

## 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.

#### 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.

#### **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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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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# Newton Aycliffe

## Police News

Issue 2

### Police action in your area

As your local policing team we are proud to serve you and the community. We are here to help you in whatever way we can.

It is easy for some people to say that crime and disorder is increasing, when we know for a fact that it is not. We all need to take sensible precautions to prevent becoming a victim of crime but the truth is that crime and anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood are going down.

This is partly due to the work of your local police and our partner agencies, but also because of the good work being done by local communities.

On a daily basis I see and hear about acts of kindness by members of the community to their neighbours.

Where there is wrongdoing, it is being reported to the police or the appropriate agency and we are taking positive action.

We are also keeping up to date with modern technology and advances in communication.

You can talk to us face to face while we are patrolling your area or at your local PACT meeting, you can contact us by telephone on 101, you can visit our website ([www.durham.police.uk](http://www.durham.police.uk)), you can find us on Facebook by searching for Newton Aycliffe, Shildon or Sedgefield neighbourhood policing teams and you can follow your local neighbourhood team on Twitter.

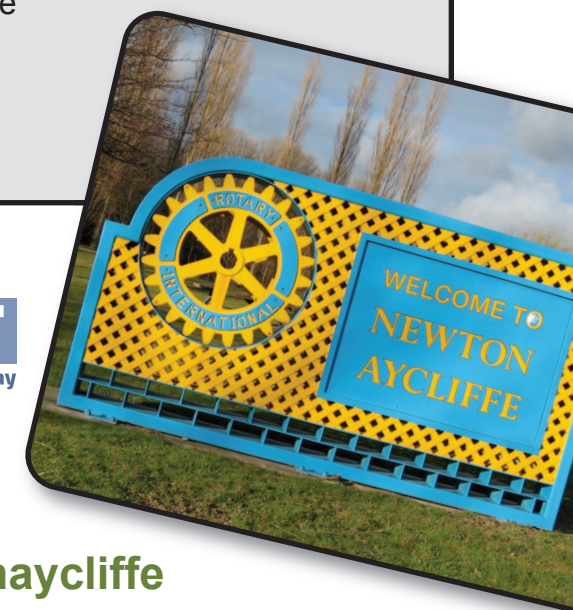
I look forward to hearing from you, whatever way you choose!

**Mark Hall**  
Neighbourhood Inspector  
Newton Aycliffe

### 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/south/newtonaycliffe](http://www.durham.police.uk/local/south/newtonaycliffe)





## Out and About

### Getting the results

- A 26-year-old man from Trimdon Village was recently arrested for a house burglary in the Lanchester area. He is currently remanded in custody pending his next appearance at court.
- An 18-year-old man and 19-year-old man, both from Trimdon Village, were recently arrested and charged with a house burglary in Fishburn. The 18-year-old is currently remanded in custody.
- Kayleigh Marie Young, 18, from Newton Aycliffe was sentenced to four weeks in prison in relation to theft and criminal damage.
- A 32-year-old woman was arrested and charged with the theft of goods totalling £127.76 from Wilkinsons in Aycliffe town centre.
- Kimberley Louise Meads, 22, was sentenced to four years in prison for two house burglaries over the Christmas period in Dalton Crescent, Shildon.
- A man from Shildon appeared before Newton Aycliffe Magistrates court charged with attempted burglary of the Factory Shop. He is currently being held on remand in prison, awaiting trial.

A number of police 183 warning notices, which are given to irresponsible drivers, have been issued to teenage drivers and riders in recent weeks. Many of those involved could face prosecution and the vehicle seized from them if they fail to adhere to the warning.



The team at Newton Aycliffe have been running 'access points' at various locations across the town as a way of meeting members of the community at designated dates and times and to offer reassurance and crime prevention advice. These points will continue to operate and will be advertised in advance via Facebook, Twitter, the Durham Constabulary website and local media.

PCSO Gemma Ryder from Shildon has been promoting the ID4U scheme which offers those over 14 a free ID card. The cards are widely accepted and also prevent the loss of driving licences and passports which had previously been used as a means of ID.

The team in Newton Aycliffe have secured funding via the Great Aycliffe and Midridge Partnership for a 'community cinema' which is a mobile cinema that is taken around various venues and shown FREE to the community. This has been a well-received diversionary activity for young people in the area.

