



**Durham Constabulary**

# Press Release

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## **MORE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS TO BE RECRUITED**

Durham Constabulary and Durham Police Authority have announced they will recruit an additional 15 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to patrol the streets of County Durham and Darlington.

Application forms will be available on the Durham police website [www.durham.police.uk](http://www.durham.police.uk) from **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011**.

Successful candidates will undergo an intensive four-week training programme before commencing independent patrol. Durham currently has 166 community support officers.

Chief Constable Jon Stoddart said; *"This is excellent news for the force. PCSO's are highly regarded by their police officer colleagues and are popular with members of the public in terms of providing reassurance."*

Police Authority Chairman, Peter Thompson said; *"Despite the large cuts in funding from the Government we are determined to continue to provide high quality services to the people of Co Durham and Darlington."*

*"Not only that, it will also mean that 15 people can start a career in an excellent organisation. This recruitment exercise is on the back of the force appointing ten new police officers last month and sends out a strong message to both the public and criminals."*

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