Proud to serve

# **South Tyneside**

Keeping our communities safe is our number one priority. Despite huge government reductions to our budget, Northumbria Police continues to be one of the best performing forces in the country.

The way we tackle anti-social behaviour has been recorded as outstanding and we are working closely with local residents to deliver innovative ways with this issue.

We have worked hard in providing better services for victims of crime and will continue to improve. It's great news that the latest User Satisfaction Survey names Northumbria as the top force in the country for victim service: a score of **92.2%**.

Here in South

Tyneside, we have relocated

neighbourhood police to bring them to the heart of the community. Police have successfully moved into former council housing offices in Horsley Hill, South Shields, thanks to the great partnership working between local residents, South Tyneside Council and the police.

We are seeking new ways to make savings so we can afford to keep police in our neighbourhoods. You have told us loud and clear this is what you want and we are dedicated to delivering the priorities you gave us for the police and crime plan.

Vera Baird QC Police & Crime Commissioner

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Steve Ashman Chief Constable

You told us four priorities and we put them in

the Commisioner's Police and crime plan

# In South Tyneside we are:

## Putting victims first

We support victims to cope and recover. Victims First Northumbria also means victims can receive support whether they have reported the crime to the police or not.

#### Dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Our team provides outstanding service and visits every vulnerable victim of ASB. We are working closely with partners to use new Community Protection Notices to tackle problems and improve the quality of life for residents.



### Tackling domestic and sexual abuse

Our police are the best trained in the country on these issues and all victims will get a strong and supportive response. We are also investing in work to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation.

#### **Reducing crime**

We tackle opportunistic thieves and burglars with great crime prevention initiatives and quick arrests. Officers in South Tyneside has achieved some strong results recently.

#### Community confidence

Neighbourhood policing is key. We will continue to have officers on the streets, visiting schools and attending meetings – to find out what issues matter the most to you. At present, drugs, 'legal' highs and alcohol-related crime are all priority issues being tackled by our neighbourhood teams.