



Durham Police Authority

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## **Sponsorship opportunity to support Police Authority Community Awards**

Durham Police Authority's Community Awards event, scheduled to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011, would like to attract sponsors of this event.

Mr Peter Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority said: "Police Authorities regularly engage with local people and listen to their views about how policing affects them within their communities. What we aim to do locally is take this one step further and award local people for their positive contributions by helping to keep their communities safe."

Impressed by the courageous and selfless acts which take place within County Durham and Darlington; Members of the Authority were keen to give recognition to these outstanding individuals who go above and beyond what is often expected of them. Later this year members of the public will be able to nominate an individual or group who they feel should win an award.

Mr Thompson said: "The categories will be broad; a member of the public could nominate someone due to an act of bravery, a community activity which supports the work of the police or innovative ideas from a group or individual which has had a positive impact on community safety – we believe outstanding efforts such as these should be acknowledged".

Sponsorship opportunities are available at minimal cost for a limited time period, for local businesses who wish to support these awards. Interested businesses within the County Durham and Darlington area should contact Bryan Russell on 07850 916350 or email: [bryan.russell@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:bryan.russell@durham.pnn.police.uk) before the closing date of Monday 9 May 2011.

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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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