



NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER NEWSLETTER

Season's Greetings!

I'm delighted to have the opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

It has certainly been a busy year, I have worked closely with the Chief Constable to ensure we maintain effective policing in communities across Tyne & Wear and Northumberland. It hasn't been easy, since 2010 we have had to deal with over £135 million worth of budgets cuts imposed on us by the Conservative's.

When I was first elected, I pledged to maintain Neighbourhood Policing as you told me this was your main priority. That is exactly what I have done, I promise you that in 2019 – Neighbourhood Policing will continue to be one of my main priorities

Together we are making a difference and I look forward to campaigning with you in 2019.

Best wishes,

Vera



The brilliant Safehaven making a difference in Newcastle City Centre

2018 – A Year of Achievements

- 86% of residents feel Northumbria Police do a good or excellent job in their neighbourhood. For 2019 I have challenged the Chief Constable to improve this further.
- Recorded levels of Anti-Social Behaviour are down – we aren't resting on our laurels and in 2019 we will continue to work with partners to drive down further ASB.
- We continue to take action and show that in Northumbria we tackle rural and wildlife crime head on.
- I continue to stretch every penny out of every pound to ensure we deliver the best policing possible in every community.
- Thanks to prudent financial management, I have provided the money for Northumbria Police to recruit 114 police officers during 2017/18 to replace those who had retired.
- As your Labour PCC, I will continue to implement our values that make a difference to our communities.



Speaking at the fantastic "The Word" National Centre for the Written Word in South





With North Tyneside Mayor, Norma Redfearn, opening a time capsule in Wallsend which was buried by police 25 years ago.



Turning the Northern Spire Bridge orange in support of White Ribbon Day with Sunderland Council Deputy Leader Michael Mordey.



At the young women's project, Gateshead. Fantastic team, making a difference.

**Vera Baird
Working for You.**

Police Funding -

The Government will be announcing sometime in December how much Northumbria Police will receive from the Home Secretary to provide policing across the region.

Since 2010 that amount has been slashed by £135 million - yet the Government claim to be giving more to policing. The reality is they are making council tax payers pay more through the police precept.

In 2017, when working out how much our force would receive, the government assumed that the Police precept would increase £1 per month for a Band D property (without consulting a soul)

This forced PCCs to accept the precept increase or face a cut in budgets. I've told the Home Secretary this isn't acceptable and he needs to provide a fair, funding settlement for Northumbria and not rely on hard working families to pay for what the government should be covering.

Staying in touch

As your Police and Crime Commissioner, I value immensely your thoughts, ideas and support for Northumbria Police.

You've told me loud and clear that you want your Bobbies on the beat protected, you want Northumbria Police to stay on top of anti-social behaviour and to tackle violence against women and girls.

I've listened and you will see these priorities in the Police and Crime Plan – I hold the Chief Constable to account to ensure the plan is delivered.

It's always good to hear from you, let me know what you think Northumbria Police are doing well and what could be improved. My contact details are on the previous page.



The Emily Wilding Davison statue at Carlisle Park, Morpeth.