



**Copeland Neighbourhood Policing Team – BECKERMET
with THORNHILL Parish Council (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
2018)**

CRIME FIGURES

Crime figures can be obtained via the following link:

<https://www.police.uk/> then

click “Crime Map” and in the location box enter the first part of your postcode and then click the numbers on the map which correspond with the towns they are located at. If there are no numbers in your area then there are no reported crimes.

The crime information above is updated by the Home Office on information received by each Constabulary.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE period 13/11/2018 to 10/12/2018

Road related offence 2

Anti-social behavior 1

Theft 1

Welfare concerns 2

Suspicious behavior 1- This refers to a group of males near the Bankfield Estate, Beckermest trying to sell unknown items. The group were aged in their early 20’s. This occurred at around 1400 hours on 30/11/2018.

(In light of this incident please can residents be vigilant in the run up to Christmas.)

THIS MONTHS KEY MESSAGES TO HIGHLIGHT

Cumbria Road Safety Partnership is supporting a national campaign this month (December) aimed at ridding our roads of those who abuse drugs and alcohol before getting behind the wheel.

The partnership is made up of agencies – including Cumbria Constabulary – which work to make Cumbria’s roads safer for all.

Cumbria constabulary works every day of the year to take drug and drink-drivers off our roads. However, in the lead up to Christmas and New Year and many people going out for work parties, officers will be looking out for anyone who is unfit to be in charge of a vehicle.

Inspector Steve Minnikin said:

“Anyone who drinks or takes drugs before getting behind the wheel has the potential to cause devastation this Christmas.

“Our officers are now better equipped than ever before to catch anyone who is unfit to drive through drugs – be they illegal substances or prescription drugs which impair the ability to drive.

“The consequences of getting behind the wheel whilst unfit to do so could be fatal. Drivers lucky enough to be arrested before causing a collision also face losing their license and, potentially their livelihood.

“There’s no excuse. Simply taking the time to plan ahead – arrange lifts or a taxi - will mean you are never tempted to get behind the wheel whilst impaired.”

Police and other CRSP agencies are also keen to ensure people are aware of the dangers posed by getting behind the wheel the morning after drinking or using drugs.

Drivers can often still be over the limit the morning after – and the penalties if caught will be just as serious.

Insp Minnikin added:

“Drink-driving has been viewed by society for many years now as completely unacceptable. It is important that everyone sees drug driving the same way.

“Whilst our officers will always be on the look-out for those who get behind the wheel whilst impaired, there is also a great deal the people of Cumbria can do in support of this.

“Make sure your friends and family are aware of the dangers and the potential consequences. Don’t get into the car if you suspect someone has been drinking or is unfit through taking drugs.

“And call the police if you suspect someone of drink or drug driving. Your call could save their life or the life of another innocent road user.”

Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall said:

"I would like to add my own plea to those that might think it is OK to drink - or do drugs - and drive – just don't do it. It is not worth it, and there is no need whatsoever to put your lives at risk, and the lives of other innocent people.

"I know from what the public tell me, that drink/drugs driving is something that people are concerned about and want the police to do more about. In response to that, we now have more officers than ever out and about, having bolstered our neighbourhood policing teams with an additional 25 officers I pledged to provide. But even with that, the police cannot be everywhere – so I would urge people to take responsibility and try to dissuade someone from doing this or if you suspect someone has had too much to drink or taken drugs – report it. We all need to work together to keep our roads safe."

Domestic abuse awareness at Christmas

In the lead up to Christmas, Cumbria Constabulary is urging victims and survivors to come forward, whilst working to make people more aware of the different forms domestic abuse can take.

People often think of domestic abuse as only relating to physical violence. However, there are numerous other forms and Cumbria Constabulary is committed to investigating these offences and supporting those who suffer from them.

Detective Superintendent Vicki Ellis said: "It is a sad fact but we in policing do often see a rise in domestic abuse incidents in the lead-up to Christmas.

"Such abuse can take many forms, from physical assaults, sexual abuse, emotional and psychological abuse or coercive behaviour.

"Our officers are committed to tackling all types of domestic abuse, prosecuting those responsible and working with partner agencies to support victims and survivors."

Officers have a strong message for anyone who has been a victim of domestic abuse.

