

COMMUNITY MESSAGING IN NORTHUMBERLAND

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Please find the following Coquetdale Community Message update covering the period 1st July to 30th September 2014.

Apologies for the delay. Twenty nine (29) crimes were reported over this 3 month period:

Rothbury

Theft (other)

Between 0700hrs and 0900hrs Saturday 19/07/14

Offender took a bottle of milk and a carton of eggs from a doorstep in Well Strand, Rothbury. Enquiries conducted with residents and delivery staff. Offender not identified. No further incidents reported.

Officer in the Case (OIC) PC Rob Kilburn

Theft of Motor Vehicle

Between 2200hrs Sunday 20/07/14 and 1200hrs Monday 21/07/14

Occurred from outside Morven, Hillside Road, Rothbury, when a black Dodge Caliber SXT sports vehicle, registration M1ETM was taken overnight.

Vehicle still outstanding as stolen. Enquiries have been progressed locally and with the family concerned.

Highly unusual crime in this area.

OIC PC Phil Jack

Breach of Non Molestation order.

Incident occurred on the 25/08/14 at 21:00hrs in the Town Foot area, Rothbury.

A male uses a key to enter a property, believed in breach of a non molestation order.

The male immediately left on seeing a new tenant. Enquiries are continuing.

OIC PC 2524 Jack

Indecent Exposure

Occurred 0830am Thursday 04/09/14.

A male was seen by a young female, parked in a silver car on Garleigh Road (opposite the Coquetvale Hotel), appearing to be exposing himself.

The male was described as male, white, 50-60yrs, short gray hair and obese.

Police conducted enquiries in uniform and plain clothes. House enquiries and local builders working in the area were contacted

and appropriate liaison and reassurance undertaken with the local school. No further reports.

Enquiries are continuing.

OIC PC David Brown

Crime in Rothbury remains very low. Police are currently focusing on interventions to prevent

neighbour disputes at two locations.

Police are working with the housing providers and key partners, which may result in tenancy enforcement and possible eviction.

Thropton

Dangerous Dog

Occurred 1500hrs 01/07/14 on a public path in the area of Caistron, when the offenders Rottweiler dog bit the victim (67 yrs) in the leg causing puncture wounds.

The offender male (52 yrs) from the local area has been reported for summons (dog dangerously out of control causing injury).

OIC Phil Jack

Assault

Occurred 1410hrs Wednesday 02/07/14 in a field at Thropton Demesne, when a male offender attacked a youth without provocation.

Both parties were known to each other and from the Thropton area.

The offender (43 yrs) was convicted of common assault, fined £125 with a restraining order in place.

OIC PC Rob Kilburn

Damage (Motor vehicle)

Incident occurred 06:00 on Friday 11/07/14 at Low Trehitt farm. Vehicle was stopped by an unknown male, standing in front of their vehicle.

Driver of the vehicle proceeded to drive away when the male offender picked up a rock and caused damage to the vehicle windscreen.

A male from the Newcastle area was arrested and remains on bail with enquiries continuing.

OIC PC David Brown

Police are working with partners including the National Trust and Northumberland County Council, to clean up the area known as 'The Dipper' to prevent crime and disorder linked to unauthorised trespass.

Public Order offence - Disorderly Conduct

An altercation occurred in the Thropton area on Monday the 04/08/14 between a farmer herding cows and a passing cyclist, where offensive words were expressed which were abusive and insulting, causing alarm, harassment and distress in a public place.

The offending farmer (66 yrs) was interviewed, reported for the offence and issued with a fixed penalty notice (£90)

OIC PC Phil Jack

Burglary dwelling

Incident occurred between around 12:50 hrs on Wednesday 13/08/14 in the area of Snitter, Thropton. Offender approaches the rear of the premises and enters the dwelling by forcing window. Some cash and a brass box was stolen.

The suspect made off when challenged by home owner.

CID investigations are continuing with the elderly IP reassured and continued police focus in the area (Operation Recovery).

