

COMMUNITY MESSAGING IN NORTHUMBERLAND

BE INFORMED

Please find the following Coquetdale Community Message update covering the period 1st to 31st October 2013.

Six (6) x crimes were reported over this period:

Rothbury

Theft of a child's micro scooter at the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury.

Occurred between 19.00 hrs and 19.30 hrs on Tuesday 15th October.

The unattended orange / black micro scooter had been left insecure, outside the hall where it was removed.

Enquiries are continuing.

OIC PC Maxine Thompson

Drunk and Disorderly

Occurred 1pm Sunday 20th October at Whitton View, Rothbury.

A female (57 yrs) from the Rothbury area, was drunk and abusive to parents attending a family event.

She was reported for the offence and issued with a fixed penalty notice (£90).

OIC Sergeant Graham Vickers

South East Coquetdale

Theft of money from wallet which occurred on the X14 service bus

Occurred between 12 pm and 3 pm 27/10/13 between Newcastle and Longframlington.

A passenger left his wallet on the bus. He later approached the driver on the same route.

The wallet had been handed in however a quantity of cash had been removed.

Enquiries are continuing.

OIC PC Maxine Thompson

North / North West Coquetdale

Assault (GBH)

A domestic assault occurred 2.30 am 08/10/13 at a guest house in the above area.

A male (36 yrs) from Gateshead was arrested, charged (Assault-GBH) and remanded in prison awaiting Crown Court trial.

Safeguarding interventions were put in place to support the victim.

OIC PC Atkin - Protecting Vulnerable Persons Unit.

Harassment

A male was arrested 28/10/13 following a course of abuse and threats directed towards another male which cause harassment.

The arrested male (42 yrs) from Alnwick, was charged with Harassment and appeared at the Mid and South East Magistrates

Court 30/10/13. He was granted conditional bail, to reappear for trial 05/02/14

OIC PC Maxine Thompson

Theft of batteries

Occurred over the weekend from 11/10/13 in the area of Kidland Forest.

Two vehicle batteries were removed from an unattended vehicle.

OIC Sgt Graham Vickers

Theft of Sheep

Occurred from April to October where the farmer at Ottercops Farm reports around 140 sheep have been taken.

Enquiries are continuing with continued focus by police in our remote rural areas.

Crime Prevention

Please adopt a police officer mindset, keep an eye on your community and neighbours.

Immediately report anything suspicious via 999 telephone number.

- *ensure your house is secure and looks occupied when going out*
- *don't advertise valuables in your car*
- *be visible, if riding a bike or when your children are walking to school*
- *uninvited callers - if in doubt, don't engage and keep them out*
- *uninvited phone calls - if in doubt, just hang up*
- *check and prepare your vehicle for winter.*
- *test your smoke alarm*
- *Don't drink and drive*

Halloween

Please be aware that children will soon be knocking on doors collecting sweets and money in fancy dress. If you do wish to give to the trick or treaters then it is always a better option to give out sweets rather than money. If at anytime you are worried about these or they are becoming a nuisance then please call 101. Some elderly relatives and neighbours feel particularly vulnerable walking the streets on the dark nights especially with many groups of children in some very obscure costumes.

Please bear this in mind if you are trick or treating with your own children.

Disorder incidents in Coquetdale remain very low however some focus will be given to Rothbury High Street, to disrupt and deter some egg throwing which occurred last year.

Whilst we embrace children playing, if necessary, have that discussion with your children, to prevent their involvement in such incidents that may cause alarm or distress.

Firework safety advice

November is fast approaching and we all need to be aware of the disorder relating to this time of the year due to fireworks and bonfires. Your neighbourhood policing team at Coquetdale aim to combat any firework/bonfire disorder however historically, incidents in Coquetdale of such disorder are very minimal. Therefore, please reflect on the safety aspect, to which the following refers:

FIREWORKS CODE

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it doesn't go off, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors.



Don't Advertise to Thieves, one chance is all they need.

Whether you are out shopping, in the car or at home, take some simple crime prevention precautions to protect yourself and your property. Northumbria Police will be encouraging people to take care of their personal belongings, whether they are out and about or in the comfort of their home.

Posters and leaflets will be used to remind people of the simple precautions they can take to prevent them becoming a victim of crime, whether it is through removing valuable items from their cars, closing handbags to keep items out of sight or locking doors and windows when at home.

Police are working in partnership with the North East Retail Crime Partnership to ensure that retailers are also passing the safety messages on.

People are encouraged to register any personal property, electronic equipment from lap tops to televisions, bikes and even jewellery on immobilise.com. This service is available free of charge and is used by police forces across the country. It means that if anyone loses an item and police find or recover it, officers have a better chance of reuniting it with its owner.

For more information on protecting your belonging please click here >>> [to visit our website](#)

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

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

Speeding

Community Speed Watch Deployments:

04/10/13	Garleigh Road, Rothbury	51 vehicles checked	6 speeding
04/10/13	Gravelly Bank, Rothbury	50 vehicles checked	8 speeding
04/10/13	Longframlington (Embleton Hall)	60 vehicles checked	4 speeding
29/10/13	Powburn	73 vehicles checked	13 speeding
29/10/13	Longframlington (Embleton Hall)	53 vehicles checked	4 speeding

Coquetdale Police will forward prevention / education letters to the keepers of speeding vehicles.

Police officers will personally deliver letters and speak to drivers where the recorded speed shows

a total disregard to the safety of others.

We are very grateful to our volunteers for their time and commitment

Remembrance Parade and Service - Rothbury 2pm Sunday 10th November 2013

The Coquetdale Policing Team will be in attendance at the parade and service at All Saints Parish Church, Rothbury.

The increasing community attendance and support to this event bears testament to the cohesiveness and compassion of our Coquetdale Community. There will also be a period of silence and reflection at the War Memorial 11am Monday 11th.

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 9am to 3pm 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.

alnwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

Thank you for your continued support.
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