



## Durham Police Authority

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### **Proceeds from seized goods benefit local charities**

Local charities and organisations are set to benefit from a £6,300 fund. Durham Police Authority's Property Act Fund is made up from the sale of any items which have been used / seized in the commission of a crime, where the victim cannot be identified.

At a recent meeting of the Police Authority, Members considered and approved a report to grant financial assistance to the following organisations:

1.	Northern Police Convalescent Home	£ 1500
2.	Crimestoppers	600
3.	Victim Support County Durham	2000
4.	Durham Agency Against Crime	600
5.	Child Victims of Crime	1000
6.	County Durham Society for the Blind	300
7.	Butterwick House Children's Hospice	300
	Total:	£6,300

Mr Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority said: "Durham Police Authority and Constabulary consider it highly appropriate to give back to the community and constantly look at ways to support its community and organisations within it. This fund is used to assist local organisations which support the police in their work and other worthy causes".

**ENDS**

### **Notes to Editors**

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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