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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Newsletter

Dear Friend,

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.

It is important that the Police continue working with communities across the force area to deliver the priorities you set in the Police and Crime Plan to ensure it makes a real difference to the lives of all residents.

Let me know your thoughts, it's always great to hear from you. My email address is enquires@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk

Best wishes,

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Visiting The BAY Food bank in North Tyneside to deliver Christmas donations from myself and my OPCC team

Commissioners Community Fund

I made £100,000 of funding available for local charities, voluntary, social enterprises and community groups in Northumberland and Tyne and Wear. Groups were able to apply for funding up to £2,000.

I am pleased that we have been able to fund 83 organisations and this will go a long way towards supporting delivery of my Police and Crime Plan objectives.

I have also made 10 donations to food banks across the region as a show of support to the excellent work they do.

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) can affect anyone and everyone. Although recorded ASB has fallen year on year it is still a major concern of local people in Northumbria.

The significant operational investment in dealing with anti-social behaviour continues to have an impact, from December 10th 2014 to 8th January 2015, 100% of the most vulnerable victims of anti-social behaviour were attended within an hour. The targets for satisfaction with the overall service provided by the police, action taken by the police and how well people are informed of process are all being met. The percentage of victims satisfied with their arrival time did increase slightly to 94.4%. There is more to do and I am determined that Northumbria Police remain focused on ASB and deliver for local communities.





Community confidence

It is vitally important for the public to be confident in the policing and community safety services they receive.

Officers spend 84% of their time visibly patrolling local neighbourhoods, more than at this time last year and also meeting the targets that have been set.

Two of the satisfaction targets are being met with performance also continuing in a positive direction with:

- 62.5% of local people saying that the level of patrol is about right in their area, meeting the target of 60%; and
- 96% of local people saying they feel safe in their local area, achieving the target of 96%.

We continue to strive to be the best at all times and I will continue to challenge Northumbria Police performance to deliver more for our communities.

The Precept

A proposal to apply a small increase of 1.99% to the police element (precept) of Council Tax has been agreed by the Northumbria Police and Crime Panel.

As your Commissioner I have to ensure the police have the resources to cut crime and deliver excellent neighbourhood policing.

To ensure this happens the precept has increased by a few pence a week and I can assure residents that all the money raised will go straight to Northumbria Police to support the work it does to keep our communities safe.

Our force has suffered tremendously from Government cuts to grants with £45.8m lost in the past four years and a further £11.8m lost this year, and more proposed in the years ahead. The rise will mean a Band A property owner will pay an extra 2p a week.



“Victims First – Northumbria”

Over the next few weeks I will be meeting representatives from the Voluntary and Community Sector to brief them about the new model on Victims Services in Northumbria, which I will be responsible for from April 2015.

There will be regular updates on my website about the services that will be provided and the care offered.

My priority has always been to put victims first, we will continue to deliver this promise ensuring victims of crime receive the best service possible.

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