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Neighbourhood
Engagement Strategy
and Local Policing Plans



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Millom & South Copeland

Welcome to the October edition of your Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter.

Our team continue to work hard to keep our community safe, connected, and informed.

From tackling anti-social behaviour and our area priorities it's been a busy and productive few weeks.

In the run up to Halloween and Bonfire Night we have been carrying out talks in schools on how young people can keep themselves safe over the period.



Inspector Richard Massey

Warning issued to motorbike owners

Officers in west Cumbria are urging vehicle owners to be vigilant after several motorbike, scooter and dirt bike thefts during the last couple of months.

We have received seven reports of stolen bikes in October so far in Flimby, Whitehaven, Workington and Maryport area.

Investigations are ongoing into the incidents with officers conducting enquiries including reviewing CCTV.

To assist us in preventing further offences we are asking the public to take some simple security steps to protect their vehicles.

If you do witness any suspicious activity or have any recording equipment where this is captured, please share this with us so we can seek to identify those responsible.

What can you do you do? Follow some simple security steps including:

- If you drive an older vehicle, getting an alarm professionally fit will help secure your vehicle.
 - Consider adding additional security to your bike such as the break disk locks.
 - Consider purchasing a tracker and applying it to your vehicle.
 - If your home has a driveway or a garage, use it. Vehicles parked off-street and in well-lit areas are far less likely to be stolen than those parked on the road.
 - When away from home, try and leave your vehicle in a secure car park.
 - Ensure that full details of the bike, including security numbers are stored.
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For further advice visit - [Bonfire Night safety | Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service](#)

You said, we did - anti-social driving

You said - anti-social driving and use of E-scooters in Millom Town Centre and Haverigg was an issues.

The main locations reported as Horn Hill (near junction to Moor Road and North Lane Kirksanton, Silecroft, The Green & The Hill

This remains a priority in October.

- 10 September: Following a three vehicle road traffic collision, one vehicle uplifted for no road tax - driver reported to DVLA
 - 11 September: a failed to stop driver pursued and arrested and their vehicle uplifted
 - 22 September: Speed checks on the A595 in the Muncaster area - all in order
 - 22 September : Speed checks on A595 in Bootle area - all in order
 - 28 September: Speed checks in the Silecroft leading to beach - all in order
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E-Scooters

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

What does the law say?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as:

- MOT
- Licence
- Insurance
- Tax

Legal use of an e-scooter

It is legal to use an e-scooter:

- on private land with the permission of the land owner
- when the trial comes in, it will be legal to use the rental e-scooters, from specific companies on the road

Police Reform Act

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows police to give road users a warning if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance. Cumbria police also has the power to seize your e-scooter under section 165 of the Road Traffic Act as you must have the same legal requirements as a motor vehicle.

E-Scooter trials in the UK

The government is currently running trials of electric scooters (e-scooters) across the UK.

In Cumbria trials are taking place in Whitehaven.

- the trial e-scooter are limited to 15.5mph or lower.
- you may use a trial e-scooter on the road (except motorways) and in cycle lanes.
- you must not use an trial e-scooter on the pavement.
- you should also refer to the terms of use of the e-scooter operator before renting a trial e-scooter
- you must not use a mobile phone when using an e-scooter
- you may use a screen to display navigation information, but this must be set up prior to setting off
- always ensure bags or other small items you are carrying will not cause a danger to you or others around you – for example, never hang them from the handlebars
- you should not ride an e-scooter while drunk or otherwise intoxicated – you may be prosecuted under drink or drug driving laws as careless and dangerous driving offences also apply to users of e-scooters

Reporting Anti-social behaviour



Are E-Scooters causing a nuisance in your neighbourhood?

Do you have any information about the use of these vehicles, where they're being ridden and who by?

Call your local police on 101. If you want to provide information anonymously, contact the independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Do you have CCTV cameras at your property?

Don't forget you can register them with the Police here - [Home - Connect Cumbria](#)

✗ Cumbria Police will not have access to your camera footage unless you share a file with us when requested.

📍 We will only be able to see the location of registered cameras.

👁️ We will look at locations only if there's been an incident nearby and footage can help support our investigations

If there is an incident in your area, an officer selects the appropriate area on the map, the system generates a list of registered cameras and sends a message asking you to upload footage if you have it.



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CAMERA REGISTRY PROGRAMME

Register your CCTV and/or doorbell
camera with Cumbria Constabulary:

connectcumbria.co.uk

OPERATION ENHANCE: ASB down by 33% in Copeland hotspots following extra patrols

Police are continuing to drive down anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Copeland hotspots. The area has seen a reduction in ASB by 33% in the last 12 months thanks to extra police patrols in three hotspot areas as part of Operation Enhance, that aims to tackle ASB and serious violence in hotspots across the county.

The extra patrols target Whitehaven Town Centre, Flatt Walks, Whitehaven and Cleator Moor. Between 1 October 2024 and 30 September 2025, there have been 62 less reports of anti-social behaviour on these streets dropping from 188 reports to 126.

Our Officers are out speaking to residents and businesses to ensure any concerns are addressed and that we are visible in our communities. See us hit the streets in our local [patrol videos](#) on social media.

