

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.

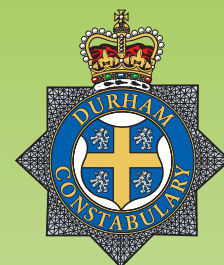
Detection rates are rising.

We respond to 90% of our immediate priority calls within set targets.

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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Police News

Issue 2

Police action in your area

My name is Paul Anderson and I am the neighbourhood inspector for Durham City, which covers the city centre and surrounding district.

Durham is a very safe place to live, work and visit and it is my aim to improve this even further, by reducing the number of victims of crime and trying to improve the quality of life for all our communities.

This can only be achieved by working together with our partners and local communities. This newsletter aims to keep you updated about policing activity in your area and provide crime prevention advice, which hopefully you will find useful. Together we can make a difference!



You may already be aware of the Safe City initiative which was launched last October.

It was launched on the back of the success of the Night Safe scheme, extending it to all

aspects of community safety across the whole district both day and night, with the aim of making Durham the safest city in the country.

To help it succeed we took a co-ordinated approach, working with shops, businesses, partner organisations, such as Durham

University, Durham Area Action Partnership, Durham County Council, and the local community.

No one area is looked at in isolation. What happens at Belmont Retail Park is connected to the City Centre and the Arnison Centre, and people involved in shop crime can also affect licensed premises.

We have started a number of projects around Neighbourhood Watch, retail crime, homeless/rough sleepers, anti-social behaviour, burglaries and thefts from vehicles.

And the result? Ongoing reductions mean there are fewer victims of crime and by the end of February anti-social behaviour was down by nearly a third.

The initiative will continue as we aim to make Durham the safest city in the country. We can only do that by working in partnership with local organisations and local people. Together we can make a difference!

Paul Anderson
Neighbourhood Inspector
Durham City

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/durham



Out and About

Neighbourhood Watch Challenge

More than 1,000 Durham residents have signed up as new Neighbourhood Watch members after a recent police recruitment drive as part of the 'Challenge 1000'.

Our challenge is to recruit new homes, new members and new co-ordinators to the Neighbourhood Watch network in our area. We are looking for the new street co-ordinators to receive our police Voice Connect messages and pass the information onto their fellow members.

Schemes can be big or small, a large housing estate, a village, or they might involve just half a dozen houses.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes bring people together and can make a real contribution to tackling and solving local problems.

- Neighbourhood Watch is free to join.
- British Crime Surveys show fewer crimes are committed in active NHW areas.
- Most household insurance providers offer premium reductions for NHW members.
- NHW provides a close link with your local police team.
- Voice Connect keeps members informed about relevant crime issues and offers crime prevention advice.

More info? Ring Durham Constabulary on 101 and ask for Tim Thompson on ext 668 2814.



In a further attempt to have fewer victims of crime, some of our university students are embracing the idea of Neighbourhood Watch and setting up Student Watch schemes in and around the city. These student-led initiatives are running in areas where there is no NHW scheme in existence. Although the co-ordinators are students, the scheme will benefit students and local residents alike.

For more details contact Phil Raine, University Liaison Officer on 101, or via Twitter @DurhamUniPol



The television digital switch over starts in the Tyne Tees area in 2012 and some people are using this as an opportunity to target vulnerable people with offers of new aerials and other unnecessary equipment. If in doubt contact the Digital Switchover Help Scheme at www.helpscheme.co.uk or on 0800 40 85 900.

If you are organising a local community event, please contact your local council's Safety Advisory Group for advice, guidance and support. You can find details on both the Durham County Council and Darlington Council websites.

Making Durham the safest city in the country has gained a world-wide appeal. A delegation of South African police officers, from the Cape Province, visited Durham recently and were very impressed with our mission to make our city a safer and better place to live, work and visit.



... down your way



Your neighbourhood sergeant

My name is Steve Norris and I am the neighbourhood sergeant for Durham City centre.

I am committed to neighbourhood policing in my area, forging links with the community to address issues which matter to the people living, working and visiting the city.

City centre crime remains very low. During the last quarter the anti-shoplifting initiative was very successful in reducing and detecting shoplifting and a number of offenders have been brought to justice.

Crime remains low during both day and night, but there are still some issues in connection with taxis and taxi ranking within the city. We are working closely with the county council and taxi associations to seek long-term solutions.

As the busy spring and summer periods approach we are expecting a rise in the number of city-based activities, including planned events linked to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics. We look forward to policing these events for the enjoyment and safety of everyone concerned and welcome your comments about how things went.

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Neighbourhood sergeant
Sgt 413 Steve Norris

PCSO 6147 Steven Bell
PCSO 6498 Leesa Bennison

Durham City / Safer Neighbourhood Unit
PC 598 Kay Howarth
PC 2210 Darrel Brown
PC 1842 Gary Thompson
PCSO 6358 Jean Fletcher
PCSO 7045 Dave Parker

Tim Thompson - **Community liaison**
Philip Raine - **University liaison**
Fiona Parker - **Partnership officer**
PCSO 6971 Sam Level - **Licensing**
PCSO 7491 James Ovington - **Hate crime**

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Front counter staffed:

Front counter staffed:

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



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IN AN
EMERGENCY
ALWAYS
CALL 999

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

You can contact your local neighbourhood team on 101

Your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is