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Thank you for providing your details for inclusion in Community Messaging with Coquetdale Neighbourhood Policing Team. We are now getting the message out to every village in Coquetdale. Community Message is supported by the Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service and local Parish Councils.

As a key part of the policing pledge, Northumbria Police are committed to ensuring communities are updated on what is happening in your local area and what we have done in response to your priorities and concerns. Community Messaging will enable the Coquetdale community to receive regular neighbourhood updates, crime prevention and police alerts.

Your contact details email and mobile phone numbers you have provided will not be used for any other purpose other than for Community Messaging. We aim to improve the frequency of Community Messaging and also the quality of telephone voice updates. Any feedback or issues you feel are of concern, would be most welcome.

Please continue to also forward this Community Message to any friends, relatives or business colleagues who reside or visit Coquetdale.

Any persons wishing to be included, please forward your name, address, e-mail details, mobile and landline phone numbers where applicable to alswick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk or telephone 03456 043043 ext. 61381

Thank you for your interest and continued support.

Inspector Sue Peart

Crime and disorder overview

Coquetdale remains one of the safest areas in the country to reside. Crime is very low with no burglary dwellings or serious assaults. Anti Social Behaviour also remains low. As summer approaches, our focus will be to target potential disorder hotspots especially at weekends, where visitors decide to set up camp and consume excessive alcohol resulting in damage and disorder. Any information, please contact police whereby positive action will be taken.

Rural theft of sheep and farm equipment remains an area of continued focus. Lambs and Ewes were stolen from farms at Wingate's and Rothley. Several thefts were reported in the Elsdon area, where quad bikes, an agricultural lawn mower and a garden strimmer were stolen. Police enquiries are continuing with police patrols targeted to disrupt this theft activity.

- **Please report anything suspicious no matter how trivial.**
- **Persons collecting scrap or rummaging around rural areas are of significant interest.**
- **Be more suspicious and less trusting**

In the Addycombe area of Rothbury, police will continue to take positive arrest action, to address disorder and drunken behaviour.

Road safety and speeding remain a police and partnership priority, as identified at Police and Community Priority Setting Forums. Police are targeting speeding motorists in Coquetdale, to educate, enforce and reduce risk of serious injury and death. Improved motor cycle signage to reduce speeding, are being purchased, with support from Hepple, Thropton, Elsdon and Rothbury Parish Councils. Northumberland National Parks are also supporting this initiative.

Neighbourhood Police Volunteers

Around 32 people from the Coquetdale Community attended the two volunteer recruitment events held recently in the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury. As a result, 19 applications to become a police volunteer have now been received. The role will focus on enabling the Rothbury Police Station to be open at regular times, to provide a more accessible service. The volunteer role will also support community engagement and crime prevention. This is a force pilot which if successful, will be rolled out to other areas of Northumbria Police. Thankyou for your support.

Graham Vickers
Sergeant – Coquetdale Neighbourhood Policing Team.

CRIME PREVENTION

Metal theft

What is metal theft?

Scrap metal is becoming more valuable, due to an increase in export and demand. Police are treating this crime as a serious issue as it has seen a national increase of 150% in the past few years and it's estimated to cost the country £360 million each year. Thieves target aluminium, copper, steel, bronze and other ferrous and non-ferrous metals. Items most commonly stolen include manhole covers, copper cables, aluminium road signs and metal beer kegs. Metal has also been stolen from churches, outside houses, properties under renovation and from remote rural farm buildings. Furthermore, farm equipment, machinery, quad bikes, tools and fuel are also targeted.

The most important thing that you the community can do to make it harder for these metal stealing criminals, is to be vigilant. You need to report any suspicious activity, any suspicious persons and any suspicious vehicles.

Do not think that you are wasting our time.

Please remember that it is our job to check people out and we would rather check someone and find that they are there legitimately, than not be called and then have a crime reported. Go on, report it!

FIRE SAFETY

Lee Buckingham - Group Manager Area Team North, Northumberland Fire & Rescue Service highlights the following fire prevention message: 'Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service are reminding householders to exercise care when cooking at home. It is a fact that 46% of fires start in the kitchen and our advice is never leave any pan unattended, exchange your chip pan for a deep fat fryer and switch off all electrical appliances when not in use. You should also continue to test your Smoke Alarms weekly and if you don't have any in your property, have them fitted for free by the service through calling 0800 7311351. Additionally, take care at night as most kitchen fires start between 10pm and 4am. It's easy to be careless when you're tired'.

FREE smoke alarms and home fire safety check. Call now on 0800 731 1351, or apply online www.fire.gov.uk



YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Sector Inspector: Inspector Sue Peart

COQUETDALE

Sergeant Sergeant Graham Vickers
 PC Trevor Weldon
 PC Lawrie Ward
 PC Rob Kilburn
 PC Steve Gresswell

SECTOR CSO'S

CSO Adele Penman
 CSO Kevin Simpson
 CSO Darin Fawcett
 CSO Katie Gerard
 CSO Steve Warwick

TRAFFIC WARDEN TW John Hall

Sergeant Graham Vickers
Coquetdale Neighbourhood Policing Team
Tel. 03456 043043
Email: alnwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR LOCAL POLICING SERVICES:

Emergency Response Dial 999

Non Emergency Response Tel: 03456 043043
 Text 07786200814
 (To report a non-emergency incident)
 Minicom 01661 82091
 (For the deaf and hard of hearing)

Police Advice/Officer Contact Tel: 03456 043043
 (Contact Management Unit 7am-11pm)

Crimestoppers Tel: 0800 555111 (Anonymous information line)

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT MANAGERS

Alnwick NPT alnwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk
 Berwick NPT berwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk
 Morpeth NPT morpeth.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

USEFUL CONTACTS

Northumberland County Council: 0845 600 6400
 (For illegal bonfires, noise, fly tipping and stray dogs)

Northumbria Police www.northumbria.police.uk
 National NHW www.neighbourhoodwatch.net
 HO Crime Reduction www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk

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