

Policing in Northumberland 2010/2011



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Northumbria Police Authority

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Northumberland County Council

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Crimestoppers

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www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Victim Support

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www.victimsupport.org.uk



Every effort was made to ensure all information in Policing in Northumberland 2010/2011 was accurate at the time of publication.

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 over £25,000 to 11 projects run by community groups in Northumberland 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 in Northumberland include Saturday MCing run by Ashington Joint Welfare Scheme. The Saturday night MCing events for 13 to 19 year olds give young people an opportunity to take part in an enjoyable activity rather than hanging around the streets.

Selesafe, which is run by Hexham Youth initiative, also received funding. Youth disorder and intimidation are a problem in the Sele and Sele park area and outreach activities will be run for young people to reduce anti-social behaviour.



Rachel Martin from Ashington Joint Welfare Scheme 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

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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 Northumberland

Northumberland is one of the safest places in Britain to live, work and visit.

Crime in the area has continued to fall over the past year with a significant reduction in the number of violent crimes, burglaries and vehicle crimes.

We continue to work closely with partners from other organisations as we strive to keep reducing crime in Northumberland.

Our officers have carried out a number of successful initiatives targeting issues such as anti-social behaviour, rural crime and drink-related crime and disorder.

Over the past 12 months our Neighbourhood Policing Teams have also continued to work closely with communities, listening to the views of residents about policing issues and addressing any concerns you have raised.

We hold regular community forums for people to talk about policing issues. To find out more visit the Northumberland Area Command pages on the force website at www.northumbria.police.uk

Chief Superintendent Mark Dennett
Northumberland Area Command



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

Northumberland Area Command Performance



Northumberland	2008/2009	2009/2010	Improved performance
Total recorded crime	16,490	13,219	✓
Violent crime	3,330	2,746	✓
Vehicle crime	1,590	975	✓
House burglary	630	496	✓
Criminal damage	4,396	3,900	✓
Anti-social behaviour incidents (youth-related)	8,778	7,616	✓
Anti-social behaviour incidents (non youth-related)	17,434	14,517	✓
Percentage of users satisfied with the overall service	84.8%	92.9%	✓
Detections	41.5%	40.6%	x

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 03456 043 043 extension 69191

Neighbourhood Inspectors



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News from around the area

Crackdown on anti-social behaviour

Police have been driving down anti-social behaviour in Northumberland.

Across the county, anti-social behaviour incidents dropped by almost 16% over the past year.

During the summer officers, as part of a campaign across Northumbria called 'Respect - it's a two way street', continued to target people involved in anti-social behaviour.

Chief Inspector Jerry Barker said: "Anti-social behaviour is a problem that can affect anyone and does cause concern. People need to be confident that if they make a report we will take it seriously and address the problem.

"By working with partners from other organisations we've been able to reduce anti-social behaviour. Together we have promoted tolerance and consideration for others."



Officers tackling an incident during the 'Respect - it's a two way street' campaign

Be safe on the roads



Motorbike road safety campaign in Northumberland

A hard-hitting campaign to improve road safety in rural Northumberland is making good progress.

In recent years a number of people have lost their lives in collisions involving motorbikes in the county.

The campaign, put together by the police, the council and the fire and rescue service, uses posters, road signs and even solar signs to appeal to bikers to think carefully about road safety and to reduce their speed.

Rural crime targeted

Police in Northumberland are continuing to take a tough stance on rural crime.

Officers have worked closely with residents and the farming community, as well as the local council, to respond to concerns and stamp out crime.

During the summer officers carried out extra patrols at rural attractions and car parks, while leaflets were issued to visitors offering crime prevention advice.



Rural crime targeted by the police in Northumberland