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COPELAND FOCUS

FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

June 2023- Millom & South Copeland

In this months newsletter you will read what the team have being doing over the last month.



We are continuing to be out and about in the community attending local events to speak to attendees and working with partners.

From 3 July till 9 July we will be highlighting the work we do all year round with our partners for anti-social behaviour week, make sure you are following us on our social media channels for updates during the week. We will also be including an update on how the week went in next months newsletter.

Inspector Richard Smillie



Speeding

Following report from the community we have been out in the areas of Bootle, Kirksanton, Haverigg The Hill and The Gree to target speeding.

Officers have been using the speed gun to target the issue.

We have been conducting high visibility patrols around Millom including Old Ironworks Nature Reserve and local footpaths (off road bikes and quadbikes)

Sadly, we see the consequences of speeding motorists when responding to collisions, some of which lead to the loss of life.

Throughout the year we work to create a safer road network for all road users and we target those who drive at excess speed.

The decision to drive beyond speed limits in place is a decision made by an individual. Such decisions are dangerous and we would urge people to drive responsibly and in accordance with the law.

Speeding kills, and driving within the speed limits makes our roads safer. Please slow down and save lives.

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.

Upcoming police desks

- 14 July - Haverigg beach car park 18:00 – 19:00
- 14 July - Millom Library 16:00 – 17:00
- 15 July - Bootle, Byre car park 14:00 – 15:00
- 15 July - Thwaites Village Hall car park 16:00 0 17:00

Got concerns about a property on your street? Let us know!



Silent 999 calls: Please don't just hang up – tell us you are safe

If you make an accidental 999 call, don't hang up – stay on the line to tell us you are safe.

Police forces across the country have seen a rise in silent 999 call in recent weeks – and we are seeing also seeing a rise here in Cumbria.

Such 'silent calls' can be where the person making the call is not aware they have done so, and the operator cannot hear anyone on the line.

Where such calls are made and people hang up, it can significantly impact our resourcing as officers need to conduct a range of checks to ensure you are safe and well.

Nationally, all emergency services are currently experiencing record high 999 call volumes, which is for a number of reasons, but it is believed that there has been a significant impact as a result of an update to Android smartphones.

If you have an Android phone, you can check your emergency settings to turn off the functionality added in the latest update.

Go to 'Settings' then 'Safety and Emergency' and slide the button which says 'Emergency SOS' to switch the functionality off.

Calls to 999 where the operator cannot hear anyone on the line (silent calls) are never just ignored. Call handlers will then need to spend valuable time trying to call you back to check whether you need help.

If you do accidentally dial 999, please don't hang up. If possible, please stay on the line and let the operator know it was an accident and that you don't need any assistance.

As always, if a crime is in progress or if there is an immediate risk to person or property, always dial 999.

If a crime is not in progress, then please consider reporting the incident online at in the first instance online at www.cumbria.police.uk/reportit

Alternatively, you can call 101.



Cumbria Police launch summer safety campaign

Cumbria Police have launched an online summer safety awareness campaign. The campaign will run throughout summer and will promote personal safety advice to help keep Cumbrian residents and visitors safe.

With not long to go until the summer holidays begin and social calendars fill up over the warmer months, police want to refresh people's basic knowledge of personal safety and highlight some quick and easy steps the public can do to keep them safe this summer.

The Constabulary's social media platforms will be the go-to for safety information and practical advice.

Ahead of the county's biggest music festival, Kendal Calling, tailored festival-specific safety advice will be issued in the build-up and during the event on a range of personal safety topics.

Superintendent Andrew Wilkinson said: "It's important that, while some of this information may seem like common sense, we run campaigns such as this to remind people of the simple and practical ways in which we can improve our own personal safety and look out for others.

"Cumbria is one of the safest places in the UK to live and visit which is something we are very proud of.

"For those visiting the county over the summer for an event or holiday, or any residents who live in Cumbria, personal safety should be a natural consideration of any plan. It's the small steps you can put in place which will help ensure you have the safest summer possible.

"Please follow the campaign, share the messages and spark those important conversations with friends and family." **Read more** **here.**



The Street Safe online tool is a free national service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you feel or have felt unsafe. This can be because of environmental issues such as lack of street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism, or because of behaviours such a being followed or verbally abused.

While the tool can be used by anyone, it is an important part of our ongoing efforts to eliminate violence against women and girls in Cumbria allows us to better understand the specific areas where they do not feel safe.

