

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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Police News

Issue 2

Driving nuisance drinkers out of town

Action has been taken about people drinking alcohol in the streets as a direct result of concerns expressed by residents.

Working with the local authority, we have brought a designated public place order (DPPO) into force in Darlington.

DPPOs are a tool that can be used by the local authority to deal with the problems of anti-social alcohol drinking in public places.

Once a DPPO is in place the police can use their confiscation powers to enforce the restriction. It is not an offence to drink alcohol in a designated area, but it is an offence if someone fails to comply with an officer's requests to stop drinking and surrender alcohol without reasonable excuse.

DPPOs are available in areas with alcohol-related anti-social behaviour problems. They have been used across the country in areas ranging from a single street or park, to town centre or city-wide areas to great success.

Our aim is to make the streets of Darlington a much safer environment for the community and enhance everyone's enjoyment of the town and its facilities.

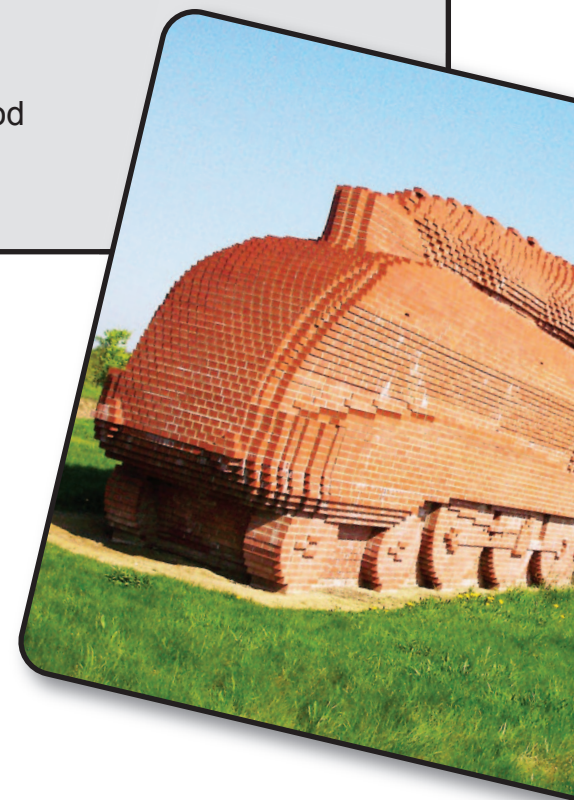
If you have any comments about this, or if you would like to speak to a member of your local policing team you can contact us on 101.

Mick Button
Neighbourhood
Inspector
Darlington

Your PACT Meetings

We're always keen to hear your feedback or suggestions to improve our service. We run regular Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings in each area where you can meet the team and local priorities are discussed and set. For details of the meetings, or to contact your local policing team, call 101 or visit

www.durham.police.uk



Out and About

National Neighbourhood Watch Week takes place from June 16-22, 2012. In Darlington a week of events has been planned to promote Neighbourhood Watch and recruit more members into the scheme.

Police community support liaison officer Louise Buckley said: "Neighbourhood Watch is a fantastic tool in helping to reduce crime and get communities to work together on local issues. It costs nothing to join and members may experience the benefits of reduced home insurance premiums."

Events will begin with the community safety vehicle being placed at Pease Monument in Darlington Town Centre on Monday, June 18, between 10am and 2pm and will continue at supermarkets across Darlington as listed below.

Please pop along to one of the events to join Neighbourhood Watch and make a real difference in your community.

Officers will also be canvassing for Neighbourhood Watch members in the Haughton area during this week.

If you feel your area could do with a Neighbourhood Watch scheme or you know anyone who would make a great Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator please contact PCSO Louise Buckley on 01325 346832 or email louise.buckley@durham.pnn.police.uk to nominate.

Monday, June 18, 10am-2pm Town centre, Pease Monument, community safety vehicle

Tuesday, June 19, 2pm - 4pm Morrisons, North Road

Wednesday, June 20, 12 noon - 3pm Wilkinsons, West Row

Thursday, June 21, 2pm - 4pm ASDA, Whinbush Way

Friday, June 22, 11am - 3pm Morrisons, Morton Park

January saw the launch of Durham Constabulary's first funded police community support officer for school attendance and truancy.

PCSO Sarah Stephenson has been funded by five schools in the town (Education Village, Gurney Pease, Skerne Park Primary, Corporation Road Primary and Redhall Primary) to help schools identify persistent absentees. This is done through joint visits with council family support officers, offering a visible presence in schools for advice and mentoring, and giving schools a uniformed presence to deter bad behaviour and recognise achievement.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my time so far in this role, and clearly see a real difference this has made to school attendance levels. It shows true partnership working at its best," says Sarah.

The custody facility at Darlington police station has just received an extensive make over, with additional capacity and state of the art facilities.

The site now has two reception areas and improved interview facilities allowing for a much speedier experience of custody.

The site was opened by Durham Chief Constable Jon Stoddart and Peter Thompson, chairman of Durham Police Authority.

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.

Since the launch of the Darlington police Facebook and Twitter pages the number of followers has surpassed all expectations. We now have over 1,000 followers keeping up to date with regular news stories, events, and initiatives.

