

COMMUNITY MESSAGING IN NORTHUMBERLAND

BE INFORMED

Please find the following Coquetdale Community Message update covering the period 1st June to the 2nd July 2014.

Nine (9) crimes were reported over this period:

Rothbury

Criminal Damage (dwelling)

Occurred between Thursday 29/05/14 and Friday 30/05/14 at the rear of the High Street shops (Back Crofts area),

where a lock to an unoccupied first floor dwelling (above a shop) was damaged.

The former flat has been unoccupied and unfurnished for over two years and has now been re-secured.

This damage is believed to be linked to anti social behaviour, to which police focus will continue. Officer in the case (PC Rob Kilburn)

Domestic Assault (ABH)

Occurred 09/06/14 in the Addycombe Gardens area where a female was assaulted, causing severe facial injuries.

The male offender (33 yrs) who resides with the victim was arrested, charged, kept for court and granted conditional bail

to reside away from the address and not to contact the victim. He will appear at Newcastle Crown Court 14/07/14 for sentencing. Safeguarding measures are in place to support the female victim.

Northumbria Police will take positive action to address domestic violence.

New legislation is now in place including the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme and Domestic Violence Protection Orders

to which the below link provides further information.

http://www.northumbria.police.uk/advice_and_information/advice_and_support/domestic_abuse/dvds/function/index.asp

Burglary (Other than Dwelling)

Occurred between 10/06/14 and 11/06/14 in the Debden area of Rothbury (B6341) where entry to a shed just off the main road

was forced. LandRover vehicle wheels, lawn mower and two chainsaws were stolen.

Enquiries are continuing.

OIC PC David Brown

Theft of Pedal Cycle (Garleigh Road)

Occurred between 1700 hrs and 2030 hrs on Sunday 22/06/14 when a men's Giant grey mountain bike was removed from the rear vehicle cycle rack, whilst parked unattended on a driveway off Garleigh Road. Enquiries are continuing
OIC PC Rob Kilburn

Swarland

Damage to motor vehicle (wing mirror)

This incident occurred around 1pm on Wednesday 11/06/14 where an altercation occurred between the driver of a coal lorry and a female driver. The male concerned has been interviewed and female victim supported. If you witnessed this incident, please contact police. Enquiries are on going. OIC PC David Brown.

Vehicle Interference

This incident relates to suspects being disturbed whilst attempting to remove fuel from a horse motor home at Old Park Road, Swarland. The incident occurred at 0050 hrs Sunday 15th June. Enquiries are continuing. OIC Sgt Graham Vickers

Cambo

Burglary (OTD)

Occurred in Kirkhill, Cambo between 0900 hrs and 1400 hrs 05/06/14 when an isolated secure workshop was entered and several chain saws and other tools removed. Enquiries continuing OIC PC David Brown

Whittingham

Burglary OTD

Occurred at Callaly Mains on Monday 09/06/14 (daytime) when a stable block and garage outer buildings were forcibly entered and property including a John Deere tractor lawn mower was stolen. Other property taken included a Stihl blower, Stihl hedge trimmer and two x Stihl chain saws. Enquiries are continuing
OIC PC Phil Jack.

Cartington

Burglary OTD

Occurred 09/06/14 between 10am and 2.30pm when offenders forcibly removed the lock and entered a stone building located within the enclosed farm yard area. Several pedal cycles including a silver/blue Giant (model Glory) pedal cycle, an orange/white Marida - Freddie pedal cycle, a Stihl saw, strimmer and Husqvarna chainsaw were stolen. Enquiries are continuing
OIC PC Rob Kilburn

In summary, our priority is to focus on deterring and disrupting thefts from remote rural farms. Farming communities, please review your security, lock farm gates where possible, remove vehicle keys and securely store property of value. **Always be vigilant and report anything suspicious via the 999 emergency number.**

The offenders are believed to be travelling criminals entering our area. Police have implemented Operation Recovery to focus resources on this area of concern.

Any sightings of suspicious persons or vehicles, please contact police via 999 emergency number. Suspicious vehicles including a white Renault Van Registration BT56OAD or similar type vehicle, should be reported. Police will continue to support and reassure the victims, including crime prevention and repeat visits, to deter and disrupt further activity.

Coquetdale Police Officers will be holding a Police / Community Forum commencing 6pm Thursday 3rd July, at the Whittingham Memorial Hall. The purpose of this forum is to provide an update on the recent rural farm related crimes which have occurred in the Cartington, Whittingham and Netherton areas. Our Senior Management Team will be in attendance. Please feel free to come along and raise any local concerns you may have.

- **The following link provides useful home and personal security information.**

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

Other issues:

- Police have spoken with the driver of a black Vauxhall Corsa motor vehicle seen driving at speed around Rothbury. Any further incidents of vehicle related disorder coming to light may result in his vehicle being seized.
- Police are continuing to focus on the Rothbury riverside play park area (recent graffiti), Carriage Drive (litter from youths drinking alcohol), and Back Crofts area, to address disorder concerns. Any reports please let us know and parents, please ensure you know where your teenage children are hanging out!
- Uninvited telephone calls or emails. Do not leave yourself vulnerable to scams. If concerned, simply hang up and do not reply.
- Uninvited door step callers. 'If in doubt, keep them out' Any concerns, contact Northumbria Police.

Operation Sanctuary

Operation Sanctuary is an investigation into allegations of a series of sexual offences predominantly within Newcastle, but also in other local authority areas, involving a number of men from a range of communities and vulnerable female victims, including teenagers and young

adults.

From a Coquetdale perspective, if any person presents as potentially vulnerable, whether walking home in the early hours, at a bus stop, on a caravan site, in a public house, B&B accommodation, or fly camping, please call Coquetdale Police.

The safeguarding of people in our community is a priority.

Speeding

Community Speed Watch Deployments:

CSW deployments are currently focusing on Eglington, Whittingham, Powburn, Longhorsley and Rothbury.

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

A detailed list of CSW deployments and results will be updated in the next Community Message together with news on the force expanding CSW to other areas of Northumbria Police.

Thanks to all our CSW volunteers.

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.

John Taylor

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Councillor John Taylor who recently died.

John was a very caring, highly respected County Councillor who worked closely with Coquetdale Police to address issues of concern, including speeding in the Powburn area, where he provided funding for a speed laser gun which is used by our Community Speed Watch Volunteers. John will be sadly missed.

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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