



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

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Durham Police Authority Visit RSVP North East to present cash award.

Members of Durham Police Authority visited RSVP North East to present a cash award of £2000 following a recent round of Community Initiative Support Scheme Grants.

RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Programme) is a charity which supports older people in volunteering for the community.

RSVP will be using the funding to carry out roadshow events which will highlight doorstep crime to older people. This will improve safety for vulnerable people and raise awareness of distraction burglary and doorstep crime. Elsie Davies, Chair of the Community Initiative Support Scheme Sub Committee attended one of the roadshows held at Old Elvet Methodist Church to present a cheque to the Chair of RSVP.

Mrs Davies said:

"The roadshows that RSVP are carrying out are fantastic and we are delighted that we are able to support local community groups which is very important to us"

The Community Initiative Support Scheme was established in 2001, as a result of the Best Value review of the Police Authority and has recently been reviewed by the Police Authority Partnership Committee to make the scheme more easily accessible. Each year funding is set aside from the Police Authority budget to support this programme.

Community Groups can apply for funding for projects, involving young or vulnerable people, which support crime prevention and community safety. Applications are considered by the Police Authority's Community Initiative Support Scheme Sub-Committee. The Chair is Mrs Elsie Davies, who is an Independent Member of the Police Authority.

To find out more information about the Community Initiative Support Scheme please contact Durham Police Authority 0191 3835511 or check out the website www.durham-pa.gov.uk

Notes to Editors

**** Please find attached photographs**

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 be the effective voice of our communities in securing delivery of the highest quality policing.”

Our mission

“Working in partnership to ensure fair, effective and visible policing”

The Authority aims to: -

- Exercise strong and effective leadership in partnership working
- Engage positively with our Citizens and Communities to build confidence in local policing.
- Promote equality, tolerance and respect for human rights.
- Scrutinise and challenge police performance & procedures to secure continuous improvement
- Ensure Effective use of resources

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