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There have been 4,500 fewer victims of crime in the last year.

Crime has fallen by 14% in the last 12 months.

Victim satisfaction is at an all-time high, so you can feel confident in coming to us.

You can help shape local policing through PACT (police and communities together).

You can contact your neighbourhood team in a range of different ways - either in person, via the 101 number, on the force website, or through Facebook and Twitter.

Staying safe during 2013

"2013 looks like being another great year for the local community. We have a new Police Commissioner in Mr Ron Hogg and a new Chief Constable in Mr Mike Barton.

Having met and spoken with both it is clear that they have one main focus – namely you as an individual, as a family and as a member of the communities that we live in.

Police and communities together (PACT) meetings are progressing well. These meetings are designed specifically for you and any local issues that you may have. If you are already attending then thank you for your support. If you haven't been to one yet then you are missing out and I encourage you to attend one which is being held local to where you live. All times and dates are circulated via Facebook, Twitter, the new Durham Constabulary website and local media.

With the lighter nights now here can I remind you to secure all valuables in locations out of sight. Never assume that it will never happen to you. Crime is very low but there will always be the odd person who will take whatever opportunity comes along to take something that doesn't belong to them.

As I review the past year's crimes it is clear that a number of them could and should have been prevented. Items were stolen from unlocked or insecure vehicles, push bikes were left outside the house or in the back garden overnight, doors and windows have remained unlocked. Let's try and prevent this small amount of opportunist theft by securing our homes and vehicles. Let's not leave valuables in view - even for a few minutes. Out of sight is the key to crime prevention.

My team and I are really looking forward to working with you over the coming months."

Mark Hall
Neighbourhood Inspector
Newton Aycliffe, Shildon, and Sedgefield areas

Your PACT Meetings

Have your say about policing in your community by attending one of our police and communities together (PACT) meetings - either online or in person. Check out the 'events' section of your local police team website pages for meeting dates, times and locations.

www.durham.police.uk

Newton Aycliffe/Shildon/Sedgefield Area

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Crime Prevention Tips

As the weather warms and people take to the outdoors on their bikes once again, here are a few tips on how to keep your cycling equipment safe and secure.

- Use a good quality chain and lock to secure your bike, even if you are only leaving it for a short time.
- Chain it to a secure item, like a lamppost or a metal fence.
- Consider getting a specialist marking kit with stickers, which can act as a deterrent to thieves.
- Mark your bike with a postcode or unique reference number.
- Keep a record of the make, model and colour of your bike – this may make it easier for police to return it to you if stolen.
- Keep your bike in a safe place at night, like a securely locked shed or garage.
- You could even consider chaining it to another item, like a lawn mower, which will make it harder for a thief to take away.

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Your Local Neighbourhood Watch coordinator is ________________________________

“...down your way...”

Out and About

NEWCASTLE/AYCLIFFE

A drugs warrant was executed at an address in Avon Walk, Newton Aycliffe by officers from the neighbourhood policing team under the Msuse of Drugs Act. A significant quantity of controlled drugs was seized and a 23-year-old woman was arrested. Enquiries are on-going and because the drugs being sold at the woman’s home address is in the process of being examined and moved from the area.

The Newton Aycliffe neighbourhood policing team has secured funding from the Local Eggs Management and Midshire Partnership (GARP) area budget for a community speed watch scheme. This will involve the team acquiring a crime prevention officer’s kit to use to assist with public reassurance and reducing the fear of crime. If any local residents need some crime prevention advice they can not hesitate to contact one of the team on the non-emergency number 101.

PC Alan Thompson has successfully obtained funding through partnership working to help encourage local youths to join a boxing club as a diversionary activity to reduce the impact of anti-social behaviour in the community. This activity is in the process of being rolled out.

The Shildon community first group, which is made up of partner agencies, local stakeholders and resident groups, is looking to set up a Shildon cycling club. It is hoped that the club will attract people of all ages from the local community and help boost the health and fitness of those taking part.

In October 2012 and February 2013, residents in Eldon were given the opportunity to have their valuables marked with SecureID, free of charge. This is a part of the Police in Dane Valley project which is a make-up of the police, Durham County Council, private landlords association and housing associations. If you would like more information about this crime prevention initiative, contact the neighbourhood policing team on 101.

On the evening of November 28, 2012, a larceny robbery took place at a convenience store in Byerley Ward. Shildon. No one was injured during the incident, in which a store box was stolen. An 18-year-old man from Shildon was arrested the following day in connection with the robbery. He was given a four-year sentence.

On 9 January 2013, a 35-year-old man was arrested at an address in Aln Valley Crescent, Shildon. The man was found guilty of handling a number of vehicles and was sentenced to a further 12 months imprisonment. The man has previous convictions for theft from a vehicle, vehicle interference and criminal damage.

On Tuesday 22 January 2013, a man was arrested in Church Street, Shildon on suspicion of having stolen continental wire from the Lifestyle Express shop in Cheapside, Shildon. The 31-year-old male from Ashdene Drive, Chilton was subsequently charged with theft and possession of ammunition. He was refused bail and appeared before Newton Aycliffe magistrates court on January 28 where he was given a two week conditional sentence.

A 40-year-old man was arrested and charged with four shoplifting offences at Morrisons store in Shildon and one at Sainsbury’s in Bishop Auckland. He was given a 16 week prison sentence.

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