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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

## **Working Together to Increase Community Conference in Northumbria during 2014/15**

As Police and Crime Commissioner, part of my role is to engage with the local community, to do this I hold public meetings, attend events to speak about policing and to listen to what local people say. I write newspaper columns / articles for the media to promote the work in Northumbria.

I want the public to feel part of Northumbria Police – it is your force. When considering the police element of the council tax, I asked the public to let me know their thoughts. Knowing what local residents think allows me to focus my thinking on how to deliver their requirements.

The Late Night Levy Partnership in Newcastle continues to go from strength to strength. By liaising with the local authority, publicans and police, we have used the funding from the levy to provide extra visible resources in the city.

I continue to support the work of the Street Pastors who work closely with the police and colleagues in the Safe Haven, which is a staffed venue aimed at helping potentially vulnerable people late at night providing somewhere to go if they have lost their friends or mobile phones and are unable to look after themselves.