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Wednesday 6th July 2011



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

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.

Your contact details email and mobile phone numbers you have provided will not be used for any other purpose other than for Community Messaging.

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

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

For inclusion in Community Messaging, please forward your name, address, e-mail details, and contact phone number.

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Thank you for your interest and continued support.

Sergeant Graham Vickers

Crime in Coquetdale

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Coquetdale remain very low. The two areas of concern are metal thefts and thefts from farms, which includes quad bikes.

Metal Theft

Officers are carrying out stop checks on scrap metal vans and dealers who are operating in the area – looking for those who are committing offences. This action has led to us prosecutions criminals for a number of offences including; no Insurance, Construction & Use / overloading, red diesel and Waste Carriers Licence Offences.

Farm Thefts

Travelling criminals have been targeting isolated premises in the Coquetdale area with vehicles stolen from farms near the A697 corridor. Recently arrests have been made and a stolen quad recovered from the rear of a transit vehicle. Police are visiting farms and marts to encourage better crime prevention. The culture of leaving keys in farm vehicles in the middle of fields remains and this needs to stop. Insurance companies may challenge such theft claims and as a result insurance premiums rise for everyone in the area. Please secure quads and other equipment. Crime prevention packs are available by contacting police.

We need the public to be vigilant and continue to work with us, and each other, to keep crime and disorder low. Please report any persons or vehicles that appear suspicious. Use the 999 system.

Disorder

June Clifford has been the focus of repeated complaints relating to drunkenness and disorderly behaviour in Rothbury. Police have worked closely with Homes for Northumberland to address the problem and this resulted in Clifford receiving 21 weeks prison for Harassment and Breach of Anti Social Behaviour (2 x counts). Furthermore she has been evicted from her Rothbury home in the Addycombe area.

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 that your barbecue is fully extinguished and cold before disposing of the contents.
- Avoid using open fires in the countryside.
- Avoid the use of 'Chinese Lanterns' which present fire risks wherever they decide to land.

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

Community Speed Watch introduced in Coquetdale

Community Speed Watch is a scheme which enables local people to help reduce traffic speeds. Working with Northumbria Police and Safer Northumberland, Community Speed Watch volunteers are committed to reducing the number of casualties and road collisions in the area.

Community Speed Watch is carried out in Rothbury because residents have identified speeding as one of the issues that affects them the most. The volunteers are trained and will 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.



Rothbury Neighbourhood Police Volunteers

Rothbury Police Station is now open 9am to 3pm every Saturday and Sunday thanks to the help of our Neighbourhood Police volunteers.

Our volunteers are trained and vetted to the same standard as the Community Support officers (CSOs).

They provide an effective reception service at the police station on weekends and assist with administration work which in turn frees police officers to patrol the area.



COQUETDALE ON-LINE MEETINGS

- 12.30PM – 1.30PM WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY
- 6.30PM - 7.30PM WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY

Please join in by entering www.northumbria.police.uk and then click on the **ONLINE MEETINGS** Section on the lower front page. Please enter the Northumberland ONLINE Neighbourhood Meeting for Coquetdale and post any question or issue you wish to raise.



Personal message from Inspector Peart.

I am aware that many of you may reflect on the events of last year which occurred around this time in Rothbury.

The community has moved on, normality has returned to Rothbury and together we will keep it this way.

There is no raised concerns whatsoever, with our officers maintaining a visible reassuring presence. Please be assured that we have contingency plans in place if there is a need.

We appreciate the support that you, the community, showed us last year and we are here to support you in any way we can this year.

If you have any concerns or problems please contact us or call at the police station which is open at weekends

Thank you, *Sue*

Inspector Sue Peart

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