OIC PC Dave Brown

Criminal Damage

Occurred 0040hrs Friday 26/09/14 on the main street, Thropton, where a house side window was broken.

There appears no link between the offender and the property / residents concerned.

A female (59 yrs) from the Harbottle / Sharperton area, was arrested and remains on police bail with enquiries continuing.

OIC PC Rob Parkinson

Police continue to focus on isolated rural crime areas to which Operation Recovery relates. The Dipper area needs to be void of campers to prevent disorder and criminality. Police are focusing in the area of The Croft, Thropton, to target escalating concerns of disorder. Any information, please let us know.

Swarland / Longframlington

Theft

Occurred between 2200hrs Wednesday 02/07/14 and 0830hrs Thursday 03/07/14
Offenders entered the farm area at Thistleyhaugh Farm where fencing was cut and property including a quad bike stolen.
Two males and a female from the South East Northumberland area have been arrested and remain on police bail.
Enquiries are continuing by Northumberland CID

Theft from Motor Vehicle

Occurred on Rothbury Road, Longframlington between 1830hrs Thursday 10/07/14 and 0700hrs Friday 11/07/14
An unlocked, unattended vehicle (with FOR SALE sign displayed) was entered and a wallet containing cash £230, taken from the glove box.
Police stress the need to keep vehicles secure and valuables out of reach.
OIC PC Rob Kilburn

Dangerous driving

Incident occurred on Wednesday the 13/08/14 in the Swarland area.
The driving of the vehicle by the offender was at a level that falls far below that of a careful and competent driver whilst police pursued the vehicle.
A female offender (46yrs) from the Newcastle area was arrested for dangerous driving and other related offences in relation to the taking of the vehicle.
She was convicted of dangerous driving, given a suspended prison sentence and disqualified from driving for 18 months. The court are considering other offences.
OIC - Motor Patrols Officer PC Parr.

Burglary Dwelling

Occurred between 1000hrs and 1500hrs Wednesday 13/08/14 in the area of Rothbury Road leading to the B6343, Longframlington.
A detached house was entered by offender/s smashing the rear ground floor window. A debit card was removed.
Enquiries are continuing. Incidents of Burglary Dwelling remain extremely low.
CID investigating.

Damage (to dwelling)

Occurred between 0800hrs and 1900hrs Wednesday 20/08/14 in the area of Felton Fence.
Damage to door locks occurred to a residential property which adjoins several other residential dwellings.
Enquiries are continuing with residents to resolve this incident.
OIC PC Phil Jacks

Theft (sheep)

Occurred between Sunday 03/08/14 and Thursday 21/08/14 where 126 mule warranted Ewes (value £11340) were taken from the field at Shiel Dykes Farm.
Enquiries are continuing in conjunction with key farming organisations.
OIC PC Rob Kilburn

Burglary Other than Dwelling (OTD)

Occurred 1500hrs and 2145hrs Friday 19/09/14 where farm sheds were forcibly entered in the Wingates area, with a pedal cycle, chainsaw, strimmer and leaf blower removed.
Enquiries are continuing with Operation Recovery targeting exposed vulnerable rural farm areas.
OIC PC Phil Jack

Burglary (OTD)

Occurred between 2200hrs Wednesday 24/09/14 and 1345hrs 26/09/14 where storage sheds at Swarland Mill were forcibly entered and power tools removed
Enquiries are continuing.
OIC PC Rob Kilburn

The following crimes occurred at Percy Wood Country Retreat, Swarland:

Damage to Caravan 24/08/14

Resulted following a verbal altercation whereby internal damage was caused to a caravan. The male offender, known to site management, was arrested and cautioned.

Damage to two (2) x Motor Vehicles occurred between 1800hrs 13/09/14 and 0830hrs 14/09/14

Caused by a corrosive substance. Believed linked to golfing parties staying overnight from the Tyne and Wear area. Enquiries are continuing.
OIC PC Phil Jack

Operation Recovery continues to focus on isolated farm properties within access to the A697 and A1 corridors.

