

Crime Prevention Tips

Follow our Winter Nights advice

As the nights get darker...

- Before leaving your home make sure you have locked both your front and back doors and your windows. Almost a third of properties are burgled due to an unsecure door or window.
- Consider leaving a light on before you go out when it's dark. It's a fact that properties left in darkness are more likely to be targeted by burglars.
- Close your curtains when heading out for the night.
- If you have a house alarm – please use it!
- Ensure car headlights are in working order, and avoid dazzling other drivers.
- Pedestrians - be safe and be seen – wear something bright when out and about after dark.

When the weather gets colder...

- Drivers - make sure your vehicle is secure when clearing windscreens of snow or ice.
- Snowballing is fun - but it could turn into anti-social behaviour or even a criminal offence if snowballs are aimed at cars of passers-by.

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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.



North East
CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111
Call anonymously with information about crime





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Police Action in Your Area

Officers Go Online

Darlington Neighbourhood Teams have joined the technological revolution!

We've looked at the fantastic benefits of allowing our neighbourhood teams to post their activities and useful messages on Twitter and Facebook and now have a regular presence online.

You can follow PCSOs and police officers carrying out their daily roles and have an insight into the world of policing. We're also using social networking to send out important messages and requests as well as listening to what you have to say about your community.

The officers you can follow on Twitter include **PCSO Lynsey Carter** (@Darlotowncentrepolice), who is actively involved in Shopwatch, Pubwatch and most of the town centre events and activities, **PC Jeff Summerhill** (@Darlopolicееast) who patrols the east of

the town and **PC Dean Peacock** (@Darlopolicewest) who patrols the west end of Darlington around the Cockerton area.

Crime and anti-social behaviour is reducing in the Darlington area. House burglaries in particular are down 17%.

By responding to our requests for information about crime, you can help us maintain this good performance and keep your communities even safer.

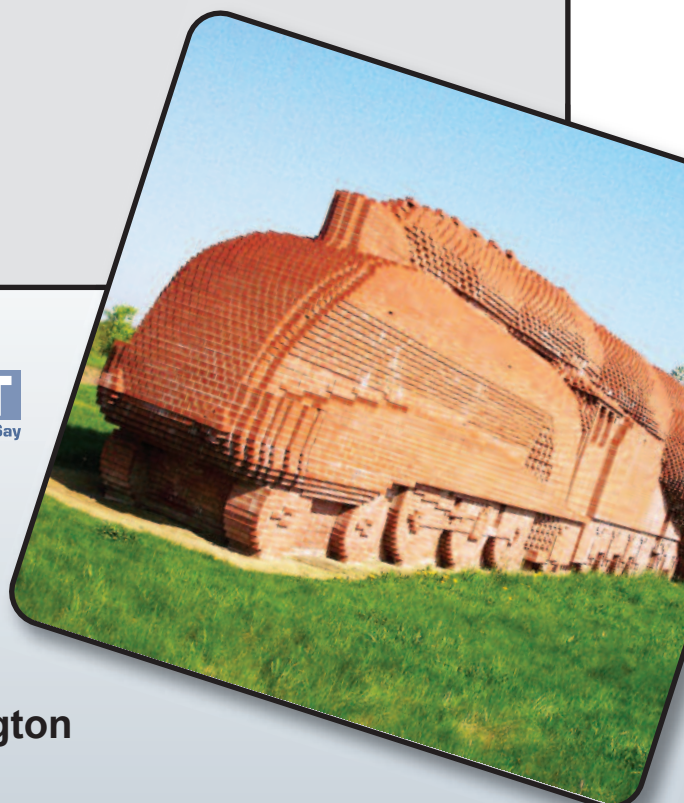
We're always keen to hear your feedback or suggestions to improve our service. To contact your local police team, call **0345 6060365** or visit the website **www.durham.police.uk**

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

www.durham.police.uk/local/south/darlington



Out and About

Our Winter Nights campaign has launched early this year and so far, with your help, it appears to be making a big impression on this type of seasonal crime. We are determined to keep up our efforts to reduce these crimes and have a programme of Winter Nights roadshows at your local supermarkets and DIY stores throughout winter. Contact your local neighbourhood team for details.



Eight of our most prolific offenders have been caught and processed through the courts. This has had a big impact on house burglaries, which are down 17% compared to last year. We are doubling our efforts this year with targeted patrols as well as offering crime prevention advice and guidance as part of the Winter Nights campaign.



Keep an eye out for us in Darlington town centre on the approach to Christmas. We're aiming to hit the town with a wave of activity at peak times to reduce thefts and improve the safety within the town, from the last week in November and the run up to Christmas.

