



**VERA BAIRD**<sup>QC</sup>  
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

## **Working Together during 2013-14**

Anti-social behaviour can be committed by anyone - any age or gender - and at any time can have a significant impact on the quality of life for those affected by it.

The Commissioner's Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant was used to support the bringing together of Newcastle United and Sunderland football clubs to tackle anti-social behaviour following the violent derby day conflicts. The 'Tackle it with Kicks: Building Bridges' project has brought young people together to bridge the gap between communities, building positive relationships, reducing youth crime, anti-social behaviour and tensions.

The project has given over 350 young people the opportunity to discuss anti-social behaviour – what it is, the impact it has on them, their families and the communities they live in and knowledge of safe choices. We hope that the longterm outcomes of this project will result in improved citizenship skills and will reduce the likelihood of young people being involved in crime and anti-social behaviour.