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Changes to Police Governance

There will be a major change to policing governance this year; the Government is set to abolish Police Authorities and replace them with directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners. The aim of this is to reduce central bureaucracy, increase democratic accountability and empower local communities.

The first elections for Police and Crime Commissioners in England and Wales will be on 15 November 2012. Durham Police Authority has set up a multi-agency Local Transition Board to ensure that the handover to the Police and Crime Commissioner is as smooth and seamless as possible.

For further information visit www.durham-pa.gov.uk and select Police and Crime Commissioner.

Crimemapper

CrimeMapper is the national system for providing the public with information about local crime and anti-social behaviour levels. You can visit the www.police.uk website and by entering your postcode, find statistics for your neighbourhood, as well as a street-level map with crime and anti-social behaviour incidents plotted to the nearest large postcode (12 addresses or more).

There is also information on who your local policing team officers are, community events coming up at which police will be present, Twitter and Facebook feeds, and various ways of contacting the police.

If you require a copy of this document in large print, Braille, audio format or in a language other than English, please call: **0191 383 5511**. This document is available on Durham Police Authority's and Durham Constabulary's websites. If you require a printed copy, please email: durham.pa@durham.gov.uk or call **0191 383 5511**.

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ALWAYS
CALL 999**

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How to get involved

We want to encourage local people to become more involved with the policing of their communities in order to help us develop local solutions to local problems. Visit our websites to find out how you can get involved.

We are pleased to present our local policing summary for 2011-2012. We hope the summary gives you a clear sense of how we are performing and provides you with the reassurance that County Durham and Darlington remain one of the safest places to live and work in the whole of the country.

Durham Constabulary continues to be one of the best-performing forces in the country. Crime has fallen for the fifth consecutive year and is at its lowest level since 1983. We will continue to provide a modern cost-effective neighbourhood policing service that is responsive to people's needs and enables officers to be directed where and when they are most needed.

This summary sets out our priorities for the forthcoming year and details our achievements over the past year. In addition the Police Authority and the Constabulary have produced a joint annual report and policing plan which can be found at www.durham-pa.gov.uk or www.durham.police.uk



Chair of the Police Authority
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Chief Constable
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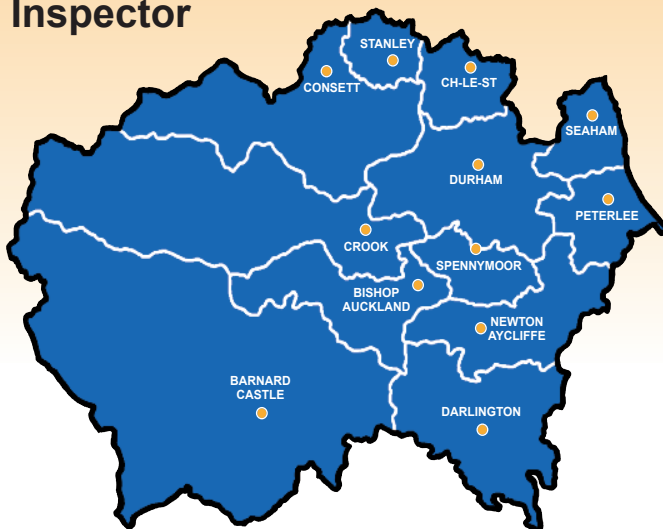
County Durham & Darlington 2011-2012



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LOCAL POLICING SUMMARY

Proud To Be Your Neighbourhood Inspector



Darlington
Insp Mick Button



Newton Aycliffe
Insp Mark Hall



Bishop Auckland
Insp Martin Peace



Consett
Insp Dave Turner



Stanley
Insp Karen Naunton



Chester-le-Street
Insp Amanda Cathrine



Durham
Insp Paul Anderson



Seaham
Insp Vince Addison



Peterlee
Insp Dave Coxon



Barnard Castle & Crook
Insp Kevin Tuck



Spennymoor
A/Insp Warren Edwards

Force Headlines...

