

Policing in Gateshead 2010/2011



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Northumbria Police Authority

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Gateshead Council

0191 433 3000

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Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Victim Support

0845 30 30 900

www.victimsupport.org.uk



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About your Police Authority

Northumbria Police Authority is the voice for 1.5 million people

Northumbria Police Authority is an independent body made up of 17 people; nine local councillors and eight independent members who challenge and make sure Northumbria Police are doing a good job and fighting crime.

By listening to the views of local people, we make sure policing services are those which communities across Gateshead, Newcastle, Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland want.

Each year we plan and monitor the police budget so that local services are the best they can be, making sure costs don't go up.

We work closely with Northumbria Police so that together we can build trust and confidence in police services.

How the money is spent 2009/2010

Money we received	(£m)
Government funds	158
Business rates	113
Precept from your Council Tax	35
Other income	41
Reserves	11
	358

Money we spent	(£m)
Employees	302
Premises	11
Supplies and services	12
Transport	6
Capital charges	4
Establishment (e.g. support services)	7
Agency services (e.g. forensic science)	6
Miscellaneous	10
	358

You decide what's important

Since November 2009 Northumbria Police Authority has given nearly £10,000 to four projects run by community groups in Gateshead for crime prevention projects through a scheme called Participatory Budgeting.

The Authority invites community groups to make a presentation about crime prevention projects which tackle a real neighbourhood issue. Then members of the community at the event vote on which projects should get funding.

The successful projects include the Motiv 8 Programme run by Gateshead based Eye of the Fly. Motiv 8 offers classes in graphic design and photography and provides work placement opportunities for young people who, without help, might turn to a life of crime or not fulfil their potential.

WinG (Way out in Gateshead) also received funding for their positive achievement programme. The outdoor activity sessions will divert people like ex-offenders away from anti-social, unhealthy and criminal behaviour.



Tor Bruce from Eye of the Fly presenting at this year's participatory budgeting event

Have your say on policing visit
www.northumbria-police-authority.org

Protecting your police services

Fewer crimes are happening across Northumbria. Over the last three years the figures show that there has been an 18% reduction in crime and a 30% reduction in anti-social behaviour.

Despite challenging budget cuts over the next few years, we are determined to continue driving crime down and making all our streets, towns and cities safer.

Our priority, during these tough financial times, will be to protect frontline policing, so that when you need help or advice, our officers are available. You should not see any reduction in service.

This year we have been preparing for change, carrying out business reviews and challenging costs, so we can continue to provide the high quality services you want. We will continue to listen to your concerns and act to solve your problems.

Working together we can make sure Northumbria remains one of the safest areas in the country.



Temporary Chief Constable, Sue Sim and
Chair of Northumbria Police Authority,
Councillor Mick Henry

Sue Sim
Temporary Chief Constable

Councillor Mick Henry
Chair, Northumbria Police Authority

Crime figures 2009/2010

Total crime has gone down in
Northumbria by 14.9% - that's 15,668
fewer offences

Northumbria Police Performance	2008/2009	2009/2010	Improved performance
Total recorded crime	105,458	89,790	✓
Violent crime	20,322	18,005	✓
Vehicle crime	11,638	8,628	✓
House burglary	4,934	3,876	✓
Criminal damage	27,178	22,554	✓
Anti-social behaviour incidents (youth-related)	47,232	41,246	✓
Anti-social behaviour incidents (non youth-related)	95,773	79,104	✓
Percentage of users satisfied with the overall service	86.9%	90.4%	✓
Detections	39.3%	39.6%	✓

Area Command Policing Gateshead

Once again we have had another successful year of policing in Gateshead after our figures show a further reduction in crime.

Gateshead is a safe place to live, work and socialise - it is a safer place to live than it has been in decades. Burglary, criminal damage and vehicle crime figures are all down and we continue to work with our partners in other organisations and local people to reduce all areas of crime.

Over the last year our teams have been running various operations to help combat all areas of crime, anti-social behaviour and general disorder which have had a positive impact on the communities involved.

Together, working with our partners, we have also arranged regular meetings with local residents and businesses to discuss any issues or concerns they may have had.

With this invaluable feedback we have been able to take action and tackle the issues raised by you.

We now look to the future to continue our policing commitment to you and continue to tackle crime and issues of concern in your area. To find out more visit the Gateshead Area Command pages on the force website at www.northumbria.police.uk

Chief Superintendent Graham Davis, Gateshead Area Command



We're spending more time in your community – every sector of every area command has its own Neighbourhood Policing Team

Gateshead Area Command Performance



Gateshead	2008/2009	2009/2010	Improved performance
Total recorded crime	13,910	11,734	✓
Violent crime	2,341	2,028	✓
Vehicle crime	1,896	1,384	✓
House burglary	697	531	✓
Criminal damage	3,823	3,148	✓
Anti-social behaviour incidents (youth-related)	5,050	4,532	✓
Anti-social behaviour incidents (non youth-related)	11,063	9,400	✓
Percentage of users satisfied with the overall service	89.6%	93.5%	✓
Detections	37.0%	38.5%	✓

Neighbourhood Policing

Neighbourhood policing puts the needs of your community first. It is about identifying and understanding the problems which are most important to you and giving you a say over local policing priorities.

Each neighbourhood has its own policing team, dedicated to tackling local issues. They provide a visible, familiar and accessible policing service which deals effectively with local problems and any anti-social behaviour on your streets.

To speak to your local
Neighbourhood
Policing Team call
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Neighbourhood Inspectors



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In an emergency, if somebody's life is in danger or a crime is taking place call 999

News from around the area

Operation Hornet stings Birtley drug dealers

There was a sting in the tail for criminals after a successful operation targeting drug dealers.

A total of 17 people were sentenced after police launched Operation Hornet to stamp out the supply of drugs in the Birtley area.

Nine people received custodial sentences totalling almost 40 years behind bars. A further seven received suspended sentences.

As well as their time in jail the offenders were also ordered to pay back £11,500 of their proceeds of crime.

Neighbourhood Inspector Scott Hall said: "Operation Hornet was a big success for our team and has had a positive impact on the community.

"Not only will these people serve a lengthy time in prison they will also have to pay back some of their ill-gotten gains.

"Since the crackdown last year, drug related crime in the Birtley area has dropped and confidence in the police continues to improve."



Convoy of police vehicles on the way to raid houses in Birtley

Cop shop at the Metrocentre

There's now a 'cop shop' for visitors to the Metrocentre.

Shoppers who visit the store can get advice on how to avoid becoming a victim of crime. There's also lots of information about local police services.



Chief Superintendent Graham Davis at the 'cop shop' in the Metrocentre

Chief Superintendent Graham Davis said:

"We don't want people to wait until they become a victim of crime before they contact us. The shop is open every day so come along and find out more about what we do in Gateshead to make the area an even safer place."

Stamping out anti-social behaviour

Officers in Gateshead continue to work with the community to tackle anti-social behaviour.

The police team from Central Gateshead have been tackling underage drinking and general disorder in the town centre. Officers have also been working with partners from other organisations to provide activities to deter young people from hanging around the streets.



Officers from Gateshead Area Command continue to tackle anti-social behaviour