Look out for the development of our 'Neighbourhood Panels' which successfully provided us with fantastic ideas and support in tackling anti-social behaviour and criminal behaviour in the Redhall area. We aim to expand and improve this initiative to other areas within Darlington.

Darlington 'Shopwatch' has recently won an award for being the best scheme in the area and aims to remain at the top. The members have worked closely together to actively deal with shoplifters in the town centre; banning the more troublesome offenders from premises and sharing their information to make a unified effort towards thwarting these criminals. Look out for PCSOs Lynsey Carter, Matthew Heinzman and Andy Cusick who will be in the town to support the Shopwatch scheme throughout the winter.

... down your way

**Any information ring 0345 60 60 365
and ask for your local neighbourhood team.**

Your Neighbourhood Inspector



I am Mick Button, the Neighbourhood Inspector for the Darlington area.

My aim is to work with communities and partner organisations to tackle local issues at a local level. I am also committed to reducing crime and improving how the police and criminal justice system process offenders.

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Central and Town Centre

Sgt 690 Dave Kirton (Town Centre)
Sgt 638 Andy Jackson (Central/Albert Hill)
PC 1229 Karl Fairest (Town Centre)
PC 1849 Chris Horner (Town Centre)
PC 1932 Stu Dawson (Central/Albert Hill)
PCSO 6785 Lynsey Carter (Town Centre)
PCSO 7352 Chris Smith (Central/Albert Hill)
PCSO 7440 Matthew Heinzman (Town Centre)
PCSO 7355 Andy Cusick (Town Centre)

Harrowgate Hill

PCSO 6938 Andy Raby
PC 1363 Mick Dawson

North Road

Sgt 638 Andy Jackson
PCSO 7240 Craig Murray
PC 1704 Tony Young

Northgate

Sgt 638 Andy Jackson
PC 2013 John Forster
PCSO 6642 Christine O'Brien
PCSO 5557 Stewart Jubb

Haughton North

Sgt 638 Andy Jackson
PC 947 Fiona Cunningham
PCSO 7042 Liz Harley

Haughton West

Sgt 638 Andy Jackson
PC 947 Fiona Cunningham
PCSO Rachael Small
PC 695 Craig Rudd

Haughton East

Sgt 638 Andy Jackson
PCSO 7043 Mark Alexander-Smith
PC 695 Craig Rudd

Sadberge and Whessoe

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PC 276 Julian Brown
PCSO 6639 Becky Heseltine

Cockerton East

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PCSO 6303 Dave Blackett
PC 399 Adrian Rutter

Cockerton West

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PCSO 7093 Dave Gibson
PC 399 Adrian Rutter

Pierremont

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PC 252 Richie Thompson
PCSO 6303 Dave Blackett
PCSO 7062 Chris Hirst

Heighington and Coniscliffe

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PCSO 6639 Becky Heseltine
PC 276 Julian Brown

Faverdale

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PC 399 Adrian Rutter
PCSO 5670 Steve Dolby

Lingfield

Sgt 720 Mark Ralphs
PC 850 Gillian Goold
PCSO 6521 Jude Ratcliffe

Bank Top

Sgt 720 Mark Ralphs
PC 886 Amanda Holland
PCSO 7243 Angela Keiher

Lascelles

Sgt 720 Mark Ralphs

PCSO 6394 Nicola Swift
PC 1144 Jeff Summerhill

Eastbourne

PCSO 7000 Danny Metcalfe
PC 593 Sally Suleiman
Sgt Mark Ralphs

Middleton St. George

Sgt 720 Mark Ralphs
PC 1655 Paul Foley
PCSO 6014 John Angus

Hurworth

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PCSO 6014 John Angus
PC 1655 Paul Foley

Colleges

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PCSO 5983 Martin Dolby
PC 838 Martin Curry

Park West

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PCSO 7356 Marc Hay
PC 1659 Rob Curtain

Mowden

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PC 838 Martin Curry
PCSO 7357 Liam Robertson

Hummersknott

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PCSO 7357 Liam Robertson
PC 838 Martin Curry

Park East

Sgt 720 Mark Ralphs
PC 1173 Neil Walton
PCSO 6864 Christopher Peacock

Contact Us

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St Cuthberts Way,
Darlington,
DL1 5LB

Email: darlington@durham.pnn.police.uk

Front counter staffed:

8am - 6pm Monday to Friday,
10am - 4pm Saturday & Sunday



Outside these hours an intercom system and CCTV facility is available to link callers to the Communications Centre.