

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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Bishop Auckland

Police News

Issue 1

Police Action in Your Area

The Neighbourhood police team in Bishop Auckland includes a Neighbourhood Inspector supported by two Sergeants and a team of dedicate beat officers and PCSOs.

We hold monthly PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings in each neighbourhood where local police priorities are set and reviewed. The meetings are your chance to have your say so please come along if you can.

We take your feedback seriously and we tackle your concerns. In the past that has included resolving an issue with anti-social behaviour at a local hotel, and putting a stop to stone throwing from a local railway bridge.

We've also had great recent successes in addressing the danger caused to road users of loose and illegally grazed horses. This was a major issue, but we've worked with Durham County Council and a team of specialist horse impounders to change

things. Over fifty horses have been impounded within the last year and if not claimed by owners they are sold on to good homes. As a result of the action we've reduced these dangerous incidents on our roads by over 50% - making your streets much safer.

We're working on driving down the issue with underage drinkers in the area. We now run regular test purchases at premises and offer proof of age cards through the Durham County Council ID4U scheme. Visit the council's website for details.

We're always keen to hear your feedback or suggestions to improve our service. You can contact your local police team on **0345 6060365** or through 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/bishopauckland



Out and About

As many people know Bishop Auckland is a safe and pleasant environment in which to shop. With Christmas coming on the older buildings lend themselves to the character of this time of year.

We're keen to make sure that local traders are supported so we're running the highly successful anti crime operation again, which sees officers deployed in plain clothes alongside uniformed patrols and the use of CCTV to spot potential shoplifters and car thieves in the town.

The scheme worked really well in 2010 and some known troublemakers told us that they were staying away from the shops as they did not like the extra police attention!

To ensure our out of town retail outlets are covered the neighbourhood police team will also have officers on duty in these areas. The message is that if you are coming to Bishop Auckland to shop or sightsee then you are more than welcome.

If you are coming to prey on other people we will see you and you will be challenged.

Your local PCSO Tess Moore has reached the finals of the national 'WOW Awards' for the excellent customer service she provided when dealing with a dispute between neighbours. We'll keep you posted on how she gets on in future editions. You can nominate a member of the team for a WOW award by visiting our website www.durham.police.uk and click on WOW Awards link.

We're planning to bring back taxi marshals to Bishop Auckland, using funding from the Area Action Partnership. They will be in the market place on a Saturday night and are there to provide a safer and more pleasant experience for people out and about in the town. We are in the process of looking at various companies and drawing up contracts at present. We'll keep you updated.

Have you got a few hours to spare and an interest in being a community volunteer for Bishop Auckland police? If you are, we would love to hear from you - particularly if you are a Twitter or Facebook expert! For an application form, speak to one of your local officers, Sgt Jayne Burdess at Bishop Auckland Police Office or leave us a message on 0345 6060 365 or on our Facebook page. Hope to hear from you soon!

PCSO Nicola Shaw has nominated the manageress of Mothercare in Bishop Auckland for a community award for her prompt actions in evacuating the store shortly before a section of the building collapsed. Her actions almost certainly saved lives and prevented serious injury.



... down your way

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

Your Neighbourhood Inspector



My name is Martin Peace and I am the Neighbourhood Inspector for Bishop Auckland.

I am committed to neighbourhood policing in my area, forging links with my local community and partners to address the issues which matter to the people of Bishop Auckland and the surrounding area.

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Insp 1562 Martin Peace
Sgt 552 David Hancock
Sgt 415 Jayne Burdess

Bishop Auckland Town and Toronto

PC 1737 Anne-Marie Gray
PCSO 6899 Mark Peacock
PC 1685 Alex Riley
PCSO 7035 Nicola Shaw

Henknowle, South Church and Cockton Hill

PCSO 6326 Ian Feldon
PCSO 7244 Jamie Pitt
PC 197 Alistair Henry

Woodhouse Close Estate, Greenfields and Etherley Dene

PC 1855 Mark Lloyd
PC 128 Kimberley Marshall
PCSO 7433 Michael Atkinson
PCSO 6240 Iain Osborne

Eldon, Close House, Coronation and Auckland Park

PC 1873 Jonathan Robinson
PCSO 6884 Theresa Moore

Coundon, Leeholme, Middleston, Newfield and Binchester

PC 1987 Lee Nicholson
PCSO 7402 Martin Nicholson
PC 760 Victoria Coxon

West Auckland, St Helens and Tindale

PCSO 6916 Matthew Eckersley
PC 2568 Rob Simpson

Evenwood, Ramshaw, Hamsterley Forest, Windmill, Escomb, Etherley, Toft Hill, Hight Etherley, Low Etherley

PC 71 Heather Fenwick
PC 1889 David Nicholson
PCSO 7189 Stacey Walker
PCSO 6940 Kimberley Rantoul

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Front counter staffed:

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



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