



**Copeland Neighbourhood Policing Team – BECKERMET
with THORNHILL Parish Council (MARCH 2019/APRIL 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 07/03/2019 to 08/04/2019

Beckermet

14/03/2019 Minor Road traffic collision, between Beckermet and St.Bees
16/03/2019 Domestic related assault
16/03/2019 Concern for welfare
22/03/2019 Domestic verbal altercation
23/03/2019 Domestic related assault
29/03/2019 Section.165.vehicle seizure with no insurance
31/03/2019 criminal damage to a motor vehicle
05/04/2019 Domestic related incident

Thornhill

20/03/2019 Report of fire alarm at the social club. All in order following checks.
30/03/2019 criminal damage to a motor vehicle parked on the Crescent, Thornhill
01/04/2019 Report of an ongoing neighbor dispute/environmental issues
02/04/2019 Report of a van stolen from wodow Road, Thornhill
07/04/2019 report of a fire where the occupant had fallen asleep whilst drunk

THIS MONTH’S MESSAGES TO HIGHLIGHT

Cumbria Constabulary launched an operation to tackle violent crime, warning offenders their actions have consequences.

The week of action took place between 11/3/2019 and 18/03/2019 which saw extra patrols in hotspot areas and officers out-and-about targeting known offenders.

The county remains one of the safest in the country to live, work and visit.

But officers are not complacent – and know violent crime can have a devastating impact on the victims involved.

The crackdown on violence runs in the same week as Operation Sceptre, the knife surrender in which people have the chance to hand in unwanted blades.

Police are keen to make sure the message is out there that Cumbria is not somewhere people can get away with violence.

Superintendent Matt Pearman said: “Violent crime is an area of policing that has seen significant media coverage over recent weeks and whilst, fortunately, Cumbria has not seen the levels of serious violence that have been reported elsewhere in the country, we are not complacent and continue to take violent crime extremely seriously.

“This is not solely about responding effectively to incidents of violence but about actively targeting those in our communities who commit violent offences, carry weapons or who are perpetrators of domestic abuse.

“It’s also really important that police officers are out-and-about, where they are able to talk to members of the public so that we can keep community intelligence flowing.

“This is critical to taking violent offenders off the streets.

“People should know that violent actions have consequences for other people – and for themselves, with the prospect of a court appearance and even prison awaiting them.”

Cumbria’s Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall, said: “The whole country will have been shocked by the appalling and tragic deaths of young people in other parts of the country as a result of violent knife crime.

“It is important that we do not respond irrationally to these tragedies, but equally we must do all we can to prevent this sort of crime in Cumbria.

“As a society I believe we must be united in making it clear that violent crime is unacceptable, there are no excuses for carrying weapons, our communities should not live in fear and it will not be tolerated.

“The police in Cumbria have my full support to continue to deal robustly with those who engage in violent crime.

“There is no place in society for such despicable acts and we should all be committed to doing everything we can to prevent violence and to keep our communities safe.

“This means that parents, friends, teachers, anyone who comes into contact with young people, should be aware of what our young people are up to.

“If you suspect that they may be being drawn into violent crime or any crime, you have a duty to prevent the situation escalating and potentially ending in tragedy, report it to the police or Crimestoppers, you may save a life.

“The devastation of violent crime is often tragic and can leave families, friends and communities suffering, it also destroys the life of the perpetrator; there are no winners.

“People should be able to go about their daily lives without fearing violence, crime or anti-social behaviour and anyone who engages in this sort of behaviour should be clear that they will be dealt with robustly and I welcome the forces' action to make these points very clear.

“The police cannot solve these issues on their own. If we genuinely want to keep our county one of the safest places in the country, we - the public - must work with the police to prevent all types of violence in Cumbria.

“I urge anyone with information about any type of crime to please play your part and contact the police, you might prevent a tragedy and you will certainly be helping to keep Cumbria safe.”

People in Cumbria are being given the chance to hand in unwanted knives during a week-long surrender to make the county even safer.

Operation Sceptre is being run as part of a national drive to tackle knife crime and stop potentially dangerous blades falling into the wrong hands.

The surrender will apply countywide and runs between Monday, March 11 and the following Sunday, March 17.

During this time the public will be able to anonymously hand in unwanted knives, including knives that are prohibited, to surrender bins at police station front counters.

Cumbria continues to see a lower number of knife offences than other areas of the UK.

But officers are not complacent about the risk – and they want as many knives as possible to be handed over during the week.

The last time the operation was run, in September last year, a total of 113 potential weapons were received by Cumbria Constabulary.

Blades handed over included a Samurai sword, meat cleavers, throwing stars, machetes and a dagger.

Last year (2018) there were 153 crimes in Cumbria where a knife or sharp instrument was used during the offence– down on 157 the year before.

There were also 146 offences of possessing a blade in 2018 – up from 114 the year before.

Superintendent Mark Pannone is leading the initiative in Cumbria.

He said: “Operation Sceptre has been a success every time it has been held in Cumbria, with many potentially dangerous blades handed in to police.

“Those potential weapons can no longer be used to hurt anybody.

“In these recent surrender periods we have seen large numbers of people take the chance to make their communities safer by handing in knives.

“Fortunately, in Cumbria we do not have a specific knife crime culture and we continue to see a lower number of incidents than in other areas of the UK.

“However, we take the issue extremely serious.

“There are people who will use knives as part of criminality and this will not be tolerated.”

Cumbria’s Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall, said: “I appreciate that a knife surrender is nothing new but, with this one, I really want to remind people about the appalling violence and knife crime we have seen in London and other large cities in the last year, resulting in the loss of too many young lives.

“We do not want to see this in Cumbria so I would ask people to think hard about this knife surrender; not just for yourself but also to bring it to the attention of

anyone you may know who has a weapon which could potentially take a life - and see the person using it destroy their own lives by being locked away for a long time.

“There is no excuse and no sympathy for anyone going onto the streets with a knife.

“If you are arrested and found guilty of carrying an offensive weapon in public, you can be sentenced, with up to four years in prison.

“Operation Sceptre is an opportunity to avoid temptation and the risk of getting into very serious trouble by handing weapons into the police to be disposed of safely - please take it.”

Supt Pannone said work is carried out regularly to reduce the impact of knife crime and inform people about the dangers.

“Officers and community support officers hold sessions with schools and youth groups to educate young people on the danger of knives,” he added.

“Every knife that is handed in to police is one less knife that can be used to hurt somebody – or worse.

“I would encourage anyone who has a knife that they want to safely dispose of to take this opportunity to do so.”

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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