

Chevington Beat Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of Chevington Beat News

This newsletter is part of the new Chevington Beat Policing Project, which has been devised by Northumbria Police Authority and the Chevington Community Police team.

The project aims to bring the local community closer to local police and safety services in the East Chevington parish and beat area.



Adrian Cattle-Jones, Community Engagement Officer, Northumbria Police Authority and PC Paul Dent Chevington Beat Manager.

How will the Chevington Beat Policing Project work?

The Chevington Beat covers the parish of East Chevington and includes the villages of Hadston, Red Row, Broomhill and Togston.

The project aims to find out what the local community's main policing, crime and safety concerns are. It will do this by talking to local people through monthly local meetings where you will be able to say which crime and disorder issue you feel is of the greatest concern to you.

Local police officers will also be at the meetings to hear what you have to say - and then act on your concerns. Their

efforts to do so will be reported back in Chevington Beat News and at future public meetings.

The first Chevington Beat meeting will be held on **Monday 25 October** at **5.45** in **Chevington Community Centre, Hadston Precinct**. Refreshments will be provided, everyone is welcome.

For more information about the meeting, to arrange transport or to book a creche place, contact **Adrian Cattle-Jones, Community Engagement Officer for Northumbria Police Authority** on **0191 433 2809**.



PC Paul Dent

Chevington Community Beat Team - Who's Who?

- Inspector Michael Connelly - Community Police Inspector, Morpeth
- PC Paul Dent - Beat Manager
- PC Mick Leybourne - Beat Manager

Logo? Let's Go!

School kids - are you a budding graphic designer? Would you like to design a logo for the Chevington Beat Policing Project?

If so, simply send us your logo or mascot idea (you could send it with the completed questionnaire if you want) and you could find yourself in line for a prize!

Send to:
Northumbria Police Authority
FREEPOST NEA 2821
Gateshead NE8 1BR

Don't forget to write your name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address on the back.

Have your say and win £20!

You'll find a community questionnaire inside this issue of Chevington Beat News.

Fill it in and return it by November 1 and we will enter you into a free prize draw to win a £20 gift voucher!

Simply return completed questionnaires to Hadston House or Chevington Community Centre, Hadston Precinct to be entered in the draw.

Chevington Beat Figures

Here are the crime figures for the Chevington Beat area, which includes the villages of Widdrington and Acklington and is therefore a much larger area than the East Chevington Parish and Beat area.

Figures for last year show that total crime is down from 193 crimes to 187. Burglary, theft and car crime are all down, whilst incidents of criminal damage and violent behaviour have risen slightly but not significantly - **this is partly due to the introduction in 2002 of new crime recording standards for incidents of disorder and violent crime which lead to a 20% increase in recorded incidents.**

	2002-2003	2003-2004
Arson	6	9
Violent crime	41	47
Burglary - dwelling	7	5
Burglary - other	17	16
Criminal damage - dwelling	28	32
Criminal damage - vehicle	18	16
Criminal damage - other	10	15
Drugs	11	8
Public Order	0	6
Theft	21	13
Theft of vehicle	4	1
Theft from vehicle	21	11
Theft of pedal cycle	6	4
Vehicle interference	1	1
Vehicle excise	0	3
Fraud	2	0
Total	193	187

1st Chevington Beat Meeting

Monday 25 October

at 5.45pm

Chevington

Community Centre

Hadston Precinct

Refreshments available.



Chevington Beat Public Meetings



Monday 25 October

Chevington Community Centre,
Hadston Precinct at 5.45pm

Monday 22 November

Chevington Community Centre,
Hadston Precinct at 5.45pm

Monday 20 December

Chevington Community Centre,
Hadston Precinct at 5.45pm

Monday 24 January

Chevington Community Centre,
Hadston Precinct at 5.45pm

Monday 21 February

Chevington Community Centre,
Hadston Precinct at 5.45pm

Useful Numbers

- **Police - Non Emergency** 01665 713505
(24 hours)
- **Victim Support** 01665 602863
(mobile 05851664287)
- **Advice on Drug issues** 01670 535000
Castle Morpeth
District Council
Firstcall (weekdays 8-6pm)
- **Reach (Rape Crisis)** 0191 212 1551
- **Domestic Violence** 0845 3030900
- **Womens Aid/
Domestic Violence** 01670 820 199

Want to know more?

For more information about the
Chevington Beat Policing Project contact:

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Chevington Beat area Questionnaire

Crime and Safety Issues in the Chevington Beat area

What are your top three concerns for crime and community safety in the Chevington Beat area.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Quality of Policing Service in the Chevington Beat area

How satisfied are you with the local Policing service you receive?

Very satisfied Fairly satisfied Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

How do you feel the policing service in the Chevington area could be improved? Provide up to three suggestions.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please answer the following questions by either ticking (✓) the appropriate box(es) or providing the information required. All answers will be treated confidentially.

Satisfaction with the local Policing service

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Fairly Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Police presence and visibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacting the Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dealing with youth disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solving violent crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preventing/reducing car crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Giving crime prevention advice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meetings with schools and community groups . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Giving feedback to people who report incidents . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Safety

How safe do you feel walking outside in your neighbourhood in the daytime?

Very safe Fairly safe

How safe do you feel walking outside in your neighbourhood after dark?

Very safe Fairly safe

Information

How satisfied are you with the information and feedback you get from Northumbria Police on how your neighbourhood is policed?

Satisfied Dissatisfied

Can you suggest any improvements to the way the police communicate and provide feedback on policing in your neighbourhood?

What else could the police or other agencies do to make you feel safer?

About You

To help us analyse the questionnaires, it would help us to know a little bit about you.

What is your postcode?

Your Community role: parish councillor

volunteer/member of a community organisation/church

school governor

local voluntary sector worker

Business proprietor/employee

none

Are you: Male Female

Are you: Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44

45-54 55-64 65-74 75+

How would you like to receive this information and newsletter in future?

Police Authority Website Personal e-mail Via library, schools or community centres

If you require information using e-mail please provide your e-mail address (this will not be disclosed to any third party)

If you have any queries about this questionnaire/Newsletter please contact Adrian Cattle-Jones on 0191 433 2809.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire

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Or return it to:

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Northumbria Police Authority

Who we are?

- 17 members - councillors, magistrates, independent members
- Staff Team based at Gateshead Civic Centre

What we do

- Secure and maintain an efficient and effective Police Force
- Ensure 'Best Value' is achieved in Policing service
- Engage local people around local priorities and crime prevention

Responsibilities

- Appointment of the Chief Constable
- Setting the precept and annual Policing budget
- Publishing the annual policing plan and three-year strategy

Contacting the Police Authority

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