



**Copeland Neighbourhood Policing Team – BECKERMET
with THORNHILL Parish Council (JANUARY 2019/MARCH
2019)**

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 11/01/2018 to 07/03/2019

Beckermet

05/03/19 report of male and female arguing in the street. No issues resolved on Police attendance.

05/03/2019 report via Beckermet School raising concerns for a distressed female with a male nearby. Again resolved following Police attendance and not related to the above incident.

22/02/19 Medical concerns for a local female, conveyed to West Cumberland Hospital.

20/02/19 report of criminal damage to a tractor at Croft End Farm.

23/01/19 report of a 2 vehicle road traffic collision on Cop lane, Beckermet. Minor injuries.

Thornhill

25/02/19 report of inconsiderate driving near High Road

24/02/19 domestic related incident resolved by Police

21/02/19 Sudden death of male

20/02/19 domestic incident resolved by Police

19/02/19 Animal welfare referred to RSPCA

01/02/19 domestic incident resolved by Police

02/02/19 child welfare concerns resolved by Police/social services

THIS MONTH'S MESSAGE TO HIGHLIGHT

County Lines – public can help prevent exploitation of the vulnerable



Cumbria Police is working to improve the public's awareness of 'County Lines' and what to do if they suspect a vulnerable child or adult is being exploited by gangs.

County Lines is a phrase which does not refer simply to the transportation and dealing of drugs across counties but specifically the exploitation of vulnerable children and adults by gangs based in cities to move the drugs and money around the country.

The aim of the campaign is to make the general public better equipped to spot the signs of people being exploited by criminal drugs gangs and to educate the public on how they can report suspicions and concerns.

Detective Chief Superintendent Dean Holden, Head of Crime at Cumbria Constabulary, said: "County Lines is impacting the entire country and Cumbria is no exception.

"Our officers are working daily in partnership with other regional police forces and national agencies to tackle the issue of criminal gangs using vulnerable children and adults to move drugs and money into and out of Cumbria.

"But we need the public to act as our eyes and ears to help us safe-guard vulnerable people who are being exploited and to help us bring down those who seek to peddle drugs in our communities."

There are some simple signs which could indicate exploitation by criminal gangs which we are asking for the public to look out for:

- * Changes in behaviour
- * Signs of assault and/or malnutrition
- * Access to numerous phones
- * Use of unusual terms
- * Associating with gangs
- * Unexplained bus or train tickets
- * School truancy or going missing
- * Unexplained gifts (clothes, trainers) and cash

Det Ch Supt Holden said: “We would urge taxi drivers to be particularly vigilant to signs of people being exploited by drugs gangs.

“Signs for drivers to look out for is a child, sometimes as young as 12, travelling alone, perhaps over long distances and paying in cash. They might be obviously unfamiliar with the area and may speak with an accent from elsewhere in the country.

“They may also be travelling during a time when they should be at school or particularly unusual times such as early in the morning or late at night.

“Our officers are on the lookout every day for such warning signs but the public can also be an enormous assistance in preventing the exploitation of the most vulnerable members of our society.”

Cumbria’s Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall said: “It is really important that we deal effectively with the organised criminals who run County Lines across the country and including to an extent here in Cumbria.

“The people who deal in this activity are totally unscrupulous and exploit vulnerable people including young children in their crimes.

“Together with the Constabulary I am determined that we must make it very difficult for County Lines to operate in our county but – the Police need your help to bring these criminals to justice, so please do get in touch if you have any suspicions – your call can help save someone from falling prey to these dangerous criminal gangs.”

If you have any information about someone you suspect of involvement in County Lines you can call Cumbria Police on 101. Always call 999 in an emergency and/or where a crime is in progress

Or you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online here crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information

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

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

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

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