Metal theft down by 56 per cent
Metal theft has been a major problem both locally and nationally. During 2011, the Constabulary set up teams to tackle this issue and carried out a series of high-profile actions which has resulted in a 56 per cent reduction in metal theft since August 2011.

Lowest crime since 1983
Durham Constabulary continues to reduce the number of recorded crimes with current levels being the lowest since 1983. This year we have seen crime fall by just over 3% - from 36,505 to 35,327 crimes.

Over 1,500 fewer victims
Domestic burglaries, thefts of vehicles and criminal damage have collectively fallen by over 13 per cent which has resulted in around 1,500 fewer victims.

Tackling serious and organised crime
Durham, with a detection rate of 94 per cent, is ranked 13th highest nationally for detecting offences of drug trafficking.



Local Issues - You Said, We Did...

We value your views and throughout the year we have consulted, in collaboration with our partners, with the people of County Durham and Darlington through a variety of forums and media including Facebook and Twitter. Your views help us to shape our priorities and operational activity each year. For 2012-2013 our priorities are:

Tackling anti-social behaviour in partnership

Reducing the impact of alcohol abuse on people and communities

Protecting vulnerable people from harm



Tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) in partnership

Some examples of how we have tackled ASB...

- Worked with partners to address youth ASB in a residential area for the elderly in Ferryhill.
- A 51 per cent reduction of ASB in the Sherburn area has been achieved by working with local youths to breakdown barriers.
- Continued to use Restorative Justice to provide victims with appropriate resolution to ensure offenders acknowledge the harm they have caused.
- We have set up 4 Safer Neighbourhood Units covering County Durham and Darlington.



Performance Figures

Anti-social behaviour



down by 23 per cent over the last two years

Our continuing commitment includes...

- Identifying the locations that experience a high level of crime and ASB (High Impact Localities) and working to resolve the issues through the Safer Neighbourhood Units.
- Improving relationships between young people and the police in high ASB areas by enhancing our work with the Investors in Children project.
- Working with our partners to harmonise services, speed up escalation processes and focus on the key issues within each neighbourhood.



Reducing the impact of drug and alcohol abuse on people and communities

Some examples of how we have reduced drug and alcohol abuse...

- We tackled underage drinking in Stanley by addressing both demand and supply through education, engagement and enforcement.
- Operation Oceanic saw a £1m drugs empire closed down in Darlington.
- We worked with partners to provide education and improve links with the licensing trade.



Drug related incidents



down by 19 per cent

Alcohol related incidents



down by 11 per cent

Protecting vulnerable people from harm

Examples of how we have protected vulnerable people from harm...

- We have continued to disrupt organised crime groups that prey on vulnerable people.
- Worked to improve information sharing between partners and to make appropriate referrals for those people deemed to be at risk.
- Continued the work of Operation Bombay which is a dedicated team set up to protect elderly and vulnerable residents from bogus officials.

Our continuing commitment includes...

- Identifying the most vulnerable children and adults across the constabulary area, to ensure that appropriate action can be taken to protect them from harm.
 - Continuing our work with partners to ensure all people deemed to be at risk receive immediate care.

48 per cent
detection rate for
sexual offences.

We are ranked fifth
highest nationally!

29 per cent
detection rate for
distraction burglary.

This is second
highest detection
rate for distraction
burglary!

This year you have asked us to pay particular attention to reducing the impact of alcohol abuse on people and communities. Our continuing commitment includes...

- Working closely with BALANCE, the regional Alcohol Office, to educate people as to the dangers of alcohol abuse.
- Continuing to work with the NHS and Youth Services to deliver alcohol awareness talks to schools, community groups and workplaces.
- Promoting the 'Punched Out Cold' campaign which highlights the risk of unintentionally causing injury by getting involved in a violent confrontation after consuming too much alcohol.

