



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

Durham Police Authority to continue to recognise the work of Local Community Champions

In 2011, Members of Durham Police Authority agreed to host a Community Awards Event to acknowledge the heroic and selfless acts which take place in our communities by individuals or groups who have had a positive impact on community safety and public assurance within County Durham or Darlington.

Members agreed at a meeting of the Authority on Wednesday, that following the huge success of the Awards Evening which took place in December 2011 at Ramside Hall Hotel, an annual Community Awards event should continue and the awards event should be recommended to the incoming Police and Crime Commissioner as good practice.

Peter Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority said:

“In terms of community safety Durham Police Authority recognise that it is not just the police and community safety partners who do good work in keeping our streets and communities safe.

There are local people and groups in our communities who have gone to extraordinary lengths to make their area a better place to live. In particular there are people who care for vulnerable individuals or groups to ensure their well-being or safety. There are local volunteers who work to provide better facilities and opportunities for young people, disadvantaged or the elderly.

With the demise of Police Authorities later this year, I hope that any future Police and Crime Commissioner will consider having a Community Awards scheme in future years”.

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Notes to Editors

About Durham Police Authority

Durham Police Authority is an independent body responsible for ensuring Durham Constabulary delivers an efficient and effective police service. It is made up of 17 local people who include 9 councillors, 8 members of the public who are the independent members.

The Authority ensures that the Constabulary is accountable to the people of County Durham and Darlington and ensures that citizens have a say in how they are policed.

The Authority is responsible, amongst other matters, for setting the budget for the Constabulary and, following consultation with local communities, mapping out the strategic direction of policing. This includes agreeing policing priorities and setting the Constabulary challenging targets to drive performance higher.

The Authority's Vision

“To ensure that policing in County Durham and Darlington is fair, effective and visible”

The Authority's Mission

“To be the effective voice of our communities in securing the delivery of high quality policing by:

- Exercising strong & effective leadership
- Engaging positively with communities to build confidence in local policing
- Strengthening partnership working
- Promoting equality, tolerance & respect for human rights
- Scrutinising and challenging police performance to secure continuous improvement
- Scrutinising and challenging business systems and processes to ensure effective use of resources

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