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FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

April 2023 - Millom & South Copeland

In this months newsletter you will read some of the actions we have taken against issues that have been raised to us by residents via our Police and community Priorities (PACT) survey.

Below are the police desks we are holding in May in your area if you want to report any issues to us, you can also report incidents to us as normal online and by calling us on 101.

Inspector Richard Smillie



Upcoming police desks

- Friday 12 May from 4pm to 5pm at Millom new Library (Millom Comp carpark)
- Friday 12 May from 6pm to 7pm The Green Village Hall carpark
- Sunday 13 May from 2pm to 3pm Bootle Church Lane carpark
- Sunday 13 May from 4pm to 5pm Haverigg Main Street carpark.
- Sunday 13 May - We will be attending the family cycle event at Thwaites Village Hall, The Green, Millom which is running from 12p and 4pm, we will be offering bike marking.



You said, we did - Millom

Anti-social behaviour Devonshire Road

You said: We received information from Parish Council and local residents regarding anti-social behaviour and hate related abuse on Devonshire Road

We did: Following the information received we targeted the area with high visibility mobile/foot patrol and with plain clothed officers

We have also been working with the Local Focus Hub to provide a multi-agency response is still ongoing.

Officers have also carried out crime prevention surveys in the area and provided security equipment to individuals.

Enquires are ongoing to identify the offender and we have added crime prevention measure at the location.

Anti-social behaviour Lord street and Wellington Street

You said: We received information from local residents and the town council on Alcohol related anti-social Behaviour on Lord street and Wellington Street

We did: We are continuing to work with partner agencies to identify all possible options to respond to the issues.

We have also been targeting the area with vehicle and foot patrols and had officers in the area in plain clothes/

We also held a Talk N Tidy event which is multi agency event giving local residence the opportunity to attend and discuss any concerns with partner agencies. This event has give us further opportunity to learn more information about the problem.

Anti-social driving in Millom Town centre and Haverigg

You said: We received information from local residents and the town council on anti-social driving in Millom Town centre and Haverigg.

We did: We have raised the issued with the Collision reduction officer and will be carrying out speed checks within the area.

Speed strips have also been added across The Green and The Hill to collect traffic data.

Anti-social behaviour at Holborn Hill Boys school

You said: We received information about young people being involved in anti-social behaviour at Holborn Hill Boys school on St Georges Road – smoking, drugs, alcohol

We did: We have conducted a visit to the location and assessed the site and will be working with partner agencies to make sure the building is kept secure.

We are also conducting regular patrols at the location.

Motor vehicles on Haverigg beach

You said: We received information from local residents about motor vehicles driving on beach at Haverigg

We did: As a result we have been conducting high visibility mobile/foot patrol around access area to the beach and beach area.

Criminal damage to public toilets

You said: We received information from local residents about vandalism to public toilets on St George's Road.

We did: Following the report we have been conducting high visibility mobile/foot patrols around area and the park.



❗Know the dangers of rogue traders ❗



Make sure your friends, family and neighbours – particularly where they are elderly - are aware of the dangers of rogue traders and distraction burglars.

- Lock your front and back doors, even when you're at home
- Check clothing.
- Do they have identification? If they are genuine, they will not mind you carrying out checks to make sure they are legitimate.
- If you're unsure, ask the caller to return at a time someone will be with you.

Report any suspicious activity to 101 by calling or reporting online at https://orlo.uk/chI3B

📞 Call 999 if you are in immediate danger.



The Government launched StreetSafe, as an online tool to allow people to flag places where they have felt unsafe, and describe factors that caused them concern, including anti-social behaviour or environmental reasons.

This can range from poorly paths to public harassment, these are then raised with the us whether or not a crime has been committed.

We will work with partners to address any issues raised.

If there are any public areas where you feel unsafe due to environmental issues e.g. poor street lighting, abandoned buildings, vandalism etc. please report these here - StreetSafe | Police.uk (www.police.uk)

Please note 'StreetSafe' is not for reporting crime or incidents.



We are now taking applications for Special Constables

The Special Constabulary is a voluntary body, whose officers form a vital part of the police family, working alongside their regular colleagues to police the communities of Cumbria. Specials perform a variety of police duties to support regular officers with the day-to-day policing of Cumbria.

People become a Special Constable for a variety of reasons. Some people have free time and have a desire to give something back to their community, some people are very happy in their present job but want something totally different in their spare time, some people may have wanted to work in the police but for different reasons they have gone down a different career path. Specials have the same powers as regular officers, wear the same uniform and carry the same equipment as regular officers.

In all these circumstances the Special Constabulary gives you the opportunity to have a second career. This is a great opportunity to meet people from all walks of life and gain experience in a wide range of policing duties.

For more information on being a Special Constable - **click here**

Apply **here**

Police Cadet open evenings across the county



Our first Cadet open evenings are running on the below dates.

These will work on a drop-in basis and are open to any child aged 13-17 years who is interested in joining Police Cadets.

Children must attend with a parent/guardian who is over 18 years. You will be able to meet & speak to current cadets & cadet leaders and ask any question you may have.