The pages updated daily by Annette Metcalfe, partnership liaisons officer, who says: "People lead busy lives these days. Using Facebook and Twitter is an excellent way of keeping people up to date with what we are doing. I've seen the impact a simple tweet can make about a crime in the local area and I would encourage many more residents to join."

Follow your local policing team on Twitter - @Darlo_Police or Facebook by searching for Darlington Neighbourhood Police Team.

We are in the process of planning our summernights campaign to help everyone enjoy the warmer weather and the lighter nights.

There is a comprehensive list of the summer roadshows planned to meet the community and promote Neighbourhood Watch and offer crime prevention advice and guidance.

Watch out for details of the events in the local press, and on our Facebook and Twitter feeds.

A new scheme to 'STOP' the onward sale of stolen goods has been launched in Darlington.

Stop Thieves Off-loading Property (STOP) is a partnership with second-hand outlets in Darlington, which aims to prevent stores becoming unwitting distributors of items that have been obtained as a result of crime.

Over 30 shops, jewellers and pawnbrokers have signed up to the initiative to ensure, to the best of their ability, that any property received is not stolen.

As a result of the scheme, four people have already been arrested and charged with offences relating to stolen items being offered for second-hand sale.

For more information, or to become involved in the STOP scheme, contact a member of the Darlington policing team on 101.

... down your way

You can contact your local neighbourhood team on 101

Louise Guest - manager, safer neighbourhoods unit

"I am Louise Guest, and I have recently taken on the role of manager of the safer neighbourhoods unit for Darlington. The team here understands the importance of listening to communities and responding to local needs.

"I am always keen to hear feedback from the residents of Darlington and would encourage you to get in touch if you would like to speak to someone about policing matters in your local area. The contact details are all listed below."

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Central and Town Centre

Sgt 690 Dave Kirtton (Town Centre)
Sgt 1301 Daryl Edmunds
PC 1229 Karl Fairest (Town Centre)
PC 1849 Chris Horner (Town Centre)
PC 1932 Stu Dawson (Central/Albert Hill)
PCSO 6785 Lynsey Carter (Town Centre)
PCSO 7352 Chris Smith (Central/Albert Hill)
PCSO 7440 Matthew Heinzman (Town Centre)
PCSO 7355 Andy Cusick (Town Centre)

Harrowgate Hill

PCSO 6938 Andy Raby
PC 695 Craig Rudd

North Road

Sgt 1301 Daryl Edmunds
PCSO 7240 Craig Murray
PC 1704 Tony Young

Northgate

Sgt 1301 Daryl Edmunds
PC 2013 John Forster
PCSO 6642 Christine O'Brien
PCSO 5557 Stewart Jubb

Haughton North

Sgt 1301 Daryl Edmunds
PC 947 Fiona Cunningham
PCSO 7042 Liz Harley

Haughton West

Sgt 1301 Daryl Edmunds
PC 947 Fiona Cunningham
PCSO Rachael Small
PC 695 Craig Rudd

Haughton East

Sgt 1301 Daryl Edmunds
PCSO 7043 Mark Alexander-Smith
PC 1363 Mick Dawson

Sadberge and Whessoe

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PC 276 Julian Brown
PCSO 6639 Becky Heseltine
Cockerton East
Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PCSO 6303 Dave Blackett
PC 399 Adrian Rutter

Cockerton West

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PCSO 7093 Dave Gibson
PC 399 Adrian Rutter

Pierremont

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PC 252 Richie Thompson
PCSO 6303 Dave Blackett
PCSO 7062 Chris Hirst

Heighington and Coniscliffe

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PCSO 6639 Becky Heseltine
PC 276 Julian Brown

Faverdale

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PC 399 Adrian Rutter
PCSO 5670 Steve Dolby

Lingfield

Sgt 720 Mark Ralphs
PC 850 Gillian Goold
PCSO 6521 Jude Ratcliffe

Bank Top

Sgt 720 Mark Ralphs
PC 886 Amanda Holland
PCSO 7243 Angela Keiher

Lascalles

Sgt 720 Mark Ralphs

PCSO 6394 Nicola Swift

PC 1144 Jeff Summerhill

Eastbourne

PCSO 7000 Danny Metcalfe
PC 593 Sally Suleiman
Sgt Mark Ralphs

Middleton St. George

Sgt 720 Mark Ralphs
PC 1655 Paul Foley
PCSO 6014 John Angus

Hurworth

Sgt 720 Mark Ralphs
PCSO 6014 John Angus
PC 1655 Paul Foley

Colleges

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PCSO 5983 Martin Dolby
PC 838 Martin Curry

Park West

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PCSO 7356 Marc Hay
PC 1659 Rob Curtain

Mowden

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PC 838 Martin Curry
PCSO 7357 Liam Robertson

Hummersknott

Sgt 807 Dave Barker
PCSO 7357 Liam Robertson
PC 838 Martin Curry

Park East

Sgt 720 Mark Ralphs
PC 1173 Neil Walton
PCSO 6864 Christopher Peacock

Main Station:

Darlington Police Station,
St Cuthberts Way,
Darlington,
DL1 5LB

Email: darlington@durham.pnn.police.uk

Front counter staffed:

8am to 6pm - Monday to Friday,
10am to 4pm - Saturday and Sunday



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

Your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is **Louise Buckley**

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EMERGENCY
ALWAYS
CALL 999