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COPELAND FOCUS

FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

July 2023 - Millom & South Copeland

Anti-social behaviour week - 3 to 9 July



At the start of July you may have seen on our social media channels that we were highlighting the work we do all year round with our partners to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) as part of an awareness week.

Across the week officers and partners within the Local Focus Hub targeted local issues, engaged with the community, and highlighted the work of partners.

Inspector Richard Smillie, from Copeland Neighbourhood Policing Team, said "Anti-social behaviour can have a detrimental effect on our communities.

"We take a multi-agency approach and work closely with our partners to understand and address the issued within our communities.

"We have identified issues around alcohol and off-road bikes that we will be looking to target with our activities."



School talk

On 8 July, PCSO Paul Booth visited Millom infants to discuss anti-social behaviour. Th pupils learnt about what anti-social behaviour is and the consequences of such behaviour.

A big thank you to all the pupils at who had plenty of questions.



Fun day

On 8 July, Community Beat Office PC Kai Diesveld had a marvellous afternoon at the fun day in Millom.

It's was lovely chatting to people and getting to know the local community.

Speed checks

On 3 July, PCSO Booth was at the The Green and The Hill near Millom with a speed gun as part of ASB week.

Please be aware of the speed limits in these areas as it has been highlighted by local residents drivers are regularly exceeding these speed limits



What would you like to see on our social media?

We are taking part in a national survey to help us better understand what our local communities want to see on our social media accounts.

As a member of the community, your opinions and preferences really matter to us.

In the ever-evolving digital landscape, social media has become a vital tool for us to engage with our communities. We want to know what content is important to you and what channels you use to receive news and updates.

Tell us what you like, what you don't, what you want to see more or less of.

It's all anonymous and your responses will help shape our social media going forward.

Take the survey here: www.policeuksurvey.com/socialmedia2023



Inconsiderate parking



PCSO Paul Booth and PC Kai Diesveld have been in Haverigg on 23 July responding to complaints vehicles causing obstructions.

Advisory notices were given to three vehicles.

Please do not park on junctions it creates an obstructions and makes it dangerous for other road users.

School parking

In recent months we have received complaints about vehicles waiting outside schools with the engine running (as well as parking issues).

We would like to remind drivers it is an offence under regulation 98 of Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1998 to not stop the engine when a vehicle is stationary (except owing to the necessities of traffic - such as waiting at traffic lights or in a traffic jam) and a £50 fine can be given.

Not only is this an offence, but it puts unnecessary emissions into the air around children and is unpleasant for residents who's houses you may be parked outside.

We will continue our school parking patrols after the summer break.

Off road bikes

Millom

On 11 July, there have been numerous reports in Millom of young people riding an off-road bike on the road in a dangerous condition.

PC Kai Diesveld located the bike and has seized it; the bike had no brakes, flat tyres and buckled wheels. Luckily no one was seriously injured.





Kirksanton

Following reports from local residents on 19 July, PC Diesveld has been on the hunt for illegal off-road bikes in the Kirksanton area

No one seen whilst out on patrol but we are continuing to target the area.

If you witness any off-road bikes please contact us.



Does your child overshare online?

👉 They could be compromising themselves and your family without understanding the consequences.

🆓 Read our free, expert tips #YourKidsOnline https://orlo.uk/SHm0x





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

Officers target rural criminals in cross-border operation

Cumbria police officers have once again taken part in an operation aimed at disrupting criminality in rural areas.

Operation Checkpoint took place on Wednesday night (July 12) into Thursday morning (July 13) last week.

The largest rural crime operation of its kind in the UK, Operation Checkpoint sees several police forces in the North of England working collaboratively to prevent and tackle rural acquisitive crime, wildlife, and poaching offences.

In Cumbria, 89 vehicles were proactively stopped as part of the operation – with police carrying out routine checks on anything that roused suspicion.

A 23-year-old man, from Carlisle, was arrested on suspicion of driving a vehicle while being over the drug limit after he was stopped by officers in Brampton. He has been released under investigation.

Officers searched 23 vehicles and 22 people during the operation. Three vehicles were seized as a result and four people received fixed penalty notices. **Read more here.**

Operation Merlin – More than 20 arrested across Cumbria in proactive policing crackdown

Operation Merlin
Pursuing offenders

Officers across Cumbria carried out warrants and targeted wanted individuals as part of the latest week of action (10 – 14 July), resulting in arrests on suspicion of offences including robbery, burglary, possession of an offensive weapon, blackmail and drug driving.

Those arrested by officers included a number who were wanted for prison recall, breaching the conditions of a tag or curfew and failure to attend court. **Read more here.**

Cumbria motorists helping to make roads safer through Operation Snap

Motorists sending in dashcam evidence of poor driving on Cumbria's roads has led to actions against dozens of drivers so far in 2023.

So far in 2023 more than 100 submissions have been made to Cumbria Police under Operation Snap – a national operation enabling the public to submit video evidence of road traffic offences, quickly and easily, to the police. In this period, 57 of those submissions resulted in drivers being prosecuted or sent on driving courses via the Central Ticket Office, whilst another six were passed to Collision Reduction Officers and neighbourhood policing teams for local action.

Cumbria Police has released examples of some of those drivers reported through Operation Snap. The clips include a car being driven the wrong way down the westbound A66 dual carriageway, west of Cumbria, a dangerous undertaking manoeuvre on the M6 motorway and numerous examples of drivers putting cyclists at risk through not giving enough space when passing.

