



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

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Durham Police Authority announces winner of ipod competition

Durham Police Authority has announced the winner of their Apple iPod Touch competition as James Brady from Newton Aycliffe.

Members of staff from Durham Police Authority and Durham Constabulary attended numerous public events across County Durham and Darlington this summer where members of the public were asked to complete a consultation survey which asked for their views on various aspects of policing, including feelings of safety and methods of communication, with the opportunity of winning an Ipod.

Mr Brady, who completed the winning survey at the Darlington Carnival during the summer, attended a Special Meeting held by Durham Police Authority at County Hall, Durham on Wednesday 20 October and was presented with his prize by Mr Peter Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority and Chief Constable Jon Stoddart.

Mr Peter Thompson said: **“Durham Police Authority is passionate about representing the voice of local communities and involving local people in our work. This competition is just one of many ways that we will be engaging with people of all ages and backgrounds in the future”.**

Mr Thompson continued: **“During the current situation of uncertainty and change in the economy and in the future of policing at a national level, I feel it is important to reassure the people of County Durham and Darlington that we, as an Authority, continue to speak with local people about their policing and community safety issues.**

“Honest responses from local people we engage with at local events help us to ensure that County Durham and Darlington continues to be one of the safest policing areas in the country.”

Chief Constable Jon Stoddart said: **'These surveys are of immense value to us and we greatly appreciate it when members of the public take the time to complete them.'**

Mr Brady, aged 20, a computer sales assistant, said: **“I have seen first hand how quickly the police have addressed anti-social behaviour issues in my area and I was very happy to fill in the survey; this prize is an added bonus.”**

Notes to Editors

*please find attached photograph

(Left to right: Police Authority Chairman, Mr Peter Thompson; iPod winner Mr James Brady of Newton Aycliffe and Mr Jon Stoddart, Chief Constable.

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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