

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.

5 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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Altogether Better Policing

Stanley

Police News

Issue 1

Local action against young drinkers

Action was taken after concerns were raised by residents in the Stanley area about young people drinking alcohol and anti-social behaviour.

An operation carried out on a Friday night in early December by the police and partners under the Stanley Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) banner was part of an on-going campaign targeting under-age drinking, aimed at protecting young people from harm with enforcement and intelligence gathering.

Thirteen youngsters who were either under the influence of alcohol, in the company of others under the influence, or in possession of alcohol, were found in the Oakey's Park area of the town.

They were taken to Durham Academy, a designated place of safety, from which they were collected by their parents, and offered support and a follow up intervention from 4Real alcohol service.

Some other key hotspot areas were targeted

during the same operation, during which we also handed out 1,200 community diaries so that people can record instances of anti-social behaviour and use the information to inform the police.

This is a great example of how your feedback can drive police action in your local community. By using the community diaries and responding to our requests for information about crime, you can help us maintain our 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 the non-emergency number **101** or visit the website www.durham.police.uk

Kelly Martin
Act. Stanley Neighbourhood Inspector

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/north/stanley



Out and About

Residents were invited to a community carol service held in the Catchgate in early December.

Visitors enjoyed an array of Christmas songs performed by pupils and parents from Catchgate Primary School as well as music from the Salvation Army Band.

The event was organised by PC Craig Johnson from the Catchgate neighbourhood team together with Councillor Joan Nicholson.

PC Johnson said: "This was great opportunity for the community of Catchgate to come together during the festive period. The event was arranged at very short notice and we'd like to thank everyone for coming along.

"The carol service also gave local residents the opportunity to meet their neighbourhood policing team as well as members of the town council and local agencies."



Your local police officers and PCSOs have the power to issue on-the-spot Penalty Notices for Disorder. They can be given out for retail thefts under £100, selling alcohol to drunken people and buying alcohol for under 18s. If you have any information that you'd like to report relating to these types of offences you can contact PC Vicky Kerley or PCSO Daniel Brennan on the non-emergency number 101.

People are being asked to be on their guard after an increase in retail thefts and purse thefts recently. To help combat this, purse alarms have been handed out to elderly people on market days. To keep your valuables safe remember to be vigilant, keep your purse at the bottom of your bag and if you have a zip on your bag make sure it is closed.

Local officers are also working with a major local supermarket to train staff to take their own witness statements and to ensure a more proactive approach to suspicious people in their store by security staff.

Working together with local pubs and clubs we've been making Stanley a safer place over the festive season. The message is clear: if you have had too much to drink the management will stop you coming in. Don't ruin your night out, drink responsibly.

During the winter months we're asking you to help each other by being vigilant, and looking out for each other, especially elderly people. Don't forget to leave lights on around your house to deter burglars and if in doubt contact a member of your local police team, who will be more than happy to assist with anything in our community.

... down your way

Any information ring 101 and ask for your local neighbourhood team.

Your Neighbourhood Inspector



My name is Kelly Martin and I am the acting Neighbourhood Inspector for Stanley.

I aim to work with local communities and partners to address the issues that matter to the people of Stanley. Although I have temporarily been appointed to the role of Neighbourhood Inspector at Stanley, my current role is that of Neighbourhood Sergeant at South Moor, Stanley so I am pleased to say that I know the area well. I am based in the main police station in Stanley where I manage the day-to-day policing function in our neighbourhood.

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Havannah and Shield Row

Sgt 1079 Michael McGowan
PC 2236 Vicky Kerley
PCSO 7290 Daniel Brennan
PCSO 7096 Daniel Beardmore

Catchgate

Sgt 1079 Michael McGowan
PCSO 7046 Holly Dobson
PC 1234 Craig Johnson

Annfield Plain and New Kyo

Sgt 1079 Michael McGowan
PC 0132 Pete Akiens
PCSO 7436 Charlotte Campbell

Burnopfield

Sgt 1079 Michael McGowan
PC 2553 Jayne Marshall
PCSO 6387 David Collins

Dipton

Sgt 1079 Michael McGowan
PC 1234 Craig Johnson
PCSO 6387 David Collins

Tanfield

Sgt 1079 Michael McGowan
PCSO 7405 Steven Atherton
PC 1314 Judith Robinson

South Moor

Sgt 68 Kelly Martin
PC 2055 Neil Oakes
PCSO 6633 John Bastow
PCSO 6429 Mark Greener

Stanley Hall

Sgt 68 Kelly Martin
PCSO 6863 Lyndsey Hindson

Craghead and South Stanley

Sgt 68 Kelly Martin
PC 1847 Mick Burns
PCSO 6430 Stephen Wilkinson
PCSO 6543 Cheryl Watson

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Stanley,
County Durham,
DH9 0BL

Telephone: 101

Email: stanley@durham.pnn.police.uk

Facebook: Search for Stanley Neighbourhood Police Team

Twitter: @StanleyPolice

Front counter staffed:

10am to 5pm - Monday to Friday

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

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