

## 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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# Bishop Auckland

## Police News

Issue 2

### Help us round up the strays

Stray horses on the roads around Bishop Auckland are continuing to cause problems for motorists and residents, as well as putting themselves at risk.

In most instances this is due to irresponsible owners who fail to maintain fences and ensure their animals have sufficient food, water and veterinary care.

Your neighbourhood team in Bishop Auckland is leading the way in tackling this issue, working in partnership with other agencies.

In the last year we have impounded 64 loose and illegally-grazed horses and set processes in place to prosecute owners and recover costs. Recently, 15 members of the team, along with council officers and impounders, took possession of four horses that had caused major problems

for some time around Woodhouse Close estate and the fire station.

Please continue to report any instances of stray horses and welfare issues to the police, Durham County Council and the RSPCA. Let us make our roads and public spaces safer for everyone and relieve the suffering of these helpless animals.

You can contact your local policing team on the non-emergency number 101.

**Martin Peace**  
Neighbourhood Inspector  
Bishop Auckland



### 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 policing team website pages or contact your local team for meeting dates, times and locations.

[www.durham.police.uk/local/south/bishopauckland](http://www.durham.police.uk/local/south/bishopauckland)



## Out and About

### Coundon & Leeholme

At the January PACT meeting people raised concerns about the number of off-road motorbikes and quad bikes being ridden on the main roads, recreation grounds and Leasingthorne pit. It was agreed that this would be a PACT priority for the area.

The neighbourhood policing team has carried out extensive patrols with the help of our off-road motorbike section. In the first month of this being a PACT priority one bike has been seized and four riders have been given their final warnings.

If anyone has information about this or any other issue please contact a member of your neighbourhood policing team on 101.



I am PC David Williamson and have recently taken over the role of crime prevention officer in the Wear and Tees area. I want to work with local communities to help keep County Durham safe. I would like to encourage members of the local community to become involved as a police support volunteer.

If you would like to become involved in Neighbourhood Watch, or crime prevention and community safety initiatives, please contact me at [david.williamson@durham.pnn.police.co.uk](mailto:david.williamson@durham.pnn.police.co.uk) or [john.raw@durham.pnn.police.co.uk](mailto:john.raw@durham.pnn.police.co.uk) for further information.

### West Auckland, St Helen Auckland & Tindale

The development of the business park in St Helen Auckland is progressing well. Durham Constabulary has been actively working with the community, businesses and partner agencies to ensure the redevelopment goes ahead smoothly.

To this end, Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, John Raw, launched Business Watch to help businesses, police and partners communicate effectively and guard against criminal activity. This initiative complements the existing Shop Watch scheme. Any businesses who would like to be involved in either Shop Watch or Business Watch should contact:

[john.raw@durham.pnn.police.co.uk](mailto:john.raw@durham.pnn.police.co.uk)

**Evenwood and Ramshaw**  
Street wardens have carried out dog fouling patrols in the area, with one ticket issued to a local resident and suitable advice given. There have been a number of new unoccupied houses in Lynas Place, Evenwood, broken into and the boilers taken. Please ring 101 with any information. There are also problems with off-road motorbikes being ridden on the land near to Newholme Crescent. This area will be monitored closely and anyone found riding without permission of the land owner will be dealt with accordingly.

### Toft Hill & Evenwood

Anti-social behaviour levels are down, with just 37 calls to police about youth-related incidents between January 2011 and 2012, compared to 63 for the same period 10/11. Alcohol-related incidents are also down, with nine calls in the last year, compared to 19 the year before.

Redhouse Estate had an increase in calls in January, so we are doing a survey to identify the nature and location of the majority of the problems. We are working with partner agencies to combat anti-social behaviour as well as thefts and burglaries.

PCSOs and street wardens have recently been into primary schools across the area to security mark children's bikes. This places a unique code on the frame of the bike which cannot be removed, making it easier to return to the owner if recovered after being lost or stolen. This has already led to one bike being returned. It was marked at St. Chad's Primary School and stolen in Bishop Auckland. The suspect's house was searched and the bike was identified by the security marking.

Residents in the south of the county can now dispose of unwanted metal items with the help of a force approved tradesman, collector Patrick Dowd. In a bid to crack down on metal theft, officers and PCSOs will carry letters to hand out to potential targets containing contact details for the collection service.

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.

### Henknowle, South Church and Cockton Hill

Jet and Ben, the force's community dogs, visited every primary school to educate youngsters about saying no to strangers and road safety programmes. They also visited a local care home in Henknowle where the residents were delighted to see them and enjoyed watching them perform a few tricks!

Neighbourhood Watch is currently celebrating the first anniversary of its sister group Woodhouse Ward. When the scheme was introduced in early 2011 advice was given to each member about security and Smartwater good media coverage and patrols by local officers, has meant that the scheme has been a great success. Further schemes are now in place at the allotments on South Church Road and the Pollards site in Bishop Auckland.



... down your way



### PCSO 7302 Sarah Downs:

"My name is Sarah Downs and I am a member of the Neighbourhood policing team for Evenwood and Ramshaw."

"I am enjoying being a PCSO in the area and look forward to working with the community, local schools and businesses. I have met many members of the community while in my training period and look forward to meeting many more. Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you see me in the street, or you can contact me on 101 ext 6732352 or ext 6732357."



### PC 197 Alistair Henry:

"I am Alistair Henry, a member of the Neighbourhood policing team, with responsibility for South Church, Henknowle and Cockton Hill. Although new to this area, I have 24 years experience in the police, covering various roles and locations, including a previous spell as a beat officer in Darlington. My aims are to reassure residents about any concerns regarding crime and anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhood and to identify the people causing these problems, to prevent them happening again."

## Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Insp 1562 Martin Peace  
Sgt 552 David Hancock  
Sgt 415 Jayne Burdess

### Bishop Auckland Town and Toronto

PCSO 6899 Mark Peacock  
PC 1685 Alex Riley  
PCSO 7035 Nicola Shaw

### Henknowle, South Church and Cockton Hill

PCSO 6326 Ian Feldon  
PCSO 7244 Jamie Pitt  
PC 197 Alistair Henry

### Woodhouse Close Estate, Greenfields and Etherley Dene

PC 1855 Mark Lloyd  
PCSO 7433 Michael Atkinson  
PCSO 6240 Iain Osborne

### Eldon, Close House, Coronation and Auckland Park

PC 1873 Jonathan Robinson  
PCSO 6884 Theresa Moore

### Coundon, Leeholme, Middleston, Newfield and Binchester

PC 1987 Lee Nicholson  
PCSO 7147 Chris Elms  
PC 760 Victoria Coxon

### West Auckland, St Helens and Tindale

PCSO 6916 Matthew Eckersley  
PC 2568 Rob Simpson  
PC 128 Kimberley Marshall  
PCSO 6940 Kimberley Rantoul

### Evenwood, Ramshaw, Hamsterley Forest, Windmill, Escomb, Etherley, Toft Hill, Witton Park, High Etherley, Low Etherley

PC 71 Heather Fenwick  
PC 1889 David Nicholson  
PCSO 7189 Stacey Walker  
PCSO 7302 Sarah Downs

### Main Station:

Bishop Auckland Police Station,  
Woodhouse Lane,  
Bishop Auckland,  
DL14 6LB  
Email: [bishopauckland@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:bishopauckland@durham.pnn.police.uk)

### Front counter staffed:

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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You can contact your local neighbourhood team on 101

Your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is **John Raw**