



Altogether Forward

The Durham Constabulary "Altogether Forward" programme is a model for policing for the future. The constabulary is being re-structured to operate from a functional model instead of the current system that is based upon geographic locations. The new

operating model will protect front-line delivery while improving performance with reducing resources.

Chief Constable Jon Stoddart says: "Our ultimate aim is that members of the public will experience no change in the way we operate - other than a continuing focus on improved service delivery."

"Neighbourhood policing remains at the heart of everything we do. Local people will still see local officers and PCSOs in their local communities, providing the kind of service which has made us one of the country's top-performing forces. And when members of the public need help in an emergency, they will receive it."

Police Reform

As part of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill, the Coalition Government plans to replace police authorities with a single elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The role of both is similar in holding the chief constable to account for the delivery of local policing services but if the Government's proposal goes ahead, a PCC will be an individual instead of a politically balanced and diverse group of 17 members. The PCC will then be held to account through a new Police and Crime Panel, made up of 10 local councillors and 2 co-optees (eg independents). These changes are planned to take place in May 2012.

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How You Can Get Involved

We want to encourage local people to become more involved with the policing of their communities in order to help us develop local solutions to local problems. Visit our websites to find out how you can get involved.

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LOCAL COUNTY DURHAM & DARLINGTON 2010 - 2011 POLICING SUMMARY



We are pleased to present our local policing summary for 2010-2011. We hope the summary gives you a clear sense of how we are performing and provides you with the reassurance that County Durham and Darlington remains one of the safest places to live and work in the whole of the country.

The past 12 months have been challenging in terms of significantly reduced Government funding and this is likely to continue over the next four years. We have had to undertake a difficult redundancy programme alongside implementing a number of cost saving initiatives to achieve a balanced budget. Despite this difficult situation our officers and staff have admirably risen to the challenge to deliver excellent policing services to the people of County Durham and Darlington. We are re-shaping the whole organisation so that we can maintain or improve performance with reducing resources whilst protecting front line services.

This summary sets out our priorities for the forthcoming year and details our achievements over the past year. In addition to this the police authority and constabulary have produced a joint annual report and policing plan which can be found at www.durham-pa.gov.uk or www.durham.police.uk