Please report any person or vehicle you feel is suspicious immediately via the 999 emergency system.

Police will be working with Percy Wood Retreat Management, to prevent increased criminal activity as outlined above.

A female (38 yrs) from the Morpeth area has been charged with Theft (employee) which relates to cash appropriated from a Pre-School Organisation in Swarland.

The accused is to appear at the local Magistrates Court 10am 30/10/14.

Harbottle / Elsdon / Rothley areas

Burglary OTD other

Occurred between 0500hrs on Monday 18/08/14 and 0510hrs on Monday 18/08/14 at Ralph Shield Farm, Cambo.

Offenders approached the farm in a white transit vehicle where diesel 1260 litres (value £1500) was stolen from the fuel tank.

The suspects were disturbed and made off from the scene. Diesel drums were recovered nearby and also found abandoned in the area of Belsay, A696.

Offenders enquiries continuing.

OIC PC 1449 Brown.

Assault

Occurred between neighbours in Elsdon at 1904hrs Monday 22/09/14.

A male (57 yrs) presented violence and struck the male victim causing minor injuries.

Police enquiries are continuing.

OIC PC Rob Kilburn

Burglary OTD

Crime occurred at in the area of Scots Gap between 11:45hrs on Thursday 03/07/14 and 12:30hrs on

Saturday 05/07/14.

Unknown person approach a secure shed forcing the lock and removing a water pump.
OIC PC Phil Jack.

Theft of Fuel

Occurred between 1800hrs 01/08/14 and 0800hrs 03/08/14 at Blaxter Quarry, Elsdon

Two suspect males entered the site to remove diesel fuel.

One offender from the Newcastle area has been arrested and is on police bail.

Enquiries are continuing to locate another known male from the Newcastle area.

OIC PC Rob Kilburn

Burglary OTD

Occurred 2045 hrs Sunday 16/07/14 at a remote unoccupied house in the Harbottle area.

Suspects entered the house with property removed, which included a boiler.

Excellent vigilance by the community and immediate contact with police has resulted in the two vehicles being identified and 5 x suspects arrested with property recovered.

The CPS are reviewing the case with a view to prosecution.

OIC PC David Brown

Operation Recovery continues to focus on isolated farm properties within access to the A696 and arterial routes throughout Coquetdale.

Travelling criminals are still frequenting our rural areas. There have been several significant arrests which have served to disrupt and deter crime.

Please report any person or vehicle you feel is suspicious immediately via the 999 emergency system.

Whittingham / Powburn area.

Burglary OTD

Occurred in the Whittingham area between 09:00hrs and 20:00hrs on Monday 14/07/14.

Unknown persons have approached a double garage, removed lock and steal items from within.

Enquiries resulted in the arrest of three males from the Cleveland area whom are believed linked to a series of rural crimes across the North East Region

They are remanded in prison with enquiries continuing

OIC CID

Bilking - Hedgley Service Station - Occurred 01/07/14

A male driver in a white Mercedes van obtained a quantity of diesel and made off without making payment.

Enquiries negative. Improved crime prevention in place.

OIC PC Kevin Reid

Bilking - Hedgley Service Station - Occurred 14/09/14

Male suspect (46 yrs from Scotland) had committed this offence after stealing a vehicle in Scotland, resulting in his arrest in Yorkshire.

He has been interviewed and reported for summons for this bilking offence where £89 fuel was removed.

OIC PC Phil Jack

Attempt Theft from Motor Vehicle - Whittingham

Occurred between 2330hrs 18/09/14 and 0820hrs 19/09/14

Offender used an implement to unclip metal cover in an attempt to remove fuel from a vehicle situated on a residential driveway.

No fuel stolen

OIC PC Rob Parkinson.

Continued focus as part of Operation Recovery.

