilkinson
PC 1752 Waheed Mughal

Croxdale East

PC 304 Bruce Cockburn
PCSO 7403 David Airey
PCSO 7021 Chris Dunn

Bowburn and Cassop

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PCSO 7403 David Airey
PCSO 7021 Chris Dunn

Pittington

PC 1157 Ian Madsen
PCSO 6425 Neil Wilkinson
PCSO 7247 Thomas Strawbridge

Shincliffe and High Shincliffe

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PCSO 7403 David Airey
PCSO 7021 Chris Dunn

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PCSO 7247 Thomas Strawbridge
PC 1157 Ian Madsen

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PC 1752 Waheed Mughal
PCSO 7247 Thomas Strawbridge

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PCSO 7247 Thomas Strawbridge

Ludworth

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PCSO 6425 Neil Wilkinson

Kelloe

PC 1645 Mark Ogilvie
PCSO 7403 David Airey
PCSO 7021 Chris Dunn

Sherburn Village / Sherburn Hill

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Front counter staffed:

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8am to 6pm - Monday to Friday
10am to 4pm - Saturday and Sunday

Outside these hours an intercom system and CCTV facility is available to link callers to the communications centre.

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