



VERA BAIRD^{QC}
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER



NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER NEWSLETTER

Dear Friend,

What a summer it has been – when the sun shines we have seen the region at its best, whether it be at the Blyth Tall Ship Regatta, the Mouth of the Tyne events in Tynemouth, the Sunderland Air show or the free summer concerts in South Shields – whatever the event, police staff have supported them. Police officers welcome attending such events as it enables them to chat to local residents, listen to concerns and I know you welcome the reassurances that a police presence brings.

The early summer also saw my re-election with double the majority and a much larger turnout of voters. I am starting to consult on my new Police and Crime Plan and there will be a meeting or a seminar near you and lots of other ways to join in ensuring that I understand your priorities for policing, victims and justice for the next four years.

The next few months will be busy, I will be working hard to ensure that Northumbria gets the best possible funding deal from central government. The last government cut more than £100 million from our budget, the new Prime Minister knows how important good policing is through her time as Home Secretary, and she now needs to provide the resources so it can be provided.

Stay in touch, it's always great to hear from you.

Best wishes, *Vera*

Can you “Be the Difference?”

I was delighted recently to announce the biggest recruitment campaign Northumbria Police has had in nearly a decade.

Over the next three years, we will recruit 600 new members of staff – ensuring that we continue to deliver the best service possible to Northumbria. Did you know there are over 200 different roles, ranging from policing our streets to dog handling. Now is a fantastic time to join Northumbria Police – the force is full of ambition and it's important that we find talent from all backgrounds to help bring these ambitions to life

Crime has changed over the years and our officers demonstrate a range of skills, specialisms and experience from our much valued neighbourhood policing teams to the fast-developing cyber-crime unit.

I want to add to our existing talent to ensure we are the very best
Can you help us? Log on to www.careers.northumbria.police.uk

“Be the Difference”



Vera Baird with police staff
meeting local residents in
Sunderland



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Great partnership work in Newcastle to tackle legal highs. "The scheme has delivered real successes".



Meeting members of Dunston Teams Amateur Boxing Club, Gateshead. "Fantastic guys, great club".



With the team at Forward Assist based in Dudley. "Forward Assist are supporting veterans and the work they do is incredible"

**Vera Baird
Working for Northumbria**

It's time for a refresh.

The Police and Crime Plan is the document that ensures Northumbria Police tackle the issues that are important to you.



Chatting to parents at a school in South Shields.

During my first term Northumbria Police has been recognised as one of the best forces for tackling anti-social behaviour. I introduced the first regional violence against women and girls strategy and we are doing more than ever to support vulnerable victims of crime.

What do you want to see your police force doing? I want to hear your views. Please spare a few minutes to take our on-line survey - www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/giveyourviews

Rural Crime - it's a priority.

In our force area we have urban and rural areas, which as Police & Crime Commissioner I am conscious have different needs.

Officers in Northumberland work with partners on Farmwatch, providing communities with security advice. During the summer, they teamed up with the DVLA to ensure vehicles were roadworthy and carried out dip samples to catch those using red diesel.

Our neighbourhood officers work closely with farmers and gamekeepers to tackle poaching.

In our towns and cities, anti-social behaviour and a safe night time economy continue to be addressed.

The Chief Constable, Steve Ashman and I are committed to providing the resources to support all neighbourhoods, keeping them safe.



Visiting the Oswin Project in Northumberland.