

Chevington Beat Newsletter

Keeping you informed

Welcome to the second edition of the Chevington Beat News, your local Police and Community Newsletter which keeps you informed of what your local Police and safety team are doing to keep Hadston, Red Row and Togston crime free and safe.



Sergeant John Cowen, Chevington's new community beat sergeant

Welcome to Sergeant John Cowen, Chevington's new community beat sergeant.

John joined the team in October and is one of a number of new community beat sergeants in Northumbria. John has over 16 years experience of operational policing and joins PCs Paul Dent, Mick Leyborne and George Cuthbertson in the Morpeth Community Beat Team. Turn over to find out how to contact the Beat team.

Chevington Beat Meeting

Come along to the next meeting on **Monday 22 November** at **Chevington Community Centre** at **5.45pm** and meet PC Paul Dent and Sergeant John Cowen. Raise your local police issues and enjoy a pie and pea supper as well! A crèche is available and transport can also be arranged - telephone Adrian Cattle-Jones on 0191 433 2809 for details.



Future meeting: December 20 at **5.45pm** (plus mince pies).

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October Beat Meeting - What you said ... and what we did!

Twenty local residents and officers attended the first Chevington Beat meeting held on October 25 and three priority areas for action were identified:

Contacting the local Police Team

What you said:

A number of residents were concerned that it was difficult to contact police officers at Hadston Police station, or speak directly to a local officer through the main police switch board.

What we are doing:

A new non-emergency voice mail service for PC Paul Dent and Sergeant Cowen is now available by ringing 01665 872555 and asking for extension 61179. For emergencies and 24 hour service ring 999 or 01661 872555.

Fireworks

What you said:

Residents highlighted the area around Hadston Precinct as a particular problem and also local fields and footpaths where horses had been targeted.

What we did:

A special police operation called 'Operation Walmsley' saw schools Liaison Officers speaking to children at Druridge Bay Middle School about the hazards of fireworks and changes to the law which make it illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to buy or set off fireworks. PC Paul Dent also made extra patrols around the precinct on the two nights leading up to Bonfire night.

Young People's Activities

What you said:

Concern was expressed at the under provision of activities for older teenagers in the area and that this was leading to more anti social behaviour in the area.

What we are doing:

We held a meeting with Coquet High school youth team, Positive Futures Youth Project, Hadston House Youth Project and the Grainger Trust. It was decided to publicise what is currently available for teenagers in Chevington, and also develop an intermediate teenage group in the New Year. Watch out for future news.

COMPETITION WINNER

The winner of the consultation questionnaire and a £20 Marks & Spencer voucher in last months issue is Donald Simcock of North Broomhill. Well done!

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Useful Numbers

- Police - Non Emergency (24 hrs) 01661 872555
 - Chevington Beat Voicemail 01661 872555 ext. 61179
 - Victim Support 01665 602863 (mob: 05851664287)
 - Womens Aid/Domestic Violence 01670 820 199
 - Reach (Rape Crisis) 0191 212 1551
 - Domestic Violence 0845 3030900
 - Advice on Drug issues 01670 535000
- Castle Morpeth District Council.
Firstcall (weekdays 8-6pm)