

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...

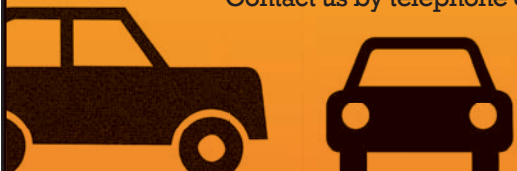
Use theft-resistant number plates which are widely available online. Stolen number plates can be transferred to vehicles subsequently used to commit driving offences and more serious crimes.

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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Altogether Better Policing

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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Altogether Better Policing

Peterlee

Police News

Issue 2

Police and partners work together to enhance service

"The Peterlee neighbourhood policing team is working closely with colleagues at Durham County Council to provide local people with the best possible service.

At a time when changes to structures and funding constraints could impact on local issues, we are making sure that our communities receive the same or an even better service.

In practice this means that the teams are now working side by side in the town and villages to solve the problems that matter to you.

New shift patterns mean more team members are on duty when they're needed, for instance at weekends. But we've ensured that together we cover the other periods so that no community is left without anyone to respond to concerns.

You can be confident that we are there when you need us, as we have been in recent months following increased reports of anti-social behaviour involving off-road motorbikes on public footpaths and open spaces.

We have worked closely with the Safe Durham Partnership to secure funding to continue with

patrols of the area by specialised officers on off-road bikes.

They will stop and prosecute anyone found committing offences, such as not having insurance or licensing issues. They will also use their powers to remove the bike concerned; this was really effective last year with over 23 bikes recovered.

We don't always need to catch someone on the bike, if you know someone who is using a motorbike anti-socially and you inform us we will take some action using anti-social behaviour legislation. These bikes are often poorly maintained and not insured and you'll be helping to improve the safety of your community by letting us know.

If you need to speak to a member of your local team you can contact us on the non-emergency number 101. "

Dave Coxon
Neighbourhood
Inspector
Peterlee



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/peterlee



Out and About

PCSO David Dove, community cohesion officer, is working in the area to support victims and witnesses of hate crime.

Hate crime is a serious criminal offence committed against a person due to their gender, race, faith/belief, disability, sexual orientation, transgender or age. It can take many forms including verbal or physical abuse, intimidation, harassment, damage to property, graffiti and bullying.

Durham Constabulary does not tolerate any form of abuse and if you wish to report a hate crime your confidentiality will be respected.

Please ring the non-emergency number **101**, call into your local station or visit our website: www.durham.police.uk
MINICOM Helpline for Deaf users: **0191 375 20 90**

It is a criminal offence to operate as a loan shark. Illegal money lenders operate without a licence, often targeting vulnerable people. To report a loan shark you can use any of the methods listed below:

Call the 24/7 confidential hotline: **0300 555 2222**
Text 'loan shark + your message' to: **60003**
E-mail: reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk
Visit: www.direct.gov.uk/stoploansharks
Twitter: www.twitter.com/loansharknews
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stoploansharksproject

Local police officers teamed up with young people to organise a five-a-side tournament with the aim of cutting crime and anti-social behaviour. In the East Durham Football Tournament, a series of matches was held at Helford Road Pavilion in Peterlee.

The idea for the event came after police, partner agencies and the teens themselves discussed ways of tackling anti-social behaviour in the Shotton Colliery and Wheatley Hill areas.

Young people were invited to sign anti-social behaviour agreements and directed towards positive activities in their villages.

Disorder fell dramatically in the run up to the event; it seemed the young people decided that the chance to compete was enough of an incentive to stay out of trouble. The event proved so successful that plans are in place to run it every year.

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.



Neighbourhood Watch is a nationally recognised crime prevention initiative which encourages communities to work together to address local concerns.

Each scheme is different in that it is shaped by the community it serves and run by a community volunteer supported by a local police community liaison officer.

Being part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme could not only reduce crime where you live but also entitle you to a reduction in your home insurance premium.

It is free to join and helps make your neighbourhood even safer.

For more information please contact Sarah Willis, community liaison officer, by email at sarah.willis@durham.pnn.police.uk or on **01913752617**.

... down your way



"My name is **Steve Hawkes** and I am a sergeant in the Peterlee neighbourhood policing team. The team here understands the importance of communication with local people and I would encourage you to attend one of the police and communities together (PACT) meetings to have your say about policing in your community. PACT meetings are held in local venues and also online. Contact a member of the team for more information on 101."

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Horden

Sgt 941 Ian Dickinson
PC 1416 Glen Davies
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

Wingate, Hutton Henry, Station Town and Deaf Hill

Sgt 385 Stephen Hawkes
PC 1246 Rob Mellenthin

PC 1925 Joanne Godber
PCSO 7238 Andrew Robson

Thornley and Wheatley Hill
Sgt 385 Stephen Hawkes
PCSO 7037 Sharon Bowman
PCSO 6481 Amanda Jepson
PC 2418 Paul Gooden

Shotton Colliery

Sgt 385 Stephen Hawkes
PCSO 6645 Rob Ramshaw
PC 1635 Stephen Rowe

Peterlee Town

Sgt 941 Ian Dickinson
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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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EMERGENCY
ALWAYS
CALL **999**

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You can contact your local neighbourhood team on 101

Your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is **PCSO Sarah Willis**