

Cumbria Police Authority

The Police Authority is independent of the police force and is responsible for holding it to account on behalf of the public in Cumbria. We have 17 members whose role is to make sure that the police are fighting crime effectively and providing value for money.

Message from Ray Cole, Police Authority Chairman

The past year has seen some very difficult and tragic times for communities in Cumbria. Our members have listened to your concerns and feedback and have passed these onto the police. We want to make sure that you get a quality service which continues to improve, even in the face of these unprecedented events.

We have listened to what you want from the police and agreed that they will aim to:

- Continue to keep crime at low levels and tackle anti-social behaviour
- Deal with the issues that matter to you in your area
- Keep people safe from harm, including working to reduce domestic violence
- Deliver a fair and quality service that the public can be confident in
- Find ways to make savings, become more efficient and reduce sickness so that we can sustain frontline services



Police Authority Chairman Ray Cole speaking to local shoppers.

Young people have their say

Young people we have spoken to are concerned about speeding vehicles, burglary and anti-social behaviour. These are now priorities for the police. They also wanted closer relationships with local police officers and we are working with the police to make sure that they deal with young people in a consistent way across the county.



Over the next year, we will be listening to more people's views across the county. We want to hear about the issues that matter to you and your experience of the police.

We want to hear your views

For details of our events and how you can have your say, visit our website or contact us.

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Safer Stronger Cumbria Local Policing Summary



Message from Chief Constable Craig Mackey

It has been a very difficult last 12 months. We as a community have had to deal with the most exceptional set of incidents from the devastating floods in November, where we lost our colleague PC Bill Barker, to the tragic coach crash on the A66 which took the lives of three people. Recently there were the horrific shootings where 12 innocent people lost their lives and 12 were injured.

The true spirit of Cumbria is in the strength of our communities and we will continue to work together to support each other as we rebuild our area.

Despite recent events, Cumbria is a safe place to work, live and visit. We have a reputation for low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour, which have reduced during 2009/2010 by 9% and 8% respectively. I am committed to ensuring we continue to provide you with an excellent policing service, tackling your priorities to maintain a safer stronger Cumbria.



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Safer Stronger Community Meetings



The number one priority for police in Cumbria is tackling the issues that matter most to you in your community.

We hold monthly meetings which are your opportunity to tell us what is important to you in your area. We work with you to set what we call community priorities, which allows us to focus our policing activities.

To find out when and where your local meeting is, contact your neighbourhood policing team on 0845 33 00 247 or visit www.cumbria.police.uk

Last year you asked us to deal with the following issues which concerned you the most:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Dangerous driving
- Public disorder
- Criminal damage
- Underage drinking
- Drug dealing

North Cumbria News

- There were 774 fewer victims of crime and 1,108 fewer incidents of anti-social behaviour reported.
- The number of vehicles stolen has reduced by 41 to 226 and reports of criminal damage went down by 461 incidents to 2,339.
- We effectively tackled serious and organised crime, with successes including a Carlisle sex attacker being sentenced to 12 years in prison and three men pleading guilty to the robbery of a cash-in-transit van in Harraby.

South Cumbria News

- There were 598 fewer victims of crimes and 1,196 fewer anti-social behaviour incidents reported to us.
- The streets of South Cumbria are safer with 139 fewer reports of violent crime (including assaults), a reduction of 5.6%. These results reflect the good work with our partners such as the licensees, county and district council to tackle violent crime in our towns and homes.

West Cumbria News

- There were 1,411 fewer victims of crime and 1,119 fewer anti-social behaviour incidents reported.
- We focused on preventing crime and managing known offenders in your area and as a result there were 60 fewer house burglaries reported, a reduction of almost 20%.
- We have led multi-agency responses to major incidents, including the floods in November, the major road incident on the A66 in May and more recently the horrific shootings. We are committed to continue to support the affected families and communities.

Our Achievements 2009/2010

- Overall crime has reduced by 9%. There were 2,783 fewer victims of crime.
- There were 3,423 fewer incidents of anti-social behaviour, a reduction of 8%.
- There have been 1,571 fewer incidents of criminal damage reported to police, a reduction of 17.5%.
- We've reduced costs by nearly £1 million and improved our performance at the same time.
- Officers continue their successful fight against organised crime, targeting major drug dealers at the source, seizing the proceeds of crime and making Cumbria's streets safer.
- Cumbria continues to be a safe place to live, work and visit. Crime rates are continuing to fall so you can be confident in Cumbria Constabulary.

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