Chief Inspector Steve Hunter of Cumbria Police Operation Support said: “The aim of Operation Snap is to discourage risky and dangerous behaviour on our roads - some of the clips we are releasing today could easily have ended in serious injury or tragedy.

“More and more people are using dashcams in their vehicles and we as a Constabulary welcome submissions from people who witness driving which puts road users at serious risk.

“The figures show that Operation Snap is being embraced locally and that once the evidence is passed to the Constabulary, action is being taken where the evidence supports it and it is proportionate to do so.”

Members of the public can report road traffic offences here, more information can also be found on our website on Reporting Road Safety Concerns (cumbria.police.uk)

This includes:

- Overtaking on solid white lines
- Using a mobile phone whilst driving
- Failing to comply with traffic signals
- Contravening traffic directions
- Endangering other road user through poor driving

Cumbria’s Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall, said: “We all have a duty to help keep our communities safe.

“By submitting dashcam footage of a motorist driving in a dangerous manner, the public can help the Police potentially take the risk off the road before it ends in a tragedy.

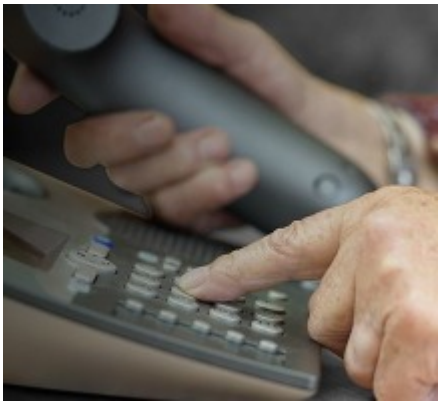
“The Police do what they can to catch criminals breaking the law, but we really need the public’s input to help build evidence and take action.

“I would encourage anyone with footage of dangerous and careless driving to submit it to the Police.

“Together we can make Cumbria a safer place.”

This form is not for submitting footage of road traffic collisions or any other offences please contact us here www.cumbria.police.uk/reportit. In an emergency always call 999.

People urged to be on their guard from phone scams



Officer are repeating a warning people to be on their guard for scam phone calls to people in Cumbria from fraudsters.

The scams fit the pattern of what are known as “courier frauds”, where fraudsters pretend to be officials such as police officers, HMRC officials or bank fraud teams.

The scam differs slightly from call to call.

But the fraudsters often request bank details, money to be sent electronically, cash to be withdrawn at the bank for collection or expensive items to be bought for collection at a later time.

Police and other agencies would never request this.

If you have any concern that the person on the phone may be a scammer, put the phone down and call the police from a different phone on 101 for advice and guidance.

Officers are asking anyone who has been victim to such a scam to come forward.

If you receive a call you’re not expecting, you should be suspicious. The vital things to remember are that your bank and the police would:

- Never ask you for your bank account details or PIN number over the phone.
- Never ask you to withdraw money and send it to them via a courier, taxi, bank transfer or by any other means.
- Never ask you to send your bank cards or any other personal property to them via courier, taxi or by any other means.
- If you have any doubts about the identity of the person that you are speaking with, please put the phone down and attend the bank or police station in person, wherever possible, to discuss the call you have received, or call a trusted number for the bank or police using a different telephone than the one that you have been contacted on.

We ask that the public please share this information with any vulnerable friends or family.

If you think you have been the victim of a fraud you can report this to police on 101 and to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 – or by visiting their website at https://www.actionfraud.police.uk

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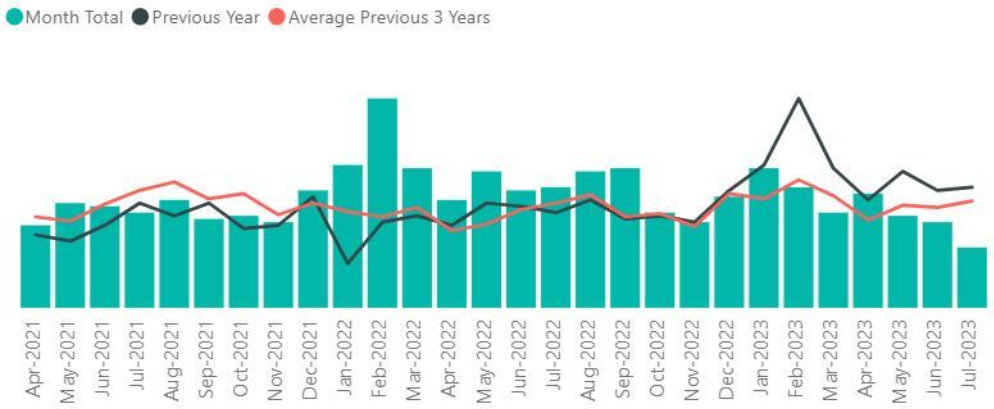
Crime Figures

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	10	-8	-80.0%
Burglary	0	1	-1	-100.0%
Drug offences	1	1	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	0	3	-3	-100.0%
Possession of weapons offences	0	0	0	0.0%
Public order offences	2	10	-8	-80.0%
Robbery	0	0	0	0.0%
Sexual offences	3	0	3	0.0%
Theft offences	2	3	-1	-33.3%
Vehicle Offences	1	0	1	0.0%
Violence against the person	8	10	-2	-20.0%
Total	**19**	**38**	**-19**	**-50.0%**



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.

