



Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for 2015

Dear Friend,

It has certainly been a busy year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We are making a difference in Northumbria, by working together we have developed excellent initiatives that are having a positive effect on the communities we serve.

I hope you and your family have a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year and I look forward to catching up with you in 2015.

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Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights.

I was recently asked to give evidence to the House of Lords / House of Commons Joint Committee on Human Rights. I am pleased that Police & Crime Commissioners are being called upon to give evidence to influential committees, as we represent many communities it's only right that we speak up for local residents.



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Presenting awards with Newcastle United's Jack Colbeck and Sammy Ameobi and the Lord Mayor of Newcastle.

Season's Greetings & Happy New Year!

Just a few highlights from the year – I could have filled a book with visits and achievements. Find out more on my website.

January – Set up the new Northumbria Police complaints system. Satisfaction levels now as high as 92%

February – Met business leaders from across the force area to discuss how businesses can support the work of the police.

March – Launch of the Domestic Violence Champions – we now have over 300 champions in the public and private sector.

April – Gave financial support to the Newcastle United and Sunderland Football Club “Building Bridges programme”.

May – Great walkabout with residents of the “Racecourse Estate” in Houghton le Spring.

June – Public meetings in all local authority areas, allowing the public to ask questions to myself and the Chief Constable.

July – I received an Honorary Doctorate from Northumbria University for my work in the region.

August – Made over £100,000 available for community groups to bid for through the Commissioner’s Community Fund.

September – Spoke at WHIST’s (Women’s Health in South Tyneside) AGM

October – Celebrated one year of Northumbria Police & OPCC being a Living Wage employer.

November – Investing Late Night Levy funding with Newcastle City Council. New ID Scanners, CCTV and taxi marshals have made the city even safer.

December – VAWG – One Year On. Our Regional Strategy is making a real difference.

Christmas in Sunderland

When I first became Police & Crime Commissioner, I visited a children’s Christmas party at CHANCE, Sunderland and met some great young people and Father Christmas.

I can’t use the photo in normal newsletters, so here it is in the Christmas Special.



December “Dress Down”

I have a great team who support my work as Police & Crime Commissioner.

Throughout December, Mondays and Fridays have been “dress down” day and staff have brought food items in to support a local food bank.

We hope our small gesture will make a difference



Seeing first-hand the new ID Scanners being used in Northumbria Force area.