Please register your interest here https://forms.office.com/e/P5bAUTqsDg.

Cadet recruitment will be opening on Monday 3rd April 2023. Keep an eye on our social media & Cumbria Police website for further details.

Join us!

Have you ever thought about being a police officer?

Could you be make a real difference to people in Cumbria and help keep them safe?

Recruitment is open now. We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated people to apply now to join our teams.



For more information on the role of a police officer and the numerous entry routes, please visit www.cumbria.police.uk/careers.

Your local officers



Want to know who your local officers are?

Simply go to our website - www.cumbria.police.uk

Scroll down the home page and you can browse different areas to see who your local team are - or enter your postcode.

Not only will you be able to find out who your named local officers and PCSOs are, you will also be able to view our local policing priorities and details of any meetings or events we will be attending.

In other news

Chief Constable Michelle Skeer announces forthcoming retirement from Cumbria Constabulary



Announcing her retirement today, Cumbria Constabulary's Chief Constable, Michelle Skeer QPM said:

"It's with mixed emotions that after a long and wonderful career with Cumbria Constabulary I will be retiring as Chief Constable in the summer.

"I have enjoyed every moment of my career in policing and am lucky to have worked at every rank across the force. It has been a great honour for me to serve the communities of Cumbria in the role of Chief Constable in recent years.

"This is a great force, I am proud to lead the Officers and Staff at Cumbria Constabulary who face difficult situations daily and work hard to protect those who are vulnerable or need our help, tackle crime and bring offenders to justice.

"The performance of the force is good and we continually strive to improve the service we give to our communities.

"I was born in Cumbria and have lived and worked here during my whole career, it's a fantastic place to live. We police by consent and need to maintain the legitimacy and support of our communities. We have great support from our communities in Cumbria and I'd like to thank them for the help and support they give to me, and my Officers and Staff daily.

“It hasn’t been an easy decision to retire, however after 33 years I feel now is a good time. The force is in a good position with a strong senior leadership team, who are able to take on the challenges of policing this unique area.

“However, I am not able to step away from policing and retire altogether as I still enjoy the challenges of policing and the emergency services, and therefore, I can confirm I am delighted to have been successfully selected for the role as His Majesty’s Inspector of Constabulary and His Majesty’s Inspector of Fire and Rescue. I am looking forward to this new challenge.

“We have a number of challenges in force ahead - tackling criminality, keeping victims and vulnerable people safe, driving an inclusive and supportive culture and showcasing our work in our current HMICFRS inspection, and I will continue to lead the force and serve the local community over the next few months.” **Read more here.**

Op Tramline: Officers record distracted and speeding drivers in five-day operation



A five-day operation using a HGV to target driving offences was run this week by Cumbria Constabulary, with dozens of drivers reported for offences behind the wheel.

The operation was run in partnership with National Highways and saw the Constabulary use an unmarked HGV to help officers spot driving offences from an elevated position.

The officers used the vehicle to pull up alongside other vehicles and gather video footage of offences being committed.

In total the officers recorded 31 offences. These included:

- 14 mobile phone offences
- 10 speeding offences
- Two vehicles being driven in lane three when prohibited from doing so
- A drug-driver
- Driving without a licence - Sec 165 Seizure
- Driving without due care and attention

Read more here

More than 160 additional officers join Cumbria's ranks in less than four years



An additional 169 police officers have been recruited in Cumbria as the force celebrates achieving the national Police Uplift Programme target. At the beginning of the Uplift programme, the Home Office set Cumbria Constabulary a target of recruiting an additional 169 police officers in less than four years. **Read more here.**

Police and fire leaders sign up to Armed Forces Covenant



The county's police and fire leaders have made a commitment to the Armed Forces by signing the national Covenant.

This means both services recognise the value of serving personnel, veterans, Reserve Forces and military families and promises to ensure those that serve or have served, and their families, will be treated fairly.

Chief Constable Michelle Skeer, together with Chief Fire Officer John Beard and Cumbria's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall, signed the covenant on Tuesday 25 April at an event at Cumbria Police Headquarters in Penrith. **Read more here.**

Crime Figures

Further information can be found on Police.Uk

Click here to visit the website

Please note the data contained on Police.uk is not live time

OffenceGroup	Crimes	Same Period Last Year	Difference	% Change
Arson and Criminal Damage	2	7	-5	-71.4%
Burglary	2	1	1	100.0%
Drug offences	0	0	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	0	0	0	0.0%
Possession of weapons offences	1	0	1	0.0%
Public order offences	2	3	-1	-33.3%
Robbery	0	0	0	0.0%
Sexual offences	1	3	-2	-66.7%
Theft offences	3	9	-6	-66.7%
Vehicle Offences	0	0	0	0.0%
Violence against the person	25	11	14	127.3%
Total	**36**	**34**	**2**	**5.9%**



Copeland Police want you to report all anti-social behaviour and crime

Please report any incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour to us, to help us keep Copeland safe.

If a crime is in progress always call 999.

You can report crime online here

Our online Live Chat function is a new service giving you an alternative way to communicate with a Police Officer in real time. More here.

You can also phone on 101.
Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.