

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.

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

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

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Stanley

Police News

Issue 2

Catch up with a local bobby on a bus

Following an increase in reports of anti-social behaviour, the Stanley neighbourhood policing team has teamed up with Durham County Council's street wardens and the bus service 'Go North-East' in a bid to curb the problem on specific bus routes in the town.

The campaign, which aims to increase visibility and provide reassurance to those using the transport, is aptly named 'Bobby on a Bus'.

Officers from the local neighbourhood policing team are using bus services around the town to provide a more accessible point of contact to members of the public while addressing key issues such as rowdy behaviour and littering.

Posters are displayed at the town bus station as well as at bus stops and on designated buses.

PCSO Steven Atherton, who is leading the initiative, said: "This scheme aims to provide reassurance to those travelling on buses in the Stanley area. It gives

members of the public an opportunity to speak to local officers where they may not get the opportunity to otherwise."

The campaign will run in conjunction with a banning system which will see those found causing anti-social behaviour receive warning letters and eventually banning notices if their behaviour does not improve.

The Stanley policing team is also working in partnership with the Stanley Civic Pride officer to introduce artwork in the area of the bus station, in a bid to make it more appealing for people and further reduce nuisance.

Our message is clear: the bus station is for commuters to and from Stanley town centre and not a congregation point for anyone wanting to intimidate bus users or to commit anti-social behaviour.

Karen Naunton
Neighbourhood Inspector
Stanley

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/stanley



Out and About

Catchgate week of action took place from Saturday, March 10 to Friday, March 16.

The event included a community walkabout, an 'open house' event at Catchgate neighbourhood policing office, community speed watch, a litter picking day, dog chipping and a 'skip day'.

The 'open house' brought representatives from a variety of agencies, including town and county council, Derwentside Homes and Civic Pride, together to speak to local residents about any concerns that they had. This received very positive feedback and the intention is to repeat this event in the near future.

One of the community speed watch events was conducted with pupils from Catchgate primary school.

Feedback from the week of events showed the local community felt empowered as a result. A range of people, from children to the elderly, were able to become actively involved in what affects and shapes services in their area, bringing the community closer, but also breaking down possible barriers between the police, other agencies and the public.

Lighter nights and warmer days increase the likelihood of people leaving windows and doors open, an open invitation to opportunist thieves. Please be vigilant and keep your home secure all year round. Even when you are in the house, please try to make sure that all of your external doors are locked, and any sheds or outhouses are locked as well.



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 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.

Throughout the year a number of 'walkabouts' are conducted within the community.

They involve the police and partners meeting to review the area to see what works well and what they feel can be improved. Three local areas have been covered within the last month alone.

The aim then is to progress some of the issues raised. Our Catchgate week of action, described in this newsletter, shows how resources are targeted at specific issues.

If you see us during these walkabouts, please feel free to approach us with your thoughts, ideas and concerns. We really appreciate input from the local community!

... down your way

You can contact your local neighbourhood team on 101



"My name is **Karen Naunton** and I am the neighbourhood inspector for Stanley. I joined the team here in March and since then I have spent as much time as possible getting out and about in an effort to meet members of the local community. I understand the importance of close links between my team and residents, and value any feedback you might have about policing in the Stanley area. You can contact your local officers via the details below."

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Havannah and Shield Row

Sgt 1079 Michael McGowan
PC 2236 Vicky Kerley
PCSO 7290 Daniel Brennan
PCSO 7096 Daniel Beardmore

Catchgate

Sgt 1079 Michael McGowan
PCSO 7046 Holly Dobson
PC 1234 Craig Johnson

Annfield Plain and New Kyo

Sgt 1079 Michael McGowan
PC 0132 Pete Akiens
PCSO 7436 Charlotte Campbell

Burnopfield

Sgt 1079 Michael McGowan

PC 2553 Jayne Marshall
PCSO 6387 David Collins

Dipton

Sgt 1079 Michael McGowan
PC 1234 Craig Johnson
PCSO 6387 David Collins

Tanfield

Sgt 1079 Michael McGowan
PCSO 7405 Steven Atherton
PC 1314 Judith Robinson

South Moor

Sgt 68 Kelly Martin
PC 2055 Neil Oakes
PCSO 6633 John Bastow
PCSO 6429 Mark Greener

Stanley Hall

Sgt 68 Kelly Martin
PCSO 6863 Lyndsey Hindson

Craghead and South Stanley

Sgt 68 Kelly Martin
PC 1847 Mick Burns
PCSO 6430 Stephen Wilkinson
PCSO 6543 Cheryl Watson

Main Station:

Stanley Police Station,
Thorneyholme Terrace,
Stanley,
County Durham,
DH9 0BL

Telephone: 101

Email: stanley@durham.pnn.police.uk

Facebook: Search for Stanley Neighbourhood Police Team

Twitter: @StanleyPolice

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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IN AN
EMERGENCY
ALWAYS
CALL 999



Your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is
PCSO Vikki Ord