



**NORTHUMBRIA
POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

NEWSLETTER

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What a first week it has been as your new **Police and Crime Commissioner.**

It is an honour to be elected to fill the position in Northumbria and it fills me with pride to represent communities across the entire region.



During the election campaign I spoke to many people from the top to the bottom of the region and I gave five clear commitments that I would work on:

- **Supporting Northumbria Police officers in fighting crime and keeping communities safe.**
- **Putting victims at the heart of everything we do.**
- **Tackling the root causes of crime and cutting it.**
- **Focusing on cyber-crime.**
- **Taking a zero tolerance stance against hate crime.**

I'll be working with the Chief Constable to deliver these priorities.

I'm your voice, I'm on your side and I want to hear what you think Northumbria Police do well and what could be improved. My contact details are on the reverse of my newsletter.

Best wishes, Kim.

PCC CALLS ON NEW PM TO HAND OVER MONEY FOR OUR 1,000 EXTRA POLICE OFFICERS

On the day Boris Johnson was elected Prime Minister, I spoke out on behalf of the residents of Tyne and Wear and Northumberland.

Boris has a unique opportunity to show he is serious about making changes - but we need delivery, not rhetoric.

Since 2010, Northumbria's budget has been cut by 31% and officer numbers have fallen by over 1,000 and crime has risen. Cuts have consequences.

The PM needs to make ending austerity his number one priority and strengthen our public services. Every resident deserves a properly funded police force.

I am committed to achieving this.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING - 'IT'S MY PRIORITY'

As Police and Crime Commissioner, neighbourhood policing is at the heart of all my work - that is why it is safe with me. I have told the Chief Constable of my determination to maintain this vital service. It is proven to work in communities from Berwick to Sunderland and everywhere in between.

Neighbourhood officers and PCSO's are the eyes and ears of our local communities, residents confide in their local officers and share information. To tackle the root causes of crime and to cut it, we need to keep conversations with local residents going. That is why you can be assured neighbourhood policing is here to stay.

Here in Northumbria we have brilliant officers and staff who serve our communities with pride.

Next time you pass them, say hello!



DIARY UPDATE

As Police and Crime Commissioner, my priority is to tackle the issues that matter to you. Here is just a flavour of how I have done this in my first week –

- Discussed with the Chief Constable how deprivation and health inequality has risen just as crime figures have increased. Northumbria will work with others to ensure we provide people with vital services that will improve their health, their lives and drive them away from crime.
- I met with police commissioners from across the country to go over how we can tackle serious crime. Criminals often work with other gangs across force boundaries to make money from misery. Northumbria is fully prepared to work with others to break down these networks.
- Responded to emails and letters regarding queries that relate to Northumbria Police.
- Called upon the Prime Minister to 'Get Serious'.
- Attended and spoke at another brilliant Pride in Newcastle.
- Reviewed all the applications for the Commissioner's Community Fund – so much great work going on across the region, I look forward to meeting many of these groups in the weeks and months ahead.



.....and lots of reading, including national and local policies and letters from Ministers.



MEETING 'TEAM NORTHUMBRIA'

During the summer I am going to be out and about meeting our fantastic police officers and staff who deliver frontline services, those who work behind the scenes and the brilliant support staff and volunteers.

You may have watched the recent BBC1 series 'Our Cops in the North' which shows the real breadth of issues that our police officers and staff deal with. Northumbria Police work closely with many partners and other blue light services to make a difference and I thank each and every one of them for their commitment to being there when needed most.

However, cuts to vital services that people rely on such as mental health and youth provision are adding to the remit of a police officer's or PCSO's role. This series is reinforcing the need for properly funded public services and it's good that local residents can see the dedication of our officers and staff when dealing with many difficult situations.

RURAL CRIME

Northumbria Police force is unique in that it covers rural, urban and coastal areas. Ensuring effective policing in all our communities is important to me, a recent

report by the National Farmers Union revealed the cost of crime to rural communities. One rural crime is one too many, whether it be the theft of a tractor or stealing livestock, if it's

happening we must do all we can to stop it. I want our police officers to continue working with our partners to ensure we do all we can to support those who live or work in our rural communities. Crimes impacting on our rural areas will not be tolerated here in Northumbria and we will do all we can to make sure victims feel heard and supported.

LET'S TALK

As your voice in Northumbria Police, I am keen to ensure that you are able to contact me whenever you need to.

Here are my details, it would be great to hear from you:

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If you have an event or community group you would like me to attend, drop me a line.