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](http://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.

PCSO Gavin Rutter of Sedgefield neighbourhood policing team is in the process of forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for Bradbury and Mordon. For more details please contact Gavin on 101.

PCSO Michael Welch from Newton Aycliffe is actively involved in setting up a football academy with former Sunderland player Martin Gray for youngsters in the town to engage in. For more details contact PCSO Welch on 101.

PC Dave Littlefair is applying for funding for football sessions for young people at the Sunnydale Leisure Centre. If funding is approved the sessions will run every Friday evening beginning in May. For more information contact PC Littlefair on 101.

Since the turn of the year officers from Sedgefield neighbourhood policing team have seized a number of off-road motorbikes, mini motorbikes and a quad bike in the Fishburn and Trimdon Village areas. Riders/owners have also been prosecuted for offences under the Road Traffic Act, sending a message out to people that this nuisance behaviour will not be tolerated.

Plans are in place to develop further youth provision in the area of Redesdale Shops in Trimdon Grange. The DERIC youth bus (a mobile youth facility) has recently been deployed in the area on Friday evenings. Positive action has also been taken by the neighbourhood policing team in response to calls of anti-social behaviour at the location.

... down your way



### Neighbourhood inspector

I am Mark Hall and I am proud to be the neighbourhood inspector for the Newton Aycliffe, Shildon and Sedgefield areas. My aim is to work with you, other agencies and my team of police officers and PCSOs to maintain and improve quality of life in local communities.

Together we have already made many improvements and I know that we can continue with these steps of progression by working together. I value your comments, input and community-spirited actions. I ask that you continue to help us in helping you.

Together we will continue to make the areas fantastic places to live, work and socialise.

## Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

### Woodham

Sgt 1555 Mark Edwards  
(Supervisor)  
PCSO 6849 Amy Jorgeson

### Shafto St. Marys

Sgt 1555 Mark Edwards  
(Supervisor)  
PCSO 7044 Scott Hodgson

### Neville and Simpasture

Sgt 1555 Mark Edwards  
(Supervisor)  
PC 1452 Alan Thompson  
PCSO 7438 Richard Scott

### West (Aycliffe)

Sgt 1555 Mark Edwards  
(Supervisor)  
PC 2044 Tracy Henderson  
PCSO 7430 Gavin Laycock

### Greenfield Middridge

Sgt 1555 Mark Edwards  
(Supervisor)  
PCSO 6859 Michael Welch  
PC 2467 Matt Stasiak

### Sedgefield

Sgt 0919 Brian O'Connor  
(Supervisor)  
PC 0677 Keith Todd  
PCSO 6802 Gavin Rutter

### Fishburn and Old Trimdon

Sgt 0919 Brian O'Connor  
(Supervisor)  
PC 0677 Keith Todd  
PCSO 6802 Gavin Rutter

### Trimdon Village

Sgt 0919 Brian O'Connor  
(Supervisor)

PC 1636 John Seymour  
PCSO 7354 Andrew Taylor

### New Trimdon and Trimdon Grange

Sgt 0919 Brian O'Connor  
(Supervisor)  
PC 1636 John Seymour  
PCSO 7354 Andrew Taylor

### Sunnydale (Shildon)

PCSO 7041 Daniel Blackwood  
PC 768 Steve Brown

### Thickley

PC 1340 Karl Lowe  
PCSO 6788 Gemma Ryder

### Byerley (Shildon)

PCSO 6786 Michael Robson  
PC 2283 David Littlefair

### Main Station:

Newton Aycliffe Police Station,  
Unit 23,  
Parsons Court,  
Welbury Way,  
Newton Aycliffe,  
DL5 6ZE  
Email: [newtonaycliffe@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:newtonaycliffe@durham.pnn.police.uk)

### Front counter staffed:

10am to 5pm Monday to Friday

Intercom system and CCTV facility outside of these hours to link callers to the communications centre.

**DURHAM  
CONSTABULARY**

**101**

IN AN  
EMERGENCY  
ALWAYS  
CALL 999

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Broadcast Yourself

You can contact your local neighbourhood team on 101

Your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is **Neil Langthorne**