Det Supt Ellis said: "If you are a victim of domestic abuse, are affected by domestic abuse or know someone who is suffering please come forward. We can help you, and get the support you need. We will work to keep you safe from further offences and to bring the perpetrator to justice.

“Our officers are better trained than ever to tackle domestic abuse, and deliver a top quality service to those who are vulnerable and in need, we do not want victims to suffer in silence – we can help you!

“If you have been the victim of such abuse – or if you know of a friend, relative or neighbour who has – contact the police today.”

Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall said: “Nobody should suffer violence or domestic abuse - if you have been a victim or if you have any concerns about someone you know, please do report it to the police – or anonymously to Crimestoppers.

“We are committed to doing what we can to tackle domestic abuse, and together with our partners we are working to put a stop to it. However, we cannot achieve this if incidents are not reported, so we need your help too. Please have the confidence to take that first step, and make that call, where someone is waiting to help. There is a wealth of advice on support available on Cumbria Police’s website, and in addition to that, we have our Cumbria Together website dedicated to helping signpost victims of crime and antisocial behaviour to organisations that can help them.”

Visit www.cumbriatogether.com for information on over 60 organisations offering specialist support to victims of crimes, including specialist support to victims of domestic abuse.

Anyone who would like to report domestic abuse should call Cumbria Police on 101, email 101@cumbria.police.uk or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

For more information on domestic violence please visit Cumbria Constabulary dedicated webpages here.

PARTNER AGENCY MESSAGES

CUMBRIA COMMUNITY MESSAGING

Please pass this message onto friends, family and residents of your areas to re highlight the issue.

If you would like to join Cumbria Community Messaging then please contact us or visit: www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk

It is managed by the Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association and offers you and other members of communities across Cumbria the means to receive crime information from Cumbria Police. You can select which information you wish to receive by managing your own settings, and it is completely **FREE**. Anyone can join, you do not have to be a member of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), or become a member of NHW to join. Farm Watch, Church Watch and Camping and Caravan Watch are a small example of the schemes that you can register for. You can join as an individual or as a group. If you want to receive

information but do not wish to be responsible for a larger group, you are still welcome to make use of this messaging system.

The National Rural Crime Network champions a better understanding of crime in rural areas, and new, effective ways to help to keep rural communities safer to learn more please visit: www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net

Security Advice & Tips

Farm and outbuildings

- Restrict access to your farm land & property with locked gates
- Ensure your home, farm & outbuildings are secure. Use British Standard locks & high security closed-shackle padlocks
- Consider fitting intruder alarms, CCTV & good outside security lighting, check regularly to ensure they work
- Lock windows & doors, remove keys from locks & keep out of visible reach
- Mark equipment & property with farm name & postcode, use a UV pen, engraving, stamping, tagging or forensic marking
- Hide valuable items from view & secure them in locked outbuildings
- Consider joining your local Farmwatch scheme

Vehicles, trailers & quad bikes

- **Secure & immobilise vehicles & equipment when not in use**
- **Remove keys from the ignition & keep them somewhere secure**
- **Don't leave quad bikes or trailers unattended**
- **Consider storing vehicles & property in a secured building, if possible secured to the ground or wall, or inside a caged area**
- **Mark trailers & property with farm name & postcode, use a UV pen, engraving, stamping, tagging or forensic marking**

General advice

- **Where possible install fuel tanks within secure buildings or cages made from a material resistant to attack**

- **Thieves may stake-out your property in advance by making up an excuse to call round. Try to take a note of their registration number, & report the incident to police**
- **Never advertise that you are away by leaving notes for tradesmen or delivery drivers**
- **Ensure you have adequate insurance cover**
- **Keep up to date on crime trends by joining Farmwatch**
- **When you are away, ask neighbours and friends to keep an eye on your property, & be prepared to do the same for them**
- **Take down registration numbers of suspicious vehicles & report suspicious activity to police immediately**

As well as Cumbria Constabulary the partners providing information are Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association. If you do not have internet access, contact your local PCSO and they will aid in registering your details on the system.

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www.twitter.com/copelandpolice

<https://www.facebook.com/cumbriapolice>

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Contact police on 101

For emergency always call 999

Report non-urgent incidents on our website at www.cumbria.police.uk in the contact us section.

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