



Proud to serve Sunderland

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%**.



As part of a new collaboration initiative between Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS), here in Sunderland, we have relocated neighbourhood police to Sunderland Central Community Fire Station bringing officers close to the heart of the community. This has brought police officers closer to the neighbourhoods they serve and are located in premises that are easily accessible.

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

Steve Ashman
Chief Constable

You told us your priorities and we put them in the Commissioner's police and crime plan



Creating opportunities

Keen to provide opportunities to help young people succeed in the world of work, Vera Baird launched an apprentice scheme for her office and her first recruit was 19-year old Kevin Payne. Since then two more local apprentices have followed in Kevin's footsteps.

Much needed support

Through the Supporting Victims Fund we have been able to help victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence by working with Wearside Women in Need to facilitate a DVSA (Domestic Violence Support Advisor) car project, which immediately connects victims to specialist support at the time of the incident.

Engaging with communities

Many charities across Sunderland have benefited from The Commissioner's Community Fund such as the Youth Almighty Project – a street sports initiative designed to engage with young people and help reduce crime.

In Sunderland 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 Sunderland have 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.

Despite an increase in crime, in a typical day Northumbria Police deals with:

142 arrests **500** emergency calls **1000** non-emergency calls **40** stop and searches **200** ASB incidents **81** domestic abuse incidents

Did you know?

Northumbria has over
3,500 Police Officers **210** PCSOs **250** Special Constables

So, policing isn't just about catching criminals, their typical day is spent supporting residents in so many valuable ways.

Right across Sunderland, your police officers are working with the local authority and other partners to ensure you receive the best service day in day out.

Northumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner Vera Baird is committed to keeping your neighbourhood safe and she is keen to hear from you about how we can help.



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