

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...

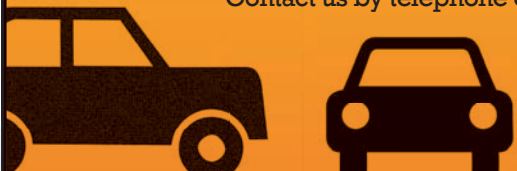
Use theft-resistant number plates which are widely available online. Stolen number plates can be transferred to vehicles subsequently used to commit driving offences and more serious crimes.

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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Stopping the flow of diesel

A recent arrest of a man for stealing diesel from lorries has brought an end to a spate of fuel thefts in the Seaham area.

When he was taken into custody, the 21-year-old from Seaham confessed to a string of similar crimes. Since the arrest there has been a significant reduction in diesel thefts in the area.

You will be pleased to know that we are not just successful in stopping fuel thefts.

The most recent crime figures released show that in the year ending March 2012, the Seaham and Easington policing area continued to record low levels of crime and reductions in anti-social behaviour, which is down by a third.

This fantastic reduction is down to police and partners working closely with local communities to solve local problems.

These are challenging times with the recession, austerity measures being put in place and cut-backs in public spending all having an impact. Yet overall crime levels have not been significantly affected.

The Seaham area remains a safe place to live, work, shop and socialise. It has an effective policing team that is supported by a community that retains pride in belonging to this area.

Vince Addison
Neighbourhood
Inspector
Seaham

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/seaham



Out and About

Two of your local officers took part in the very successful 'Seaham Shuffle' in March. The event was organised by Seaham Business Forum and Destination Seaham, in a bid to be one of the successful applicants for the Mary Portas grant, in response to the decline of business in Church Street.

Local businesses joined together in a 'flash mob' dance routine. The atmosphere was described as 'fantastic', and the whole community came together to support local businesses.

Sgt Jim Peel and PCSO Carole Hutton joined in the dancing to show their commitment to the project, with PCSO Hutton describing the day as 'carnival like'.

Further events are planned over the coming months.

A video of the 'Seaham Shuffle' is available to view on You Tube, and seems to have caught the eye of Mary Portas herself who has tweeted about it.

To see the clip visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGzhcp-krX4 - all views will support the application.

Local PCSOs Andrea Leigh and Paul Pringle received WOW! awards after a nomination was put forward by the Family Intervention Programme (FIP). The awards recognise excellent customer service, and we are delighted that two of our local team have been presented with them for their hard work. If you would like to nominate a member of Durham Constabulary for a WOW! Award you can find details on the force website (www.durham.police.uk).

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 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.

Following community concerns about dog fouling in the area, the Seaham neighbourhood policing team and Durham County Council have been out in force to tackle the problem.

As a result of the action several local dog walkers were given advice regarding the issue. Happily all of these appeared to be responsible dog owners. However, in recent weeks a number of owners have received fixed penalty fines of £50 for allowing their dogs to foul.

Neighbourhood inspector Vince Addison said: "Through strong and visible action we are sending out a clear message that this form of anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. We are committed to tackling all issues that impact the quality of life of local people."



'Not in my neighbourhood' days took place in Easington Colliery in March. The community safety bus attended with advice on crime prevention, street walkabouts by the police and street wardens, a dog chipping service and a landlord initiative, plus the local beat team was out in force.

Following persistent anti-social behaviour, a number of occupants have been moved out of the 'A' and 'B' streets in Easington, bringing an end to the nuisance problems that local residents have been experiencing.

... down your way



Neighbourhood Sergeants

"My name is Jim Peel and I am the sergeant for a number of areas in Seaham. I feel proud that by working with local communities we have tackled local issues and found solutions to the issues that matter to you. If you have any concerns or would like to speak to a member of your local team you can contact us on the details below and we would be happy to help."



"I am Paul Footes, the sergeant for Easington, South Hetton and Haswell. In recent months we have taken steps to tackle local problems and improve the quality of life for local people. We can only achieve such results with your help. Please get in touch if you would like to speak to us about any concerns you have about local policing matters."

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Deneside, East Lea, West Lea, Dalton Heights, Seaton and Northlea

Sgt 1796 Jim Peel (Supervisor)
PCSO 6775 Kerri Hall
PC 239 Vincent Marriner
PCSO 7192 Craig Smith
PC 117 Warren Gibson

Seaham Town, Dawdon and Parkside

Sgt 1796 Jim Peel (Supervisor)
PC 2043 Brian Dawson
PCSO 6483 Carole Hutton
PCSO 6647 Graeme Knapper

Murton, Dalton-le-Dale, Hawthorn, Cold Heseldon and Dalton Park

Sgt 1796 Jim Peel (Supervisor)
PC 1414 Keith Bowmaker
PC 1629 Martin Thursfield
PCSO 7349 Linzi Graham

PCSO 7402 Martin Nicholson

Haswell

Sgt 1827 Paul Footes (Supervisor)
PC 2571 Dean Wilson
PCSO 6907 Andy Gilhooley

Easington Colliery, Village and Grants Houses

Sgt 1827 Paul Footes (Supervisor)
PC 1725 Mark Wearmouth
PCSO 7193 Carl Larsson
PCSO 6482 Andrea Leigh
PC 2576 Lucy Oxley
PCSO 6999 Paul Pringle

South Hetton

Sgt 1827 Paul Footes (Supervisor)
PC 2571 Dean Wilson
PCSO 6478 Karen Dinsdale

Main Station:

Seaham Police Office,
The Avenue,
County Durham,
SR7 8AD
Email: seaham@durham.pnn.police.uk

Front counter staffed:

10am - 3pm 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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You can contact your local neighbourhood team on 101

Your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is **Sarah Willis**