Local community policing teams monitor the Street Safe data to identify any hotspot areas. They then work with partners to address the concerns reported.

Access the Street Safe tool online via any device: StreetSafe | Police.uk (www.police.uk)

Street Safe is not a tool to report crime. Please report any crime by calling 101 or report online at: www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it . Always dial 999 in an emergency.



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**



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

Positive work conducted to tackle burglary offences in Cumbria

Cumbria Constabulary remains fully behind a national commitment by police chiefs to attend all home burglaries. In Cumbria, every burglary where someone's home is entered is investigated by a detective, meaning the offences become the focus of specialist investigative skills from the outset.

Detective Chief Superintendent Dave Stalker said: "We recognise that being burgled, especially in your home, can be traumatic.

"We have always taken this type of offence extremely seriously and we are pleased with the great work done in recent years to ensure offenders are brought to justice.

"We are not complacent and we are doing all we can to make sure that people feel safe in their homes.

"We ensure every residential burglary where a person's home is entered is attended by a police officer and is allocated to detectives in our CID teams, so they get these officers' specialist expertise from the outset." **Read more here.**

Hundreds of motoring offences dealt with in road safety operations

Operations using a HGV to target driving offences have been conducted during the past two months in Cumbria, with hundreds of offences dealt with.

The operations were 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. Supporting patrols were also used to stop motorists who had been caught committing offences by officers using the HGV.

During a five-day operation commenced earlier this month, officers recorded 285 offences. These included:

- 122 speeding offences
- 77 mobile phone offences
- 26 immediate mechanical prohibitions
- 26 driver hour offences
- Two arrests for possession with intent to supply drugs
- Driving without insurance
- Driving without tax
- A vehicle driving in lane three when prohibited from doing so
- Driving under the influence of drugs
- Possession with intent to supply drugs
- Driving without due care and attention.

June's activity, which was supported by partners such as DVSA, follows a five-day operation held in April which resulted in 31 offences being recorded. **Read more here.**

News from our partners

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service warn public on severe risks of wildfires

Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) is urging the public to be cautious when out in the county, especially in rural settings, following the risk of wildfires being raised to 'severe' in the area by the Natural Hazards Partnership.

Wildfires have the potential to burn for days and devastate vast areas of land and wildlife. If they get out of control, they can threaten the welfare of nearby communities too.

Dry ground in the summer means there is an added risk of a fire starting, but caution should be taken at all times of the year. Follow these tips to reduce the chance of a wildfire in the countryside:

- Extinguish cigarettes properly and do not throw cigarette ends on the ground - take your litter home.
- Never throw cigarette ends out of car windows.
- Avoid using open fires in the countryside.
- Do not leave bottles or glass in woodland - sunlight shining through glass can start fires (take them home and recycle them).
- Only use barbecues in a suitable and safe area and never leave them unattended.
- If you see a fire in the countryside, report it to the fire and rescue service immediately.

Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service's Head of Prevention and Area Manager, Ian Seel said:

"We are asking the public to think and act with extreme caution and think twice before using anything involving a naked flame in a rural setting.

"Many rural and remote communities are hugely impacted by wildfires, which can cause significant damage.

"Livestock, land and wildlife can all be devastated by these fires - as can the lives of people living and working in rural communities.

"These fires can also have a hugely negative impact on the environment and the release of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.

"Human behaviour can significantly lower the chance of a wildfire starting, so it is crucial that people act safely and responsibly in rural environments, and always follow the Countryside Code."

Cumberland Council is reminding visitors to the Lakes to park considerately

Cumberland Council is reminding visitors to the Cumberland beauty spots, to park considerately, especially in the Stonethwaite area.

Stonethwaite is a popular beauty spot, which is located near the iconic Black Moss Pot pool, but visitors to the area often park in an obstructive manner, causing inconvenience to others.

Cumberland Council is urging the public to park sensibly and responsibly when visiting the area. The council has recently installed new signage to alert drivers that the road is very narrow and that they should leave enough space for emergency vehicles. In addition to this, drivers should be mindful of farmers who need access to their livestock.

A vital measure for safeguarding the community and its visitors involves the council's implementation of a coordinated approach to patrol the Borrowdale valley area.

