



Update from Stanwix and North Policing Team Nov/Dec 2018

CRIME FIGURES

Crime figures can be obtained via the Cumbria Police Website:

<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Your-Area/Your-area.aspx>

Alternatively use the following link:

<https://www.police.uk/>

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

On the 2nd November there was a report of a break in at a housing site in the area of Windsor Way. High value items were stolen – this is still under investigation.

2nd November there was a high value burglary in the Gosling Bridge area where a large amount of money and high value items of jewellery were stolen. This is being investigated. Increased patrols and house to house in the area to offer reassurance.

On the 4th December eggs were thrown at a house in the area of Deer Park Road. No damage was caused, general anti-social behaviour and unfortunately no suspects were identified. We have continued patrols in the area as and when we are able to.

5th December in the area of Belah Road a Staffordshire bull terrier was stolen from a back garden. This is still under investigation.

On the 8th December in the area for Parkside the outer pane of a window was smashed. There was no identified suspect but this is still being investigated. Increased patrols for reassurance were put in place.

On the 10th December 2 males were seen on the roof of the University of Cumbria. No damage was caused. We are looking to work with the University to try and deter this behaviour.

12th December it was reported to the police that there had been more anti-social driving in the area of Rickerby Park. No permanent damage. We have tried to increase patrols in the area as and when we have the available resources.

Anybody with ANY information on the above, please contact PCSO 5380 Nicola Bell-Prescott on Tel: 101. You don't have to leave details if you do not wish to do so, you can remain anonymous.

If you have anything you wish to report please call 101 or in an emergency 999

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Is speeding something that is affecting you in the area you live? YOU can do something about it!!!

Several complaints have been received regarding speeding in and around the Stanwix and rural areas. As a longer term solution to this matter, I am encouraging members of the public to please come and join our speed watch initiative. This has been running for a good few years in other towns and villages, and is very successful. Without the help of the Stanwix and North community, we struggle to provide consistent speed watch checks in the area.

Relevant training will be provided. Please see below for contact details.

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.

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THIS MONTHS TOPIC:- Don't let thieves steal your Christmas

Cumbria Constabulary is reminding the local community to check their security as victims of burglary and theft share their experiences ahead of the festive season.

Security may drop to the bottom of the list as people have so many things to do, but Cumbria Police is urging people to remain vigilant and review their security at this time.

With Christmas Day less than a week away it will be a busy time for many business owners, but it is still essential that security remains a priority to ensure someone else doesn't take home your profits.

Community Inspector Jon Sherlock said: "Theft and burglary is often an opportunist crime which can be prevented by taking some simple precautions. We want everyone to enjoy a merry and crime free Christmas and New Year, so people do need to be careful and protect their belongings.

“Businesses, like shoppers, will be so busy in the run up to Christmas and security can drift to the back of their thoughts, but it is so important that business owners and employees are careful not to give thieves any motivation. This means making sure that locks, bolts and latches are sufficient, and that intruder alarms are working

“It also means being careful with cash - ensure that cashing up procedures are completed out of view of customers or passing members of the public, and that tills that are visible through windows out of hours are left open and empty. Ideally, you should avoid leaving cash on the premises at all.”

Someone who has been rethinking his security ahead of Christmas is the owner of a shop in North Cumbria, who became a victim when his business was recently broken into.

He said: “We buy our stock a year in advance so it’s not a case of just being able to replace it – it’s had a significant effect on our business and our profit and we will be adding even more security measures now.

“We already have an alarm and armoured glass, but these offenders removed one of the glass panes and then jemmied the door, so we are now looking at what more we can do. It does come down to a balance because additional security costs a lot of money, but in my opinion you have to do all you can to deter the criminals in the first place.”

A warning to shoppers follows a spate of distraction thefts throughout the county, where a group of male suspects appear to be targeting lone older females as they are paying for goods at self-service and supermarket till areas.

PIN numbers are being obtained before the victim is being followed from the shops back to their vehicle, where one suspect is making an approach and using a distraction tactic to allow another to steal the victim’s purse / bank cards.

Inspector Jon Sherlock added: “In the run up to Christmas the majority of us are looking forward to the festivities and buying gifts, but unfortunately there are a minority of organized criminals who are targeting the public as they do their shopping.

“We are asking people to be careful when using their PIN number and to be aware of who is stood next to them or in the close vicinity, and if you see anyone acting suspiciously to report it to store staff or the police.”

Police remind shoppers to:

- Only take out in your handbag what is really needed
- Keep your purses / wallets / cash at the bottom of your bag or fastened in a pocket

- Not leave belongings out of sight in shops – for example handbags being left on the back of chairs or on the floor
- Keep a note of the phone numbers needed if your purse / wallet is stolen
- Make sure you report any theft immediately to prevent thieves using your cards to buy items over the phone or internet

“And once you’ve done your shopping and presents have been opened, make sure they are kept away from windows and doors, and identify any expensive items with your postcode using a UV pen. I’d also urge people to dispose of their packaging carefully so not to advertise expensive new goods that are inside the house,” said Inspector Sherlock.

Police and Crime Commissioner Richard Rhodes said: “In the run up to Christmas people do need to take care and be extra vigilant when out shopping. By listening to the advice from the Police and taking some simple steps, it is possible protect yourself from those criminals who look to take advantage of the busy town centres and shops this time of year.”

Across North Cumbria officers will be working with local shops and bars to ensure they have all the necessary security precautions in place during the busy festive season. We will also be handing out leaflets to members of the public, as well as displaying our ‘Don’t let thieves steal your Christmas’ posters and leaflets in places including in pubs and on buses.

With funding from the Community Safety Partnership, purse bells are also available from police stations. These can be fixed to a purse zip to alert the owner if the purse has been removed from a bag.

Anyone with any concerns should call Cumbria Police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. For more Christmas crime prevention advice visit <https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Advice-Centre/Personal-Safety/Campaigns/Dont-Let-Thieves-Steal-Your-Christmas.aspx> or follow Cumbria Police on Twitter and Facebook.

CUMBRIA COMMUNITY MESSAGING

If you would like to join Cumbria Community Messaging then please contact us or visit: 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 5380 Nicola Bell-Prescott on Tel 101 or force.control@cumbria.police.uk