

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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Durham City West

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!

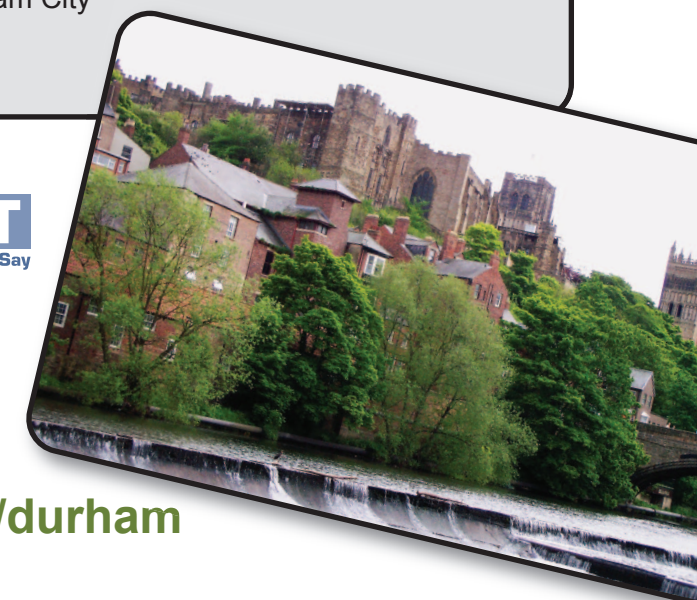
Paul Anderson
Neighbourhood Inspector
Durham City

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

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.

Flower boxes made by the students from Durham Community Business College will be planted up with flowers and distributed to all the elderly and disabled people in the Bracken Court Neighbourhood Scheme area.

Students are also growing vegetables in the school garden and laying out an orchard and are encouraging the community to come along and give advice and help where necessary. All produce will be sold to the school kitchen and any left will be offered to the community for a small donation.



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.

A community garden in Ushaw Moor which will be educational for children and help build bridges between the generations is taking shape.

The Ushaw Moor Action Group is extremely grateful for all the support they have had from residents and partners in developing this facility.

The local policing team is delighted to support the Durham Agency Against Crime HAGGRID Project, which is a diversionary programme for young people based around horticulture and agriculture. The scheme also aims to build stronger communities through inter-generational activities.

... down your way

You can contact your local neighbourhood team on 101



Your neighbourhood sergeant

My name is Norman Foster and I am the acting neighbourhood sergeant for the west locality.

I aim to work with local communities and partners to address the issues that matter to the people in our policing area. We hold monthly PACT (police and communities together) meetings in each neighbourhood where your concerns can be raised with local officers. We will tackle your concerns and any issues that are brought to our attention.

One example of this was an issue of youths drinking and dropping litter next to a local sports centre. We were able to resolve this through increased patrols and joint working with partner agencies.

Following a small rise in house burglaries in the Framwellgate area a local man was recently arrested and is currently going through the criminal justice system.

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Neighbourhood sergeant
A/Sgt 1875 Norman Foster

Framwellgate Moor and Pity Me

PC 1761 Nicola Quarmby
PCSO 5750 Malcolm Knox
PCSO 5295 Debbie Sadler-Watson

Newton Hall

PCSO 5750 Malcolm Knox
PC 221 Katherine Ward
PCSO 5295 Debbie Sadler-Watson

Crossgate and North End

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PCSO 5750 Malcolm Knox
PC 1761 Nicola Quarmby

Langley Moor and Meadowfield

PCSO 6624 Ben Kinnair
PC 2453 Paul Williams
PCSO 7245 Andy Childs
PC 2388 Gemma Potter

Esh Winning, Waterhouses and Hamilton Row

PCSO 6624 Ben Kinnair
PC 1517 Jeff Barksby
PCSO 7245 Andy Childs

Ushaw Moor

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PC 1517 Jeff Barksby
PCSO 7245 Andy Childs

Witton Gilbert

PC 1875 Norman Foster
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Brancepeth

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Bearpark

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Durham,
DH1 3AQ

Email: durham@durham.pnn.police.uk
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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