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Thank you for providing your details for inclusion in Community Messaging.

Northumbria Police is committed to ensuring communities are updated on what is happening in their local area and what has been done in response to their priorities and concerns.

The contact details, email addresses and mobile phone numbers you have provided will not be used for any other purpose but Community Messaging.

If you have any information or concerns about crime, disorder or people you feel we should know about, please let us know.

Could you also forward this Community Message to any friends, relatives or business colleagues who live in or visit Coquetdale.

To be included in Community Messaging please forward your name, address, e-mail details and contact phone number to the following address:

alnwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

Telephone 101, ext 61381

Thank you for your interest and continued support.

Sergeant Graham Vickers

CRIME OVERVIEW

Crime and anti-social behaviour in Coquetdale during April remained very low:

Longframlington:

- Heating oil was stolen overnight on 6 April from a domestic oil tank at a house in Cairn View.
- A grey / blue marble effect planter was taken from outside a house, between 12 and 19 April, in the centre of the village.

Hepple

- A metal trailer was un-hitched from its vehicle at the roadside and removed, between 16 and 17 April.
- A Silver Suzuki Vitara was stolen from Whitefield Farm, between 12 and 13 April, and later found burnt out in the Cramlington area.

Rothbury:

- At around 4pm on 15 April, three people were assaulted at Allerdene Court. A man was arrested near the scene and charged. Lee Michael Gale, 42, of High Street, Rothbury, has appeared at Bedlington Magistrates Court and pleaded guilty. The case was adjourned until 21 May for sentencing.

Sharperton / Low Trehwitt

- An unattended, insecure red quad bike was stolen from Woodhall Farm between 3 and 4 April.
- Plant keys were stolen from a farm tractor and JCB on 6 April at Low Trehwitt Farm.

Police in the area continue to focus on fuel, metal and farm thefts.

FARM THEFTS

Travelling criminals have been targeting isolated premises in rural Northumberland. Recently a vehicle was stopped on the A697 near New Moor House Crossroads and a stolen quad bike recovered. Two people were arrested. The quad bike had been stolen from an isolated farm in Wooler. The offenders were charged and are due to appear at Newcastle Crown Court. Their bail conditions exclude them from entering Northumberland.

Police are visiting farms and marts to encourage better crime prevention. There is a culture of leaving keys in farm vehicles in the middle of fields and this should stop. Insurance companies can challenge such theft claims and insurance premiums can rise for everyone in the area. Quad bikes and other equipment should be secured.

The key is not to be complacent but vigilant. Please continue to work with us to keep crime and disorder low and report anyone or any vehicles which appear suspicious by dialling 999.

FIRE PREVENTION

Every year fire destroys thousands of acres of countryside and wildlife habitats. Some fires are started deliberately, but most are due to carelessness. Remember:

- Extinguish cigarettes and other smoking materials properly.
- Never throw cigarette ends out of car windows – they can ruin whole fields of crops.
- Only use barbecues in suitable and safe areas and never leave them unattended.
- Keep young children and ball games away from barbecues.
- Ensure your barbecue is fully extinguished and cold before disposing of the contents.
- Avoid using open fires in the countryside.
- Do not leave bottles or glass in woodlands. Sunlight shining through glass can start fires. Take them home or put them in the bin.
- Avoid using 'Chinese Lanterns' which can cause fire risks wherever they land.

COQUETDALE POLICE VOLUNTEERS

Residents have identified speeding as one of the issues which affects them most. Trained Neighbourhood Police Volunteers carry out Community Speed Watch and focus on speeding hotspots. An educational letter will be sent to drivers to prevent speeding. Northumbria Police will continue to regularly use hand held and mobile speed cameras to target speeding motorists.

Areas currently targeted include Rothbury (Western approach), the A697 Longframlington, Swarland, Newton on the Moor, Powburn and Whittingham. Please let us know of any other areas which require focus.

The volunteers also attend Parish Council meetings, providing police updates and reporting to police on matters raised. This helps free up operational police officers to focus on communities, reducing crime and improving public confidence.



ROTHBURY POLICE STATION

Rothbury Police Station is now open 9am to 3pm every Saturday and Sunday.

Our Neighbourhood Police Volunteers are trained and vetted to a high standard to provide an effective reception service at the police station and are a link to police resources in the area.

Any incident, query or information you want to tell us, please call.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

With the tourist season approaching, some visitors to the area, put up tents wherever they feel, consume lots of alcohol and leave a mess.

Please contact police immediately if such visitors set up camp. Police will attend and if necessary, issue a direction to leave notice requiring the visitors to leave the area. Police and partners have put 'no camping' signs in hot spot areas.

Our aim is to prevent anti-social behaviour and ensure Coquetdale is respected and enjoyed by everyone.

**ALNWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD INSPECTOR**

I'm really excited at becoming the new Neighbourhood Inspector at Alnwick and relishing the challenges ahead.

I want to build on the excellent work of my predecessor Sue Peart and all the staff, continuing to improve the good relationships with partners, councillors and local people.

We will continue to target criminals and support victims and witnesses and drive down crime and disorder in the area.

I want to reassure Coquetdale residents that their safety remains a priority and my team will be focusing on tackling rural crime and travelling criminals and being visible in the community.

Inspector Paul Truscott

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