



Durham Police Authority

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## **Last chance to send in your nominations!**

With the closing date fast approaching, Members of Durham Police Authority are reminding members of the public that they still have a chance to nominate people they know who they feel have made a real difference in making their communities safer. There are 6 award categories to choose from: Caring, Serving, Volunteering, Achieving, Courageous and Dedicated. The closing date for nominations is this Friday, 11 November 2011.

Peter Thompson, Chair of Durham Police Authority said:

"We're delighted to have received so many nominations so far, with nominations coming in from both individuals, and groups, throughout County Durham and Darlington. There are still a few days left before nominations close on Friday, and we are encouraging members of the public to come forward and nominate either an individual, or a group of people, who they feel deserve to win an award".

Each winner, their nominator and two guests will be invited to the Awards ceremony which is to be held in the Ramside Hall Hotel on December 1st. People can nominate in a number of ways, either online at: [www.durham-pa.gov.uk](http://www.durham-pa.gov.uk), through Facebook, or alternatively call 0191 3835511 or email [durham.pa@durham.gov.uk](mailto:durham.pa@durham.gov.uk) for a nomination form.

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### **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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