

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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Seeking 'Snow Angels'

Last year's snow made life difficult for some of our more vulnerable residents so this year Chester-le-Street beat team will be offering a 'Snow Angel' service for those deemed in need of extra support.

Local police community support officers (PCSOs) will be working with volunteers to clear pathways and in the event of prolonged snow will organise the delivery of essential groceries.

We would like to appeal for further volunteers to join our 'Snow Angel' service to help make the lives of our vulnerable residents more bearable in the event of extreme weather.

If you would like to offer your services as a "Snow Angel" all you will need is warm clothing, a snow shovel and a strong sense of community spirit. In return, you will know you are making a difference to someone's life.

If you know of a particular area where vulnerable residents may be in need of our assistance please get in touch and your nomination will be put forward. We will do our best to help as many people as possible based on individual needs, the amount of requests and number of available volunteers.

Please contact your neighbourhood policing team on the non-emergency number **101** to nominate someone who would benefit from the help of a 'Snow Angel'.

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/ch-le-st



Out and about

Crime figures continue to fall in Chester-le-Street as police officers and PCSOs work hard to make the area an even safer place to live. Crime prevention and local intelligence from Neighbourhood Watch coordinators are also helping to make it harder for criminals to operate.

Statistics show there has been a 20% decrease in all reported crimes in the year to date figures so far.

- Our metal theft team continues to combat the metal thefts that have affected so many of our residents. Figures show a 60% decrease in the last three months of the year compared with the previous three months of the year.
- House burglaries are down 39% to date
- Thefts from vehicles have reduced by 38%
- Racially-aggravated crime has dropped by half.

Help us to combat crime by reporting incidents to our non-emergency number 101. We can only make a difference when incidents are reported.

More than 15,000 local youngsters, residents and visitors made a beeline for Chester-le-Street market place in August to take part in Activity Week. Residents and visitors were given the opportunity to sample lots of activities offered by the various groups and organisations who took part. PCSO Adrian Richards and PCSO Christine Taylor worked hard to ensure the success of the event, which was supported by the Chester-le-Street and District Area Action Partnership, local councillors and representatives from community groups. Everyone agreed that Chester-le-Street Activity Week gave Durham Constabulary the opportunity of demonstrating the strength of community - based initiatives.

During the last six months there has been an increase in the number of homes in Chester-le-Street covered by Neighbourhood Watch. Over 40% of all houses in Chester-le-Street are now covered by the scheme.

Why not join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme or start up your own where you live? Some insurers may offer a discount on your home insurance policy if you are part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

For further information contact Susie Blake your local Community Liaison Officer on **0191 3752354** or email **susie.blake@durham.pnn.police.uk**

Chester-le-Street neighbourhood police team's Facebook fans and Twitter followers have grown substantially since the middle of September.

We have used this social marketing to post useful crime prevention messages and to make appeals for information.

Why not visit our Facebook and Twitter pages? You can check out our messages and share the daily lives of your local police officers and PCSOs.

We are always keen to hear your feedback and suggestions to help us improve our service. If you would like to include something on our Facebook page please contact PCSO James Collins, PCSO Claire Laidler or Community Liaison Officer Susie Blake.

Be aware of your personal safety during the festive season when visiting the town centre's bars, clubs and pubs. Don't make yourself vulnerable to crime by drinking too much.

Evidence suggests that when people drink too much and lose control, they have a higher risk of becoming an offender or victim.

Why not try to alternate alcoholic drinks with soft drinks, try to stay in groups, do not accept drinks from strangers and do not leave drinks unattended. Plan in advance how you are going to get home, either by arranging a lift or booking a licensed taxi.

Any information relating to the sale of alcohol to persons underage can be reported to your licensing department and your anonymity can be protected if preferred. Please email **nalu@durham.pnn.police.uk**

... down your way

Your Neighbourhood Inspector



My name is Amanda Cathrine and I am the Neighbourhood Inspector for the Chester-le-Street area.

My aim is to work together with the community and partner organisations to make Chester-le-Street a safer, more secure and confident community. I am based at the main police station in Chester-le-Street where I manage the day-to-day policing of our neighbourhood.

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Your town beat team sergeant is:
Sergeant 1083 Paul Teare

Chester South - Garden Farm Estate (Town Beat)
PC 772 David Barrass
PCSO Amy Fleetham

Chester West - The Avenues (Town Beat)
PC 1587 Steve Shotton
PCSO 7095 Brian Donnelly

Riverside & Holmlands Park (Town Beat)
PC 1869 Claire Trewick
PCSO 6389 Christine Taylor
PCSO 6390 Adrian Richards

Chester Central - Front Street (Town Beat)
PC 1869 Claire Trewick
PCSO 6389 Christine Taylor
PCSO 6390 Adrian Richards

Chester North - including South Pelaw (Town Beat)
PC 2128 Lynda Richardson
PCSO 6533 Lesley Hunter

Waldridge Village & Waldridge Park Est (Town Beat)
PC 772 David Barrass
PCSO Amy Fleetham

Great Lumley (Town Beat)
PC 1368 Mark Ferry
PCSO 5341 Mark Lumsden

Woodstone & Fencehouses (Town Beat)
PC 1368 Mark Ferry
PCSO 5341 Mark Lumsden

Bournmoor (Town Beat)
PC 1368 Mark Ferry
PCSO 5341 Mark Lumsden

Your town rural team sergeant is:
Sergeant 573 Audra Fawcett

Sacriston (Rural Beat)
PC 1434 Ellis Hall
PCSO 7228 James Collins

Nettlesworth, Plawsworth, Kimblesworth (Rural Beat)
PC 844 Heather Bittlestone
PCSO 7228 James Collins

Edmondsley (Rural Beat)
PC 844 Heather Bittlestone
PCSO 7228 James Collins

Ouston (Rural Beat)
PC 1472 Ken Judd
PCSO 7188 Turnbull

Pelton (Rural Beat)
PC 1921 Terry Graham
PCSO 6778 Claire Laidler

Pelton Fell (Rural Beat)
PC 1637 Steve Brown
PCSO 7353 Sonia Jameson

Grange Villa (Rural Beat)
PC 1637 Steve Brown
PCSO 7040 Steve Larter

Urpeth - Beamish, West Pelton & Handenhold (Rural Beat)
PC 1472 Ken Judd
PCSO 7040 Steve Larter

Contact Us

Main Station:

Chester-le-Street Police Station,
Newcastle Road,
Chester le Street,
Durham,
DH3 3TY
Email: chesterlestreet@durham.pnn.police.uk

Front counter staffed:

10am until 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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