Cumberland Councillor Denise Rollo, Executive Member for Sustainable, Resilient and Connected Places, said:

“We want everyone to enjoy our outstanding area, but people must take responsibility when parking. When there is not enough room for a pedestrian to get past a parked car, pedestrians may be forced to step out onto the road, putting themselves at risk of oncoming traffic.

“It is important for drivers to be mindful when parking on narrow roads. While it may not be intentional, some drivers may unknowingly block the path of emergency vehicles. This can create a potential risk for those in need of immediate assistance.

“We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter, and we hope that by working together, we can improve the safety and convenience of our community's roads. Remember, before parking, please think!”



Crime Figures

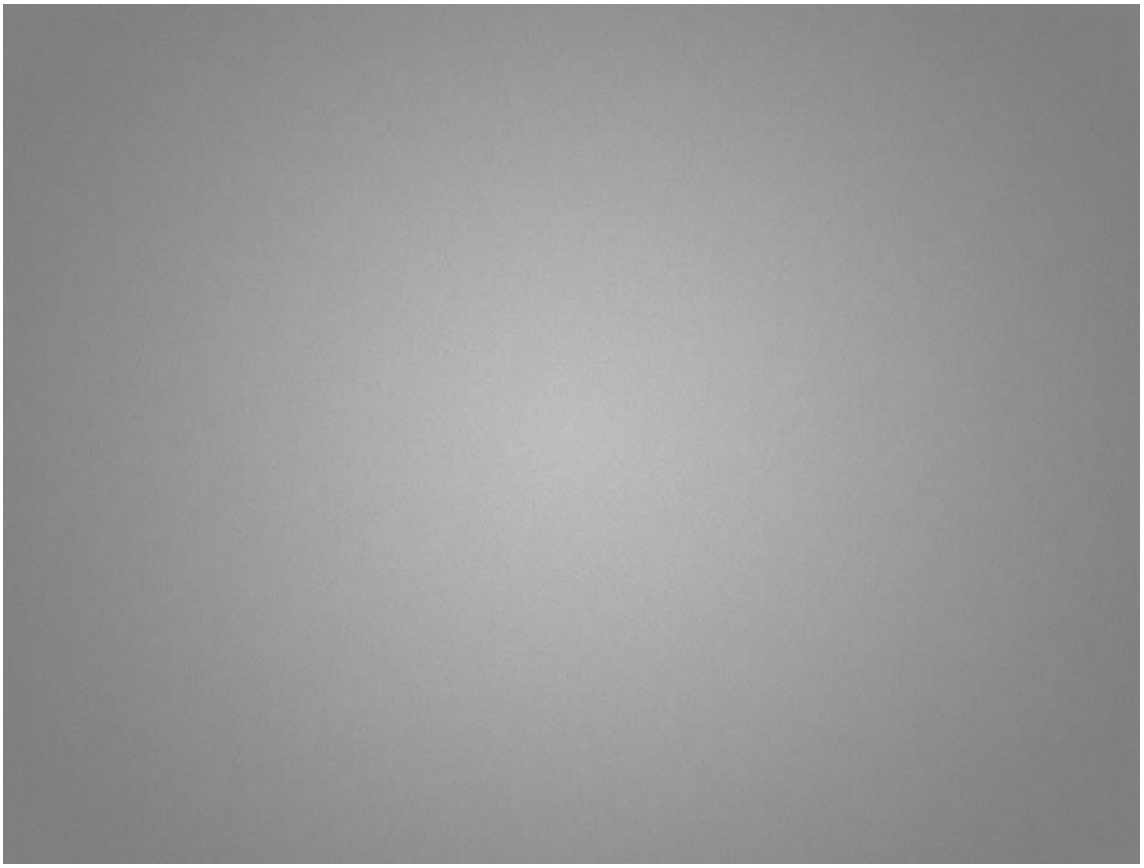
Further information can be found on Police.Uk

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	1	7	-6	-85.7%
Burglary	0	3	-3	-100.0%
Drug offences	1	3	-2	-66.7%
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	0	2	-2	-100.0%
Possession of weapons offences	0	0	0	0.0%
Public order offences	4	1	3	300.0%
Robbery	0	0	0	0.0%
Sexual offences	2	3	-1	-33.3%
Theft offences	2	3	-1	-33.3%
Vehicle Offences	2	0	2	0.0%
Violence against the person	15	14	1	7.1%
Total	**27**	**36**	**-9**	**-25.0%**



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.



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