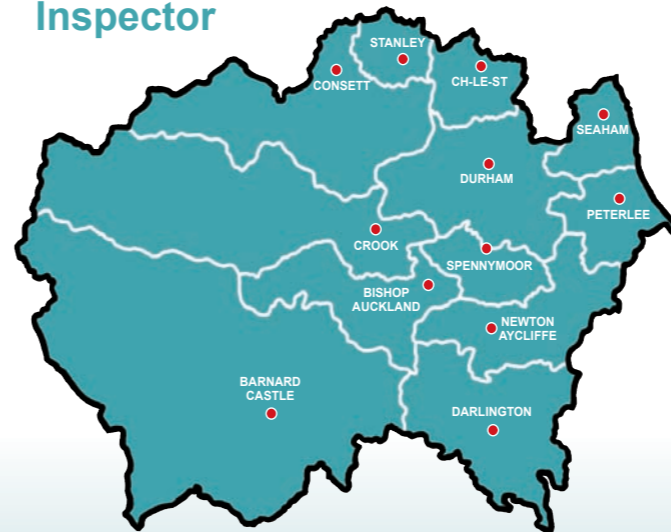


Chair of the Police Authority
Mr Peter Thompson



Chief Constable
Mr Jon Stoddart

Proud To Be Your Neighbourhood Inspector



Consett
Insp Dave Turner



Stanley
Insp Amanda Cathrine



Chester-le-Street
Insp Ted Archer



Durham
Insp Paul Anderson



Seaham
Insp Vince Addison



Peterlee
A/Insp Dave Coxon



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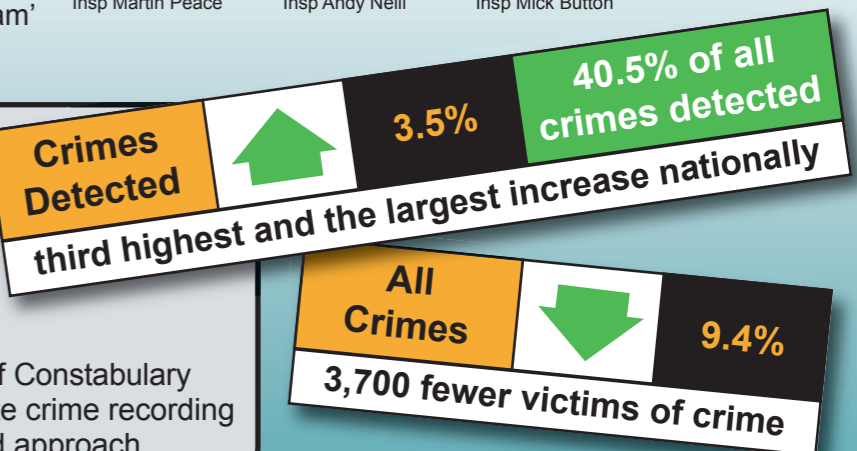
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Force Headlines...

In March 2011, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary commended us for our detailed financial plan to deliver the savings in light of the financial constraints facing the authority and the force.

In May 2011, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary praised the force for demonstrating accurate crime recording on a day-to-day basis with a victim focused approach.



Local Issues - You Said, We Did!

You said...

We value your views and throughout the year we consult with people who live, work and visit County Durham and Darlington, through a variety of forums and media. This consultation helps us to shape our priorities and operational activity each year. For 2011-2012 our priorities continue to be:

- Tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB)
- Reducing the impact of drug and alcohol abuse on people and communities
- Protecting vulnerable people from harm





Tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Some examples of how we have tackled ASB...

- Youth-related anti-social behaviour is being tackled with our partners in the Darlington area
- Alcohol-related anti-social behaviour incidents are down by 7% - an operation was conducted in the Consett area to target under-age drinking
- Problem-solving action in Bishop Auckland to address local issues with residents and families



Anti-social behaviour	59% of people agree that the police are dealing with crime and ASB issues that matter in their local area	Youth related anti-social behaviour
 down by nearly 8,000 incidents		 down by nearly 20%

Our continuing commitment includes...



- Working with partners to address emerging and long-term problems, to ensure that issues are dealt with by the most relevant agencies for effective resolution
- Establishing an innovative approach by using volunteers to help communities identify and solve problems with us
- Developing the restorative justice approach to ensure that victims are provided with an appropriate resolution, ensuring that offenders acknowledge the harm they have caused

Reducing the impact of drug and alcohol abuse on people and communities

Some examples of how we have reduced the impact of drug and alcohol abuse...

- Education about the dangers of 'legal highs' has been provided to schools
- Alcohol referral scheme introduced for over 18s
- £87,000-worth of drugs seized in Peterlee
- Best Bar None scheme extended to Consett, Darlington and Bishop Auckland



Drug dealing	198 arrests and £153,000 of drug seizures from Operation Nimrod	Alcohol related anti-social behaviour
 down by 31%		 down by nearly 700 incidents

Our continuing commitment includes...

- Tackling under-age drinking in the Stanley area, by establishing a community alcohol partnership
- Promoting the Best Bar None initiative across the whole of the constabulary area, to have a positive impact on the issues caused by the night time economy
- Disrupting and dismantling drugs supply networks
- Continuing to develop our integrated offender management approach to target re-offenders and address their drug habits through rehabilitation management



Over £350,000 worth of assets seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act in relation to rogue traders

Over 50 arrests for bogus official offences or rogue trading

60.7% detection rate for serious sexual offences. This is the highest detection rate in the country

Protecting vulnerable people from harm

Examples of how we have protected vulnerable people from harm are...

- Sarah's Law is a national scheme designed to safeguard children against harm from sex offenders and has been fully embraced by Durham Constabulary
- What time is kick-off in your house? - joint campaign with Cleveland and Northumbria to raise awareness of the potential for domestic abuse during last year's World Cup
- Operation Bombay is a dedicated team set up to protect elderly and vulnerable residents from bogus officials

Our continuing commitment includes...

- Identifying the most vulnerable adults and children in the constabulary area, to ensure that appropriate action can be taken to protect them from harm
- Supporting the work of our partners to ensure appropriate referrals are made and assist in breaking the cycle of abusive behaviour

For further details about these initiatives, please refer to our Annual Report 2010-2011 & Policing Plan 2011-2014, which is available on our websites