Officers are out as part of Operation Enhance seven days a week across Cumbria. You might not always see us, but we're there – with officers deployed daily in hotspot areas, tackling anti-social behaviour and serious violence. We're out there, keeping communities safe. Want to see us in action? Head over to our [Facebook page](#) for videos of us out on patrol.



The Operation has been made possible thanks to £1 million of extra funding secured by David Allen, Cumbria's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner from the Government's Hotspot Response Fund.

As part of the operation, the public is encouraged to report anti-social behaviour by visiting the constabulary's website <https://orlo.uk/gKvGc> or our non-emergency number 101. In an emergency always call 999. Information and intelligence from the public is vital so we can work together to tackle issues in their communities.

Find out more about Operation Enhance: <https://orlo.uk/ec9p7>

StreetSafe is a service that allows you to report safety concerns in public places without giving us your name.

This includes issues like poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings, or vandalism, as well as instances where you feel unsafe due to someone following or verbally abusing you.

Report an issue here: [StreetSafe | Cumbria Police](#)



Upcoming community police events 🚓

📍 Millom library car park
📅 Sat 08 November 2025
🕒 3:00PM - 4:00PM

📍 The Green, Thwaites Village Hall car park
📅 Sat 08 November 2025
🕒 4:30PM - 5:30PM

📍 Byre car park, Bootle
📅 Sun 09 November 2025
🕒 3:00PM - 4:00PM

📍 Haverigg beach car park (opposite Betty's café)
📅 Sun 09 November 2025
🕒 4:30PM - 5:30PM

For more information, please visit our website and enter your postcode in the Your Area section.

Visit Your Area

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.



Have you ever thought about being a police officer?

You could make a real difference to people in Cumbria and help keep them safe.

Not sure if policing is for you?

This short quiz should be able to help 

Take the quiz

Which route is right for you?

○ Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship

Did you know you can join Cumbria Constabulary as a degree apprentice and work towards a degree whilst serving as a student officer with active frontline duties?



○ Police Constable Entry Programme (PCEP)

This is a two year programme which gives a blend of practical on-the-job experience and classroom-based learning.

Once you leave training school, you will then go onto to your allocated station then eventually go onto independent patrols and will be assessed for the remainder of the two-year programme.



○ Professional Policing Degree Graduate (PPD)

To be eligible to apply, you will need to have taken a three-year BSc professional policing programme offered by universities that are licensed and validated to deliver the degree by the College of Policing.

For more information about the entry route and the role visit: [Job profile](#)



○ PCEP DC pathway

Our Detective entry programme (PCEP DC) is open for applications.

The two year programme is designed to equip you with all the skills and training necessary to ensure that on completion you will be a highly competent detective constable.



○ Transferees

Do you or someone you know work for another force?
Looking for a new challenge?

When you join Cumbria Police you will have new opportunities and with this, you will be able to make a positive difference to the lives of those who live here.



We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated people to apply now to join us.

For more information on police officer entry routes and staff roles, please visit www.cumbria.police.uk/careers.





Operation Colossus: Over 150 vehicles stopped by officers targeting road safety in Whitehaven

Operation Colossus returned to Whitehaven on Friday 11 October with over 150 vehicles stopped.

Operation Colossus is a 15-week road safety operation which has built on Operation Enhance - the Constabulary's dedicated and long-running anti-social behaviour and serious violence operation – to target dangerous drivers, including those who use vehicles in an anti-social manner. **Read more [here](#).**

Extra measures put in place to prevent spiking in Cumbria - and keep nights out safe for all

Work to stop spiking is being stepped up in Cumbria this week to tie in with the return of students to university – and to help keep nights out as safe as possible for all. Anti-spiking products will be handed out and advice offered to people heading out to pubs, restaurants, clubs and venues. Police patrols are also being carried out in some of the busier nightlife areas in and around this period to offer reassurance and advice.



Agencies and organisations including Cumbria Police, the University of Cumbria, the Office of the Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner, Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council are backing the work. **Read more [here](#).**



Crime Figures

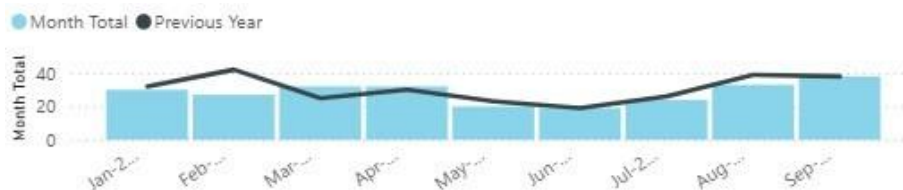
Further information can be found on [Police.Uk](#)

[Click here to visit the website](#)

Please note the data contained on [Police.uk](#) is not live time



Offence Class	Current Period	Previous Period	Change	% Change
Arson and Criminal Damage	4	5	-1	-20.0 %
Burglary	3	1	2	200.0 %
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	6	1	5	500.0 %
Public Order Offences	2	2	0	0.0 %
Sexual Offences	3	4	-1	-25.0 %
Theft	3	7	-4	-57.1 %
Vehicle Offences	1	1	0	0.0 %
Violence Against the Person	16	17	-1	-5.9 %
Total	38	38	0	0.0 %



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

If a crime is in progress always call 999.

You can report online at <https://www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it>

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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