



POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND



Newsletter January 2014

Welcome to the January newsletter from the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland.

I'd like to start by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year from both myself and everyone in my office. Unfortunately 2013 ended with the news that the government are reducing Cleveland's grant for policing by £4.5 million for 2014/2015, meaning a total 25% reduction in government grant over the four years from 2010/11 to 2014/15. Despite these tough economic times I am pleased to say that we continue to see reductions in crime in Cleveland. As part of the Force restructure resources have been mapped to match demand, meaning that officers are now deployed to the areas where they are needed most. Our tasking and coordinating resources have been brought together with our intelligence function – this means we can act quicker on information coming in and better target our hotspots.

As I have travelled around Cleveland during my first year in office I have been reminded many times of how much communities value their neighbourhood teams, and of how well neighbourhood teams know their communities. The information neighbourhood officers hold is invaluable in tackling crime and ASB in neighbourhoods, and in three of our four Local Policing Areas neighbourhood teams have now been strengthened with additional support from detectives so that teams can work together more effectively to tackle crime. Early indications show this is working well, and we plan to roll out this new model to all areas of Cleveland very soon. We continue to look for innovative ways to maximise efficiency and continue to drive down crime in the face of the ever increasing funding cuts and I remain committed to achieving this in 2014.

Barry Coppinger
Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

Meet the Commissioner - Your Force Your Voice

You can meet the Commissioner at the following meetings during January 2014:

Redcar & Cleveland

Dormanstown Neighbourhood Action Partnership

15 January, 6:00pm, Corus Sports & Social Centre, 33 South Avenue, Dormanstown TS105LZ

Stockton

Hartburn Coffee Morning

16 January, 10:00am, All Saints Church Hall, Hartburn, TS18 5EB

Middlesbrough

Ormesby Neighbourhood Action Partnership

29 January, 3.30pm, Ormesby Library, Sunnyfield, Ormesby, Middlesbrough TS7 9BL

Brookfield Community Council

29 January, 7:15pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, The Oval, Brookfield TS5 8EU

Regional Action on Domestic Abuse

A strategy to tackle violence against women and girls has been launched regionally by the three PCCs for Cleveland, Durham and Northumbria. Work has already begun on the 20-point plan that highlights ways in which victims can be better supported and protected against perpetrators.



Points on the plan also include a regional scrutiny panel to examine case files which have failed to attain the requisite evidential level for prosecution or where a prosecution has failed, to see what lessons can be learned. Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Champions are being identified in a number of social settings including members clubs, groups, swimming pools, libraries – and also in the workplace. They will raise awareness and direct people towards support and advice and will be in place by March 2014.

[Read more and download strategy...](#)



Have Your Say on the Police & Crime Plan

The Commissioner is urging the public to help shape his Police and Crime Plan by having their say online.

The consultation aims to understand the views of residents, community groups, business organisations, victims of crime and other stakeholders concerning the Police and Crime Plan priorities for 2013 to 2016, so that the Commissioner can refresh the plan and associated budget to ensure that the policing and community safety needs of the area are being addressed.

Respondents are being asked to comment on what actions they feel are needed for the Commissioner to achieve his stated objectives, and whether there are any areas missing from his plans.

[Click here to submit your views...](#)



Tackling Disability Hate

The PCC put the spotlight on issues for disabled communities during *International Day of Disabled Persons* on 3 December. During the day the Commissioner met with disability groups from across the Cleveland area to hear directly the issues they have experienced.

This follows concerns about the hidden harassment of disabled people in the area, with only 16 reports of disability hate incidents since April 2013. Disability hate crime is not only believed to be largely under reported in Cleveland but also across the UK. The Commissioner is helping to drive work alongside the Force and partners to increase reporting and raise awareness of the hidden aspects of disability hate crime within communities.

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PCC Recruiting Independent Custody Visitors

Do you want to put something back into the community? The PCC is looking for volunteers to become Independent Custody Visitors in the Middlesbrough and Hartlepool area. Independent Custody Visitors are members of the community who have been appointed, by the PCC, to visit detainees in police custody to check on their welfare.

If you are over the age of 18 and live or work in the Cleveland area, [click here to download an application form and supporting information](#) from the PCC website. Alternatively, contact Rachelle Kipling on 01642 301208 or [click here to email](#).

Closing date for applications: Friday 14 February 2014 at 5.00pm

Interviews: Week commencing 24 February 2014

Training to be held: Saturday 5 April 2014



Cleveland Police Recruiting Special Constables

Cleveland Police will be opening up recruitment for new members of the Special Constabulary on Sunday 12th January at 10am.

The Force and Commissioner are looking to increase the number of Specials in Cleveland to 200 by the end of 2015. Special Constables are volunteer police officers with the same powers as regular officers. Applicants must commit to at least 4 hours per week of duty time, supporting the police to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour in local communities.

Candidates undertake a national recruitment assessment process that includes a Competency Based Questionnaire, a Police Initial Recruitment Test, which comprises of situational judgement tests, written tests in numeracy and literacy and a structured interview, and a fitness test and full medical examination.

[More details on how to apply...](#)



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