

Crime Prevention Tips

Follow our Winter Nights advice

As the nights get darker...

- Before leaving your home make sure you have locked both your front and back doors and your windows. Almost a third of properties are burgled due to an insecure door or window.
- Consider leaving a light on before you go out when it's dark. It's a fact that properties left in darkness are more likely to be targeted by burglars.
- Close your curtains when heading out for the night.
- If you have a house alarm – please use it!
- Ensure car headlights are in working order, and avoid dazzling other drivers.
- Pedestrians - be safe and be seen – wear something bright when out and about after dark.

When the weather gets colder...

- Drivers - make sure your vehicle is secure when clearing windscreens of snow or ice.
- Snowballing is fun - but it could turn into anti-social behaviour or even a criminal offence if snowballs are aimed at cars or passers-by.

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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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Local officers go online

Following the work of your local Neighbourhood Policing Team is easier than ever, as we now use Twitter and Facebook throughout the day to let you know what we're doing.

The team tweets using @PeterleePolice, and gives regular updates about it's daily routine as well as being able to answer questions you may have about policing in your area.

As a team we understand that people often have questions or comments about the policing of their community, but often can't attend our monthly PACT meetings.

We've introduced monthly online forums for those who can't attend. You can ask questions, make suggestions for improvements or just watch the

conversation develop between those online.

To get details of the next event go to <http://peterleenpt.coverpage.coveritlive.com> where you can also view previous forums and set reminders for future events.

Don't worry if you aren't online, it's not all about new technology. You can still contact us in person by calling into the office or coming to one of our regular PACT meetings, or by phone on the non-emergency number **101**.

Your PACT Meetings



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

To check dates of the online PACT meetings visit:
<http://peterleenpt.coverpage.coveritlive.com>
 For details of our PACT meetings visit:
www.durham.police.uk/local/north/peterlee



Out and about

After identifying a number of properties at high risk of crime in the Wheatley Hill area we put together a group of partner agencies to work on solving the issues.

The problems related to house burglaries and theft of copper/boilers. Absent landlords and environmental issues were also identified as contributing factors.

The police, the county council, the fire and rescue service and local councillors got together and invited local landlords to meetings to discuss the issues and establish the best ways to address them.

Premises were made secure, in many cases by the landlords who accepted their responsibility, but for those unwilling to respond they were re-charged for boarding of premises.

Environmental powers were used by the council to remove piles of rubbish and unco-operative landlords were issued fixed penalty notices. Other proactive work was carried out by the neighbourhood policing team and metal theft teams, resulting in numerous arrests and convictions.

As a result, there have been big reductions in crime and anti-social behaviour, and quality of life issues have been addressed.

You might have seen our Winter Nights campaign posters highlighting the importance of crime prevention to prevent you becoming the victim of crime.
We've had some good results so far this year and are targeting known criminals to stop them committing crime.
We need your help to make things difficult for thieves. If you need any advice please contact your local neighbourhood team.

People in Peterlee were given the chance to raise concerns about their community at a special one-off event.

The drop-in at the Academy at Shotton Hall was organised by the Safe Durham Partnership in response to requests from residents. Visitors were also invited to take the opportunity to pamper themselves with a free cut and blow-dry in the school's hairdressing department.

Representatives from the school, police, county council and East Durham Homes were on hand to answer questions and talk about their work during the event.

This was an opportunity for local residents to call in and talk to people from a wide range of organisations about any issues of concern.

It also gave people from each of the organisations involved the chance to talk about work already underway to improve life in the area.

Further events will be held at different locations throughout the sector over the coming months. Details will be advertised in the local press, in the area, and on relevant social media sites.

Shoplifting affects a lot of people, leading to increased prices at the till and taking up the time of your local police officers.

We are working with local stores to reduce opportunities for thieves and improve security.

We are also working closely with our largest store, Asda - Peterlee. They have provided a dedicated office for officers to use when in the area and we are holding regular surgeries there where you can drop in for a coffee and a chat with members of your local policing team.

The number of shoplifting reports are fewer than half what they were in March 2011 when the scheme started. This means local officers have even more time to work in your communities and help tackle the issues that matter to you.

For details of the next "Coffee with a Copper" at Asda please contact your local neighbourhood team.

The introduction of a local team to deal with the increase in metal thefts has produced positive results. We've arrested more than 30 people over an eight-week period which has driven down the number of thefts of metal items in recent weeks.

With the high price of scrap metal we still need your help in reporting suspicious activity. You may want to consider your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme. It could reduce your home insurance by up to 10% as well as help keep your community safer.

... down your way

Your Neighbourhood Inspector



My name is Dave Coxon and I am the Neighbourhood Inspector for the Peterlee area.

Along with my neighbourhood policing teams I work out of the main station on St Aidan's Way. Our particular set up at Peterlee, with police officers, PCSOs and community wardens all located under one roof, means our teams can provide a timely and effective response to local community issues. You can have your say about policing in Peterlee by attending a PACT meeting, either in person or online. Keep checking the Peterlee page for the date of your next local meeting as things are happening all the time.

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

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PC 1416 Glen Davies
PC2034 Chris Woollett
PCSO 6865 Natalie Holmes
PCSO 6627 Kelly Taylor

Blackhall, Castle Eden, Hesleden, Crimdon and Sheraton

Sgt 941 Ian Dickinson
PC 1586 Andrew Holland
PCSO 6638 Ian Goodwin

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PC 1925 Joanne Godber
PCSO 7238 Andrew Robson

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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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