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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER



# NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER NEWSLETTER

*“Summer is just around the corner, I bet you thought it would never arrive! Across our region we have lots of activities going on – ranging from the Tall Ships Race in Sunderland to the Exhibition of the North in Newcastle and Gateshead and the fantastic summer concerts in South Tyneside – actually every local authority has something exciting on. Throughout the these events our police officers will be on hand to ensure safety and offer help and support.*

*Wherever you go, have a great time.*

*I have been working hard on the police budget – despite further cuts by government, we still remain focused on delivering the very best service possible and ensuring that victims of crime remain at the heart of everything we do. I will continue to challenge the government to give a fair and open funding settlement to Northumbria.*

*Thank you for your continued support.*

*Best wishes,*

*Vera*



## Equality for All.



**Supporting hate crime advocates who are supporting the LGBT community**

One of the priorities in the Police and Crime plan focuses on Community confidence – I want everyone to have the confidence to contact the police when they need to.

Being you is not a crime, regardless of your gender, sexual orientation or age. To show our commitment, I funded 19 advocates who engage with the police and criminal justice system to raise awareness and understanding of LGBT issues. They also work directly with victims by signposting them to support services and offering 1:1 guidance.

I want to ensure that professionals have a good understanding of the issues faced by the LGBT community and the advocates will ensure that this happens. I look forward to hearing more about their work.



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At the official opening of the new regional crime unit with PCCs Coppinger and Hogg.



The Chief Constable and I meeting pupils at Harton Primary School, South Shields.



Delighted to support the "Freedom Project" by the Dogs Trust.

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Working for Northumbria**

**Top Cop Appointed**

I was delighted to recently announce that Winton Keenen had been appointed the new Chief Constable of Northumbria Police.



Winton is Northumbria through and through, born and bred in our region – he is keen to make a difference to further improve safety in all our communities.

The new Chief Constable has over 30 years policing experience, he knows what needs to be done and he is just the person to take Northumbria Police forward, delivering outstanding service to all our residents. .

**Durham Miners' Gala. Diary date**

The Durham Miners' Gala has a proud tradition in the North East – supported by thousands of people every year. It's a great opportunity to reflect on our heritage whilst looking to the future.

As the only female member of the Durham NUM and an active trade unionist, it is always a pleasure to see the array of colourful banners and listening to fantastic brass bands.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018** is the date of the next Miners' Gala and if you are interested in supporting the Gala, please take a few minutes to read about the event at [www.friendsofdurhamminersgala.org](http://www.friendsofdurhamminersgala.org)