Thank you to all the suspect calls which resulted in the significant arrests of suspects from the Cleveland area, whom were suspected of many rural crimes across the North East region.

The following link provides useful home and personal security information.
A further Community Message update on the 10 principles of Crime Prevention will be included in the October circulation.

http://www.northumbria.police.uk/advice_and_information/crime_prevention/index.asp

Speeding

Community Speed Watch Deployments:

03/07/14 – Gravelly Bank -	56 vehicles checked	17 speeding
03/07/14 – Garleigh Road -	33 vehicles checked	1 speeding
03/07/14 – Whittingham -	35 Vehicles checked	25 speeders
04/07/14 – A697 Powburn –	183 vehicles checked	25 speeders
06/07/14 – A697 powburn –	100 vehicles checked	11 speeders
06/07/14 – A697 Crawley Dene –	91 vehicles checked	10 speeders
10/07/14 – Eglington -	30 vehicles checked	1 speeder
10/07/14 – Whittingham –	29 vehicles checked	4 speeders
10/07/14 – Gravelly Bank –	88 vehicles checked	30 speeders
15/07/14 – A697 Longframlington –	180 vehicles checked	13 speeders
11/07/14 – A697 Powburn –	100 vehicles checked	17 speeders
11/07/14 – B6346 Eglington –	92 vehicles checked	5 speeders
15/07/14 – A697 Longframlington –	180 vehicles checked	13 speeder
18/07/14 – Powburn Crawley Dene –	102 vehicles checked	17 speeder
18/07/14 – Powburn garage –	107 vehicles checked	12 speeders
18/07/14 – B6346 Eglington –	72 vehicles checked	5 speeders
20/07/14 – A697 Powburn Garage –	95 vehicles checked	19 speeders
23/07/14 – A697 Longframlington –	300 vehicles checked	18 speeders
23/07/14 – Hepscott –	161 vehicles checked	13 speeders
10/07/14 – Hartburn –	56 vehicles checked	2 speeders
08/07/14 – Hepscott –	130 vehicles checked	7 speeders
01/08/14 – A697 Powburn garage	120 vehicles checked	21 speeders
03/08/14 – A697 Powburn Garage	137 vehicles checked	16 speeders
09/08/14 – Powburn/crawley Dene	260 vehicles checked	15 speeders
26/08/14 – The Peth West, Thirston	70 Vehicles checked	20 Speeders
04/09/14 - Eglington	30 Vehicles checked	2 Speeders
18/09/14 - West Thirston	60 Vehicles checked	9 Speeders
25/09/14 - Park Road Swarland	TBC Vehicles checked	2 Speeders

If you require CSW deployments in your area, to educate and prevent speeding, please let us know.

A further seven (7) CSW applicants are being interviewed to increase our CSW deployments across Coquettdale and Alnwick areas.

Thanks to all our Police Volunteers who are really making a positive difference to educating drivers, to reduce speeding and road casualties in our communities.

We hope to have our community police van in situ. at Alwinton Show. Please call and see us.

Contacting Coquetdale Police

If you require contact with your local police:

- In an emergency, dial 999
- Non emergency incidents telephone 101
- If you require contact with a specific officer, please telephone 101 and enter extension 61353

(if no reply, please leave a message)

- Alternatively, please dial 101 and speak with our Contact Management Unit who will assist you

in contact with an officer on duty covering Coquetdale.

- email the Coquetdale Neighbourhood Policing Team via alnwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk
- Or simply reply to this community message email, for the attention of the Coquetdale Neighbourhood Policing Team

Please note Rothbury Police Station is open 10am to 1pm each Saturday where our Police Volunteers will be on hand to assist and ensure any enquiries, information or concerns are directed to Northumbria Police.

Thanks to Elizabeth Clifton for her dedication and commitment to this volunteer role.

Community Messaging

Finally, if any person you may know requires local police community message updates, email Coquetdale Police.

Please try and refer a friend or relative.

Thank you for your continued support.
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