

## Crime prevention tips

### Cut Car Crime with Durham Constabulary

#### Remember the "three Cs"

##### **C**lear 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.

##### **T**ake **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.

##### **C**onsider making life more difficult for thieves...

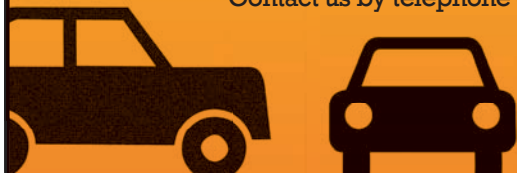
Use theft-resistant number plates which are widely available online. Stolen number plates can be transferred to vehicles subsequently used to commit driving offences and more serious crimes.

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](http://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.

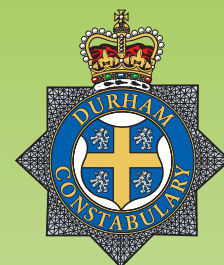
Detection rates are rising.

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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# Spennymoor

## Police News

Issue 2

### Lighter nights prompt action

The Spennymoor neighbourhood policing team consists of a neighbourhood inspector, supported by two sergeants and two teams of dedicated beat officers and PCSOs, policing the Spennymoor / Ferryhill areas and surrounding villages.

With the onset of lighter nights, we will be giving special attention to anti-social behaviour and underage drinking.

We will be carrying out test purchase operations aimed at reducing this, and running educational sessions in schools. We also support the provision of proof-of-age cards through Durham County Council's ID4U scheme. Visit the council's website for further details.

We hold monthly Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings - please take the time to attend so you can play an active part in setting priorities and provide feedback. This helps us increase confidence and

satisfaction within your neighbourhood.

Full details of dates, times and venues can be found on the Durham Constabulary website. We also advertise the meetings in local newspapers.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the recent addition of the 101 telephone number. This is the number on which to contact your local police when your call is less urgent than 999.

Further details can be found online at [www.durham.police.uk](http://www.durham.police.uk)

**Warren Edwards**  
Acting Neighbourhood Inspector  
Spennymoor

### 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/south/spennymoor](http://www.durham.police.uk/local/south/spennymoor)





## Out and About

### Neighbourhood Watch News

Neighbourhood Watch continues to expand across the Spennymoor police district, with over 400 street co-ordinators and almost 5,000 people involved. Durham Constabulary and the Safe Durham Partnership are keen to see the scheme grow.

#### There are many benefits for those involved:

- It is free to join.
- The British Crime Survey demonstrates fewer crimes are committed in active Neighbourhood Watch areas.
- Most household insurance providers offer a premium reduction for Neighbourhood Watch members.
- It provides a close link with the local police neighbourhood policing team and support from the police community liaison officer.
- Voice Connect is a police messaging system which allows the police to send out voice messages and emails to home phones, mobiles and computers. The messages are designed to keep Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators informed of relevant crime issues and offer impartial crime prevention advice.

For further information on Neighbourhood Watch or to become involved: Contact Neil Langthorne (police community liaison officer)  
Tel: 01325 742755 or Email: [neil.langthorne@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:neil.langthorne@durham.pnn.police.uk)



The television digital switch over will begin in the Tyne Tees area in 2012. We are aware that some individuals have used this as an opportunity to target vulnerable people with offers of new aerials and other equipment that is not needed. If you are in any doubt you can contact the Digital Switchover Help Scheme by visiting the website [www.helpscheme.co.uk](http://www.helpscheme.co.uk) or calling 0800 40 85 900.

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

Could you make a difference? Do you have a little spare time and want to be involved with your neighbourhood policing team? If the answer is 'yes' then we would like to speak to you about becoming a community volunteer for Spennymoor policing team. For details of how you could help and an application form, speak to a member of the team on 101.

### Scales of Justice

**Shane Cameron Mather** - sentenced to four years' imprisonment for house burglary  
**Kieron Gittins** - sentenced to 15 months in a young offenders institution for numerous offences including theft from vehicles / metal theft  
**Kieron Young** - sentenced to eight months in prison for theft from vehicles  
**Christopher Simpson** - Anti Social Behaviour Order issued until 11/1/15

For up to date news in your local area remember you can follow us at [www.facebook.com/spennypolice](http://www.facebook.com/spennypolice) or [twitter @spennypolice](https://twitter.com/spennypolice)

Following an article in the last edition about the multi-agency work to address anti-social behaviour in Craddock Street, we are pleased to report that a problematic family have now given up their tenancy and moved out of the area. This has resulted in a dramatic drop in incidents. At a recent PACT meeting, one resident said they felt "much safer walking down the street". **Well done to the officers and residents involved!**

... down your way



PCSO 7431 Mary Hobson:

*"As a relatively new member of the team I have enjoyed getting to know local people and making sure residents know how to contact the police if they have any concerns. Part of my role is that of community cohesion officer, so I understand how important it is to have good links between local people and local police. By working together we can help ensure that Spennymoor and Ferryhill remain safe places to live and work. If you need to speak to a member of the policing team here, you can contact us on the details below."*

## Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Acting Insp 344 Warren Edwards

### Spennymoor Ward

Acting Sgt 2558 Matthew Edwards  
PCSO 7097 Andrew Tindale  
PC 1770 Jamie Rielly

### Tudhoe Ward

Acting Sgt 2558 Matthew Edwards  
PCSO 7094 Adam Grundy

### Low Spennymoor and Tudhoe Grange Ward

Acting Sgt 2558 Matthew Edwards  
PCSO 6047 Sam Wardle  
PC 1790 Peter Hall

### Middlestone Ward, Byers Green and Kirk Merrington

Acting Sgt 2558 Matthew Edwards

PC 2250 Paul Colman  
PCSO 6151 Brian Nicholson

### Ferryhill Town and Dean Bank

Sgt Grant McTaggart  
PC 394 Chris Metcalfe

### Broom Ward

PCSO 7004 Laura Denathorn  
PC 1592 Michael Moody

### Bishop Middleham and Cornforth Ward

PC 2106 Ken Barclay  
PCSO 6882 Louise Armstrong

### Chilton Ward

PC 1736 Brian Hall

### Main Station:

Spennymoor Police Station,  
Wesleyan Road,  
Spennymoor,  
DL16 6FB  
Email: [spennymoor@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:spennymoor@durham.pnn.police.uk)

### Front counter staffed:

10am to 5pm Monday to Friday

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

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CONSTABULARY**

**101**

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EMERGENCY  
ALWAYS  
CALL 999

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Broadcast Yourself

You can contact your local neighbourhood team on 101

Your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is **Neil Langthorne**