



## **North and Rural policing newsletter**

### **CRIME FIGURES**

#### Breakdown of crimes

1 Violence and sexual offence Apple Garth Cargo  
3 Shop lifting and 1 other crime at or near Asda Supermarket

#### Priorities

To tackle youths causing disorder

“We will: Continue to work with partner agencies to reduce disorder. Engage with offenders and prevent re-occurrence. Prosecute offenders wherever possible. Support victims”.

### **INCIDENTS OF NOTE**

Local supermarkets have been targeted by a gang of eastern Europeans who have taken large quantities of alcohol. The images of these males can be found on our social media accounts and any information you have could prove vital.

The Belah area has seen a rise in Burglary's over the past month which I believe residents should be alert to. Please make sure you take note of the below safety advice.

There has been a trend of Vehicle thefts. The target vehicles are work vans, with tools being stolen on every occasion. With this in mind please refer to the vehicle safety advice held on this newsletter to reduce your risk of becoming a victim of this trend of thefts. There have been vehicles in the Etterby area targeted but similar incidents have been happening all over the North Cumbria area.

Due to the ever changing weather conditions, we have seen a rise in road related incidents. Conditions should dictate how you adapt your driving style to avoid any incidents occurring. The A689 between Carlisle and Brampton seems to be a particularly problematic route so please be extra cautious when using this road.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of January we received a call of youths approaching shoppers outside Sainsbury's on Scotland road. These youth were moved on by Police and they had

not managed to access any alcohol. It highlights Licencing issues which have recently been addressed by the Constabulary. I am pleased to say that all licensed premises in our area that were tested have passed. Having said this all shops and Public houses should remember the think 25 scheme and I ask shoppers, please don't be obstructive if asked for identification.

Poaching is an offence we are informed about regularly from our rural locations and a crime we are keen to address. Such offences in Scaleby moss and Cotehill have been investigated, and the need to raise your awareness of this crime has arose.

There have been Swans and Buzzards shot in areas surrounding Cargo. The killing of these birds is illegal and any information relating to the incident should be given to Cumbria Constabulary to progress the investigation.

### **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**



Cumbria Police are seeking to implement a Community Speed-Watch Scheme throughout the Carlisle North and rural area. Volunteers are being sought. Would you be interested? For further details please speak to your local Police Community Support Officer, or contact Scheme co-ordinator PS Adams directly

Tel 101 ext 41662

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## **Top tips to keep your valuables safe:**

- Keep wallets, purses, mobile phones and iPods out of sight and bags secure, especially in crowded places.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash, and be vigilant when drawing money from ATMs.
- Keep your PIN number safe, do not disclose to anyone or carry with your card.

## **Top tips to keep your car safe:**

- Park in a busy, well lit area or secure car park if possible.
- Close windows, sunroof, lock doors & activate security alarms when leaving your car.
- Do not leave valuables or shopping on display in your car.
- Take valuables with you when you leave your car, eg: cash, credit cards, mobile phones, sat nav systems etc.
- If you have no choice, make sure valuables and shopping are locked in the boot; taking care no-one is watching you.
- On cold days, don't leave your car unattended with the engine running while it warms up.

## **Top tips to keep your house safe:**

- Keep gifts, cash & valuables safe and well hidden so they can't be seen or reached by thieves.
- Lock doors & windows before you go out.
- Leave a light on in a room & draw curtains when you go out at night.

- Postcode your valuables with a UV pen.
- Cancel newspapers, milk etc when you go on holiday.
- Look out for your neighbours property.
- Make sure callers to your home are genuine, always ask for ID.

## **For Shops and Businesses:**

Police are warning shops to be vigilant about shoplifters during the busy run up to Christmas.

For more information or advice on home security, or to report any suspicious activity to a police officer please contact: 101@cumbria.police.uk

If you witness a crime in action, always dial 999.

## **CUMBRIA COMMUNITY MESSAGING**

If you would like to join Cumbria Community Messaging then please contact us or visit: [www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk](http://www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk)

It is managed by the Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association and offers you and other members of communities across Cumbria the means to receive crime information from Cumbria Police. You can select which information you wish to receive by managing your own settings, and it is completely **FREE**. Anyone can join, you do not have to be a member of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), or become a member of NHW to join. Farm Watch, Church Watch and Camping and Caravan Watch are a small example of the schemes that you can register for. You can join as an individual or as a group. If you want to receive information but do not wish to be responsible for a larger group, you are still welcome to make use of this messaging system.

As well as Cumbria Constabulary the partners providing information are Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, Environment agency and Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association. If you do not have internet access, contact your local PCSO and they will aid in registering your details on the system.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved particularly in farm watch and taking part in nights of action, please contact PCSO 5374 Nick Leigh on Tel 101 or [force.control@cumbria.police.uk](mailto:force.control@cumbria.police.uk)

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Contact police on 101

For emergency always call 999

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