

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 insecure 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 or 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.



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Police News

Issue 1

Police Action in Your Area

As a resident of the Newton Aycliffe, Sedgefield and Shildon area you have a team of dedicated and enthusiastic police officers, PCSOs and special constables who are committed to providing the very best service for our community.

The team, which works alongside local authority wardens, volunteers and partners, is passionate about tackling the issues which matter to you. To that end we hold Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings in the area where local issues are discussed and police priorities are set. The meetings allow you to meet your policing team and have a say on how to improve the quality of life in our area.

Some interesting facts about the area in which you live;

- Recorded crime has fallen by 8% since last year.
- Anti-social behaviour has fallen by 17% across the area since last year.

- House burglaries have fallen by 42%.
- Vehicle crime has fallen by 22% since last year.

We are here to listen and are eager to foster even closer ties with our local communities. We are proud to serve you and want you to have confidence in your local policing team. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve our service to you we would be very keen to hear your views.

You can contact your local Neighbourhood Police Team on **0345 6060 365** or via the website **www.durham.police.uk**

Alex Clarke
Act. 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. 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/newtonaycliffe



Out and About

Getting the Results

- Kane Stephenson, 16, was made subject of an ASBO which runs until October 2013 after a string of anti-social behaviour offences in the Aycliffe area.
- A 21-year-old man and two youths were charged with a spate of robberies in the Newton Aycliffe area.
- A 31-year-old man was charged with a walk in burglary in the Morton Walk area of the town.
- Two 31-year-old men and a 39-year-old man were arrested following a break-in at an electronics factory on Aycliffe industrial estate. The men were later charged with burglary.
- Paul Raymond Seymour, 39, was given a custodial sentence until March 2012 for a series of shoplifting offences in Shildon and Newton Aycliffe.
- Adam Walker, 19, was recently sentenced to nine months in prison after being convicted of a handbag snatch from an elderly woman and four house burglaries. All these crimes were committed in the Trimdon Village area.

We're really pleased to say that local take-up with the Neighbourhood Watch scheme is on the increase. We've seen a 32% increase in Newton Aycliffe, a 13% increase in Shildon and Sedgefield has 11% more members. If you'd like to get involved, contact a member of your local police team for details.

You can now follow your local police team online. We've joined both Twitter and Facebook. We'll be using the sites to post local police updates and to offer you crime prevention advice. Here's how to find us:

Search Sedgefield Neighbourhood Policing Team on Facebook or follow **@SedgefieldNPT** on Twitter.
Search Shildon Neighbourhood Policing Team on Facebook or follow **@Shildon_Police** on Twitter.
Search Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team on Facebook or follow **@AycliffeNPT** on Twitter.

As well as mobile and foot patrols, officers in Sedgefield are also now carrying out targeted patrols on three marked police mountain bikes.

Shildon Community Safety have won first prize in the 'Achieving' category of the Durham Police Authority Community Awards scheme. They received their award at a ceremony held at Ramside Hall on December 1.

Plans are in place to resurrect a Youth Forum in Sedgefield Village. Representatives from Durham Constabulary, the Young People's Services, parish councillors and other agencies attended a meeting in November to address the issues of youth provision in the village. An audit is also proposed to identify existing youth groups.

Shop Watch has officially been launched recently in Shildon with the majority of shops taking part. The aim of the scheme is to reduce crime and prevent crime, and help create a safer environment for customers and staff.

The white zig zag lines have been re-painted outside Timothy Hackworth School. Please park responsibly.

Targeted patrols are taking place in the Redesdale Shops area of Trimdon Grange after reports of youth related anti-social behaviour.

As a result of information received from the local community a drugs warrant was executed in the Fishburn area. Although there is not a particular problem with drugs in the force area, we will continue to target drug dealers. We're pleased to be able to say that reported crime in Fishburn has reduced by 29% compared to 2010.

The Safer Schools Partnership is operating in Greenfield Comprehensive and Sunnydale Community College. It offers development and support to students, as well as improving relationships between the schools, police and their partner agencies.

... down your way

Your Neighbourhood Inspector



My name is Alex Clarke and I am the Acting Neighbourhood Inspector for Newton Aycliffe, Sedgefield and Shildon.

My aim is to work towards a continued reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour and I am committed to improving the quality of life of those who live and work in our community. Your neighbourhood policing team is focused on tackling the issues that matter to you and would urge people to come along to our monthly PACT meetings to meet the team and have a say in deciding on local priorities.

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Woodham Ward

Sgt 1555 Mark Edwards
PCSO 6849 Amy Jorgeson

Shafto St. Marys Ward

Sgt 1555 Mark Edwards
PC 1899 Helen Inglis
PCSO 7044 Scott Hodgson

Neville and Simpasture Ward

Sgt 1555 Mark Edwards
PC 1452 Alan Thompson
PCSO 7183 Ben Cloke
PCSO 7438 Richard Scott

West (Aycliffe) Ward

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

Greenfield Middridge Ward

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

Sedgefield Ward

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

Fishburn and Old Trimdon Ward

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

Trimdon Village

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

New Trimdon and Trimdon Grange Ward

Sgt 0919 Brian O'Connor
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Thickley Ward

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