


# Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

March 2014 Newsletter



**W**elcome to the March edition of my monthly newsletter. It's been another busy month visiting communities and agencies across the Cleveland area. Highlights this month have including: celebrating the start of the Year of the Horse, with the Chinese Community in Hartlepool, meeting with shopping centre managers from across the region to discuss how we can better work in partnership with the private sector to tackle retail crime and meeting the fantastic young people and staff at the Cleveland Police Cadet Unit in Redcar, demonstrating what a positive contribution young people can make to the communities they live in. I have also hosted a very useful multi-agency seminar looking at how we can provide a better response to homophobic and transphobic hate crime. Sadly many members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender communities still face intolerance which is simply unacceptable in modern day society and which I am committed to tackling.



 Barry Copping  
Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland



## Your Force Your Voice

You can meet the Police & Crime Commissioner at the following locations during March 2014:

### Meeting Dates

#### Stainsby Hill Residents Association

27<sup>th</sup> March, 1:00pm  
South Thornaby Community Centre, Havilland Road, Thornaby, TS17 9JG

#### Long Newton Residents Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm  
Wilson Centre, Darlington Road, Long Newton, TS21 1DD

#### Elwick Parish Council

31<sup>st</sup> March, 7:00pm  
Elwick School, North Lane, Elwick, TS27 3EG

### Read Frequently Asked Questions posed to the PCC



### Shocking Domestic Violence Figures

The PCC has spoken of his shock at figures released by the Force this month which highlight the number of children present in the home during domestic incidents last year. The figures show over 3500 under-5s were recorded as being in the home when police were called to domestic disputes in 2013. [Click here to read more](#)



### Supporting Asylum Seekers

The Commissioner visited the Methodist Asylum Project to see first hand the wide range of support provided to refugees and asylum seekers settling in Middlesbrough. The charity uses volunteers from within the established refugee and asylum seeker community to help recent arrivals settle into their new town. [Click here to read more](#)

### New Start for Young Offenders

The Commissioner showed his support for a project which helps rehabilitated young offenders gain skills, qualifications and earn a wage, whilst helping to keep flooding at bay. Skill Mill Ltd provides young people who have previously offended with employment opportunities. [Click here to read more](#)



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