

Proud to serve Gateshead

Keeping our communities safe is our number one priority. Despite huge government reductions to our budget, Northumbria Police continues to be one of the best performing forces in the country.

The way we tackle anti-social behaviour has been recorded as outstanding and we are working closely with local residents to deliver innovative ways with this issue.

We have worked hard in providing better services for victims of crime and will continue to improve. It's great news that the latest User Satisfaction Survey names Northumbria as the top force in the country for victim service: a score of **92.2%**.



Vera Baird QC
Police & Crime Commissioner



Steve Ashman
Chief Constable

Here in Gateshead, we have relocated neighbourhood police to bring them to the heart of the community. The new police base at Chopwell Fire Station has been a huge success, thanks to the great partnership working between local residents, Tyne and Wear Fire Authority and Northumbria Police. Savings made from the move have been reinvested back into policing.

We are seeking new ways to make savings so we can afford to keep police in our neighbourhoods. You have told us loud and clear this is what you want and we are dedicated to delivering the priorities you gave us for the police and crime plan.



Tackling

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner and Gateshead Council have been working together to train taxi drivers to recognise the signs of child exploitation.

I am pleased that taxi drivers in Gateshead have welcomed this training initiative. It's an absolute priority for me that those who find themselves caught up in a situation where they need help and support are identified and brought to safety. With the support of Gateshead taxi drivers, our officers will be able to act swiftly and protect any young victim who is in imminent danger.

Police & Crime Commissioner, Vera Baird

Much needed support

Many charities and organisations working across Gateshead have benefited from The Commissioner's Community Fund such as Oasis Aquila Housing.

Through my Community Fund, Oasis Aquila Housing, a housing and homelessness charity, has been able to enhance the domestic abuse services, which it operates as part of the Gateshead Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, helping keep vulnerable local people and their families safe.

Police & Crime Commissioner, Vera Baird

Don't stay silent report it

The police have been working with partners across Gateshead to help tackle the problems that consumption of alcohol in open spaces can cause.

If there is an issue that is affecting your area, don't stay silent – report it. Only by letting police officers know about the problem can the issue be addressed.

Chief Constable, Steve Ashman

In Gateshead we are:

Putting victims first

We support victims to cope and recover. Victims First Northumbria also means victims can receive support whether they have reported the crime to the police or not.

Dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Our team provides outstanding service and visits every vulnerable victim of ASB. We are working closely with the council to use new Community Protection Notices to tackle problems and improve the quality of life for residents.

Tackling domestic and sexual abuse

Our police are the best trained in the country on these issues and all victims will get a strong and supportive response. We are also investing in work to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation, with Gateshead recently playing host to the North East's first CSE conference which was attended by more than 500 delegates.

Reducing crime

We tackle opportunistic thieves and burglars with great crime prevention initiatives such as 'Beat the Burglar' month, helping Gateshead residents protect their homes and keep alert for burglars.

Community confidence

Neighbourhood policing is key. We will continue to have officers on the streets, visiting schools and attending meetings – to find out what issues matter the most to you. At present, drugs, 'legal' highs and alcohol-related crime are all priority issues being tackled by our neighbourhood teams.

You told us your priorities and we put them in the Commissioner's police and crime plan



Despite an increase in crime, in a typical day Northumbria Police deals with:

142 arrests **500** emergency calls **1000** non-emergency calls **40** stop and searches **200** ASB incidents **81** domestic abuse incidents

Did you know?

Northumbria has over
3,500 Police Officers **210** PCSOs **250** Special Constables

So, policing isn't just about catching criminals, their typical day is spent supporting residents in so many valuable ways.

Right across Gateshead, your police officers are working with the local authority and other partners to ensure you receive the best service day in day out.

Northumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner Vera Baird is committed to keeping your neighbourhood safe and she is keen to hear from you about how we can help.



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