

COMMUNITY MESSAGING IN NORTHUMBERLAND

BE INFORMED

Please find the following Coquetdale Community Message update covering the period 30th April to the 2nd June 2014.

Eight (8) x crimes were reported over this period:

Rothbury

Criminal Damage (Arson)

Occurred between Friday 16/05/14 and Sunday 18/05/14 at Beggars Rigg, Rothbury, when a wooden picnic bench was damaged by fire. Police enquiries are continuing.
OIC (Officer in the case) PC David Brown

Please could everyone keep an eye on tourist areas where 'fly camping', anti social behaviour or damage may take place.

Contact Coquetdale Police who will deploy to the locations identified, to disrupt and deter such activity.

Thropton

Theft of Wheels

Between Monday 28/04/14 and Friday 02/05/14, an insecure auto compound was entered at Thropton, with several car wheels stolen.
The wheels were from a Suzuki Jeep (value £400)
Police are working with the site owners to clear the compound and improve security.
OIC PC Phil Jack

Eglingham

Damage (motor vehicle)

Occurred between Thursday 15/05/14 and Friday 16/05/14 when a securely parked, unattended motor vehicle had the offside panels scratched with a sharp implement. The vehicle had been parked on the main road near the public house.
Enquiries are continuing, with increased police focus in this area.
OIC PC David Brown

Alwinton

Damage (motor vehicle)

Occurred between 1900 hrs Saturday 10/05/14 and 0130 hrs Sunday 11/05/14 when an unattended

car had the windscreen wiper damaged and deep scratches to the bonnet. The vehicle was parked near the public house, where an 'end of lambing' gathering had been held. Police have questioned two people who were in the area however, there is no suspect information at this time.
OIC PC David Brown

Elsdon

Theft

Occurred between 1200 hrs 28/04/14 and 1400 hrs 30/04/14 at Blaxter Quarry near the water storage chambers, where a digital camera was removed. Police are engaging with all parties and Local Authority partners, in relation to ongoing civil and partnership interventions.
OIC PC Rob Kilburn

Forestburn Gate

Burglary (other than dwelling)

Occurred between 0900 hrs and 1200 hrs Tuesday 20th May at Coltpark Farm, where an unlocked farm outer building was entered and a red Honda quad bike stolen. An old style white transit (no registration number) was seen leaving the area. Enquiries are continuing
OIC PC Phil Jack

Theft of vehicle

Occurred between 1900 hrs 15/05/14 and 1400 hrs 16/05/14 at Eskleth, Hartington. Cambo, where a securely locked, unattended horse lorry was taken from the rear of the private address. The lorry was a maroon Iveco - Ford horse lorry registration W235RNU (value £18,000) Any information, please contact police.
OIC PC Phil Jack

Longframlington

Theft (metal)

Occurred between Wednesday 30/04/14 and Thursday 01/05/14 at Rothbury Road, Longframlington. A building site was entered with an orange skip and 40 x steel lintels stolen. Police patrols are continuing with increased site security
OIC PC Dave Brown

Swarland

Damage

Occurred between 05/05/14 and 17/05/14 where one of the remote lodges at Percy Wood Country Retreat had two sets of solar lights pulled from the cabin and damaged. A very unusual occurrence. Any information, please contact police.
OIC PC David Brown

In summary, our priority is to focus on deterring and disrupting thefts from remote rural farms. Farming communities, please review your security, lock farm gates where possible, remove vehicle keys and securely store property of value. **Always be vigilant and report anything suspicious via the 999 emergency number.**

The offenders are believed to be travelling criminals entering our area. Police will continue to conduct static vehicle checks at key locations across Coquetdale, to deter such crimes.

If anyone has information on emerging crime or disorder, please contact Coquetdale Police. Our aim is to initiate early interventions and where necessary involve partners, to disrupt and prevent escalation.

- **The following link provides useful home and personal security information.**

http://www.northumbria.police.uk/advice_and_information/crime_prevention/index.asp

Other issues:

- In relation to a previously reported damage to an ancient stone at Lordenshaw, a male (22 yrs) from the Whitton and Tosson Parish area admitted to causing the damage and was cautioned.
- Uninvited telephone calls or emails. Do not leave yourself vulnerable to scams. If concerned, simply hang up and do not reply.
- Uninvited door step callers. 'If in doubt, keep them out' Any concerns, contact Northumbria Police.
- At around 11pm on Sunday 25th May, a male (27 yrs) was spoken to by police in relation to throwing eggs at passing vehicles on Rothbury Front Street. He was subsequently interviewed and reported for the offence of disorderly conduct. The male is a local male from the Whitton and Tosson Parish area.

Dogs attacking sheep

On the evening of the 22nd of May a local resident was walking from Newtown to Newtown Park on the public footpath when he found a large cream coloured Husky type dog attacking a sheep. The degree of injury to the ewe was substantial and the vet who attended the incident advised that the sheep be put down. Local police officers contacted the dog's owner who reported that he had lost the dog when returning to his car at the Simonside car park. The dog, which was not on a lead, had chased a deer and disappeared. The ewe had two lambs and the cost of this incident amounts to several hundred pounds which is to be paid by the dog owner. The dog owner who is from Rothbury, has promised to keep his dog on a lead in future. Dog owners should be aware that there are a number of deer in the Simonside woods and that failure to keep a dog under control can lead to incidents of concern, such as this one.

Operation Sanctuary

Operation Sanctuary is an investigation into allegations of a series of sexual offences predominantly within Newcastle, but also in other local authority areas, involving a number of

men from a range of communities and vulnerable female victims, including teenagers and young adults.

From a Coquetdale perspective, if any person presents as potentially vulnerable, whether walking home in the early hours, at a bus stop, on a caravan site, in a public house, B&B accommodation, or fly camping, please call Coquetdale Police.

The safeguarding of people in our community is a priority.

Speeding

Community Speed Watch Deployments:

06/05/14	A697 Longframlington	40 vehicles checked	5 speeding
06/04/14	Rothbury Road, L/Fram.	56 vehicles checked	6 speeding
20/05/14	Church View, L/Horsley	23 vehicles checked	0 speeding
20/05/14	A697 Powburn	70 vehicles checked	11 speeding
20/05/14	Garleigh Bank, Rothbury	50 vehicles checked	3 speeding
20/05/14	Snitter	15 vehicles checked	3 speeding
29/05/14	Rothbury Road, L/Fram.	vehicles checked	0 speeding

A total of thirteen Community Speed Watch Volunteers are now being deployed across Coquetdale and Alnwick, to which the increased deployments reflect.

We are very grateful to our volunteers for their time and commitment to Community Speed Watch, attending community meetings and opening our police station to the public each Saturday 10am to 1pm.

Contacting Coquetdale Police

If you require contact with your local police:

- In an emergency, dial 999
- Non emergency incidents telephone 101
- If you require contact with a specific officer, please telephone 101 and enter extension 61353

(if no reply, please leave a message)

- Alternatively, please dial 101 and speak with our Contact Management Unit who will assist you

in contact with an officer on duty covering Coquetdale.

- email the Coquetdale Neighbourhood Policing Team via alnwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

- Or simply reply to this community message email, for the attention of the Coquetdale Neighbourhood Policing Team

Please note Rothbury Police Station is open 10am to 1pm each Saturday where our Police Volunteers will be on hand to assist and ensure any enquiries, information or concerns are directed to Northumbria Police.

Community Messaging

Finally, if any person you may know requires local police community message updates, email Coquetdale Police.

Please try and refer a friend or relative.

Thank you for your continued support.
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