

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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Seaham

Police News

Issue 1

Big drop in anti-social behaviour

There has been a big reduction in anti-social behaviour in Seaham, which means a big improvement in the quality of life for many local residents.

Your local Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT) is working with partners and the community to identify local problems and then take action to reduce them.

Directed patrols by the team, which includes police constables, PCSOs and special constables, plus Durham County Council's street wardens, have provided an effective response to many hot-spots.

Where problems persist we're working as part of the Safe Durham Partnership to take further action against offenders. Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs), Acceptable Behaviour Agreements (ABAs) and other interventions, as well as prosecutions for criminal offences, have all proved effective in reducing disorder in our communities.

As your local Neighbourhood Inspector I believe these reductions represent real improvements for our local communities. I am particularly pleased because it is often elderly or vulnerable people who suffer the most from this type of problem.

I encourage local people to contact any member of my team, or to attend a local Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting, to help us to identify the next set of issues for us to work on.

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. 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/seaham



Out and About

In October PCSO Carole Hutton attended the Seaham Army Cadets after a request from the senior officers to discuss anti-social behaviour and street drinking.

A group of about 20 boys and girls from 11 to 18 took part in a lively discussion about the effects of anti-social behaviour on the community, and the consequences for someone who continues acting in an anti-social manner.

The groups also watched the 'Wasted' DVD, which tells the story of a group of youngsters, the same age group as those watching, going round the streets and wooded areas of Stanley drinking alcohol.

The film highlights the extremes to which the young people went to get the alcohol, and also touches on someone giving out tablets. Although they enjoyed the more light-hearted parts of the film, the whole group fell silent at the end when a death was portrayed of someone in the DVD.

By showing the DVD and discussing the issues, which are not isolated to certain areas, it gave a good understanding of the effects the behaviour had not only on the community, but also on the individual.

For the second year running PCSO Carole Hutton was closely involved in organising and delivering an anti-social behaviour awareness day. It was held this July at Seaham School of Technology and involved various partners including the fire brigade, East Durham Homes, street wardens, licensing and an officer trained in weapon awareness.

Year 8 pupils took part in the day, splitting into smaller groups to attend various short workshops. Topics included weapon awareness, the effects of alcohol and consequences of behaviour.

The pupils were overwhelmingly positive about the event and a date has been booked for a similar event in 2012.

After we received information of drug use at pubs in the Seaham and Murton areas we mounted Operation Shannon 2011 involving PCs, PCSOs and special constables along with the dog handler and drugs dog, Annie.

The pubs were targeted and searched for any drug paraphernalia or drug use. Anyone found in possession of any paraphernalia was arrested and dealt with accordingly.

This type of police activity sends out a clear message that this behaviour, especially in pubs, will not be tolerated. On this occasion Annie the dog made a number of positive indications, and one Cannabis Warning was issued.

During the summer months in Easington the successful Moto project again helped to tackle the issue of off-road bikes in the area. By forging good links with local youths, and working together with a number of partners who supplied funding and equipment we've managed to drive down this nuisance problem.

Two successful warrants were conducted in Easington during November. A man is due to be charged after 30 cannabis plants were recovered from a property in Oak Road, and a quantity of amphetamine was recovered from Easington Street.

Easington residents will be pleased to hear that funding to continue the cinema club into 2012 has been agreed in principle. This popular activity runs on Friday nights and attracts young people and families. It has had a positive impact on reducing anti-social behaviour in the area since it started.

... down your way

Your Neighbourhood Inspector



My name is Vince Addison and I am the Seaham Neighbourhood Inspector.

The staff at the station include the response teams, providing 24/7 cover, and the neighbourhood team which is made up of PCs, PCSOs and detectives.

We are committed to working with local communities to identify their crime and anti-social behaviour issues so we can work together alongside partner agencies to solve them. Our aim is to improve the quality of life for people in our neighbourhoods.

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

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

Sgt 1796 Jim Peel
PCSO 7404 Craig Douglas
PC 239 Vincent Marriner
PCSO 7192 Craig Smith
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PC 117 Warren Gibson

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10am - 3pm Monday to Friday

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



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