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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

## **Working Together to Increase Community Conference in Northumbria during 2013/14**

The Commissioner's Community Fund in 2013/14 supported many local groups to develop local solutions to local problems, with a particular focus on protecting and supporting vulnerable people.

Street Pastors in Sunderland, Whitley Bay and Newcastle were supported through the fund to further develop their voluntary service to local people helping to ensure that vulnerable people are supported whilst bringing the public closer to the police.

In Newcastle funds were used specifically to launch the Your Night phone 'app' bringing this well renowned service to the people of Newcastle. The app includes many different ways to safely find your way around Newcastle city and provides information to make sure people feel safe and secure whilst enjoying the many activities the city has to offer.