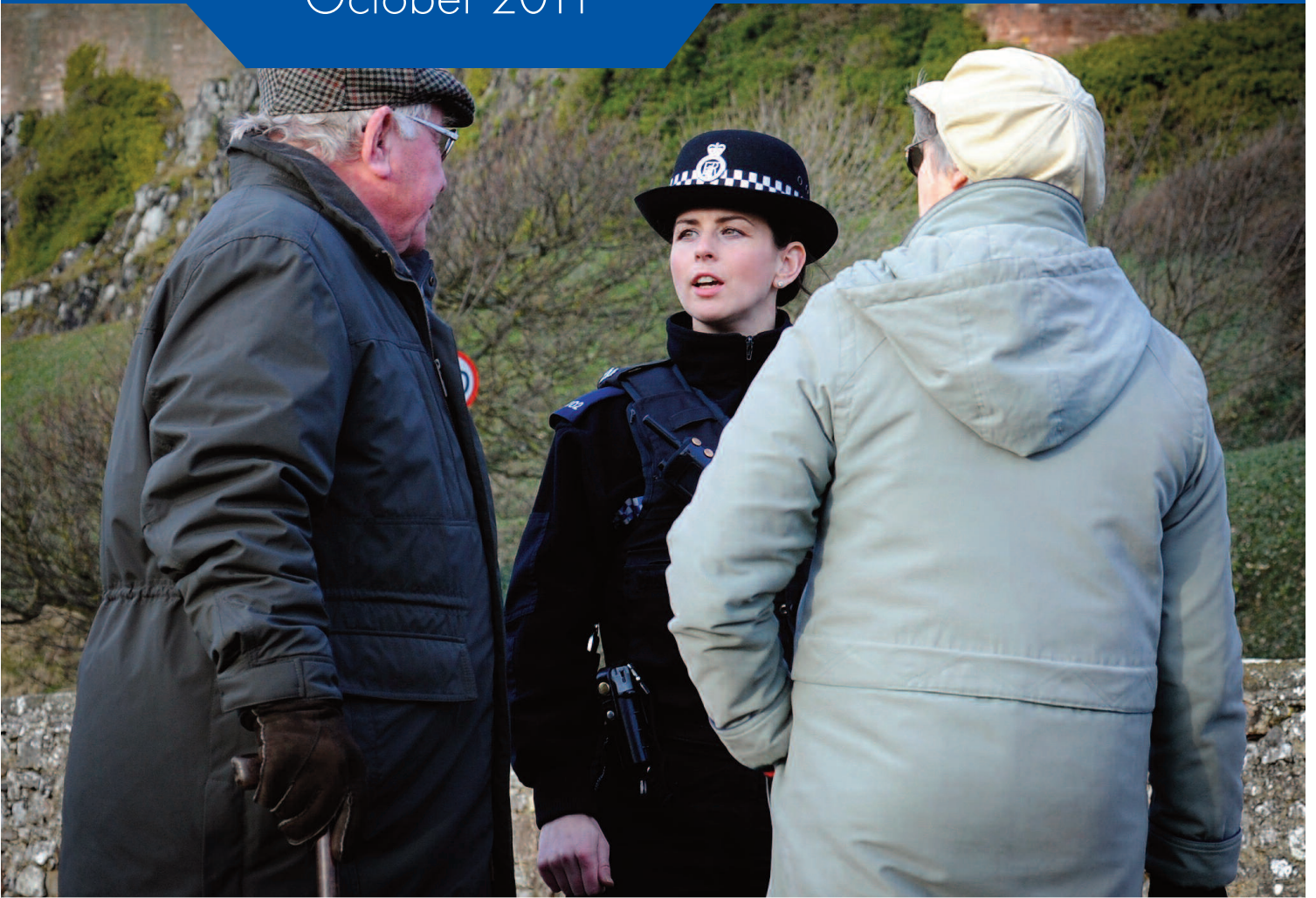


# Community Messaging

Northumberland Update

October 2011



**NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**



Thank you for playing a part in Community Messaging, the service we use to keep you up to date with news and information about your area. Northumbria Police is committed to keeping you up to date with what's happening where you live and what we've done in response to your priorities and concerns.

If you have any information or concerns about crime, disorder or suspicious activity, please let us know.

Your contact details won't be used for any other purpose than for Community Messaging.

Please forward this email to any friends, relatives or colleagues who visit or live in Coquetdale, so we can get our messages to as many people as possible.

To join up as a new member of Community Messaging, forward your name, address, email address and contact phone number to:

**[Alnwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Alnwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk)**

You can also contact us by telephone on  
**03456 043 043 extension 69191,**

or visit our website at  
**[www.northumbria.police.uk](http://www.northumbria.police.uk)**.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Sergeant Graham Vickers*

# Crime and disorder overview

Crime and disorder in Rothbury and Coquetdale remains low. The following crimes were reported since the last update:

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## September 2011

- A 58 year old man was arrested at his home in Rothbury on suspicion of possessing a cannabis plant in his greenhouse.
- Metal drain fittings were stolen from Hedgley Service Station during renovation work.
- Gardening tools were taken from an open, unlocked garage at a house in Thropton.
- A man was arrested for possession of drugs in Longframlington.
- Two suspects were arrested in a stolen car on the A697 following three reported offences, including a burglary at a house in Old Swarland, a disturbed attempted burglary at Shawdon Hill, and the theft of a bicycle at Hedgley Service Station. The suspects were charged and remanded in custody.

## October 2011

- Theft of cable cover at Thrunton Woods and copper from an installation at Corby Craggs.
- Damage to a vehicle boot lock at the Alwinton Show.
- Windows damaged on a mini digger in Harwood Forest.

There were no reports of disorder. Former Rothbury resident June Clifford was evicted by a court and no longer lives in the Coquetdale area.

While there have been two reports of houses being broken into, fortunately such offences are extremely rare in our area and the suspects have been arrested.

We urge you not to be complacent about home security – always remember to lock doors and windows and give the appearance your property is occupied.

If you see any suspicious people or vehicles, please contact us as soon as possible.

# Firework safety

Attending an organised bonfire or firework display is a safer and more enjoyable way to experience this bonfire night.



Polo shirt from girlfriend £60  
Sweatband, model's own £10  
Headphones from Mum & Dad £90  
Life-long scars from messing around with Roman Candle £7.99

**FIREWORKS  
BE SAFE  
NOT SORRY**  
ALWAYS FOLLOW THE CODE

**18+** IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO POSSESS FIREWORKS IN PUBLIC IF YOU'RE UNDER 18

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**If you do use your own fireworks, please remember the 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 carefully.
- 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.
- Keep children away from fireworks and supervise children carefully when at displays.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors.



## Rothbury Neighbourhood Police Volunteers

Rothbury police station is now open 9am to 3pm every Friday and Saturday.

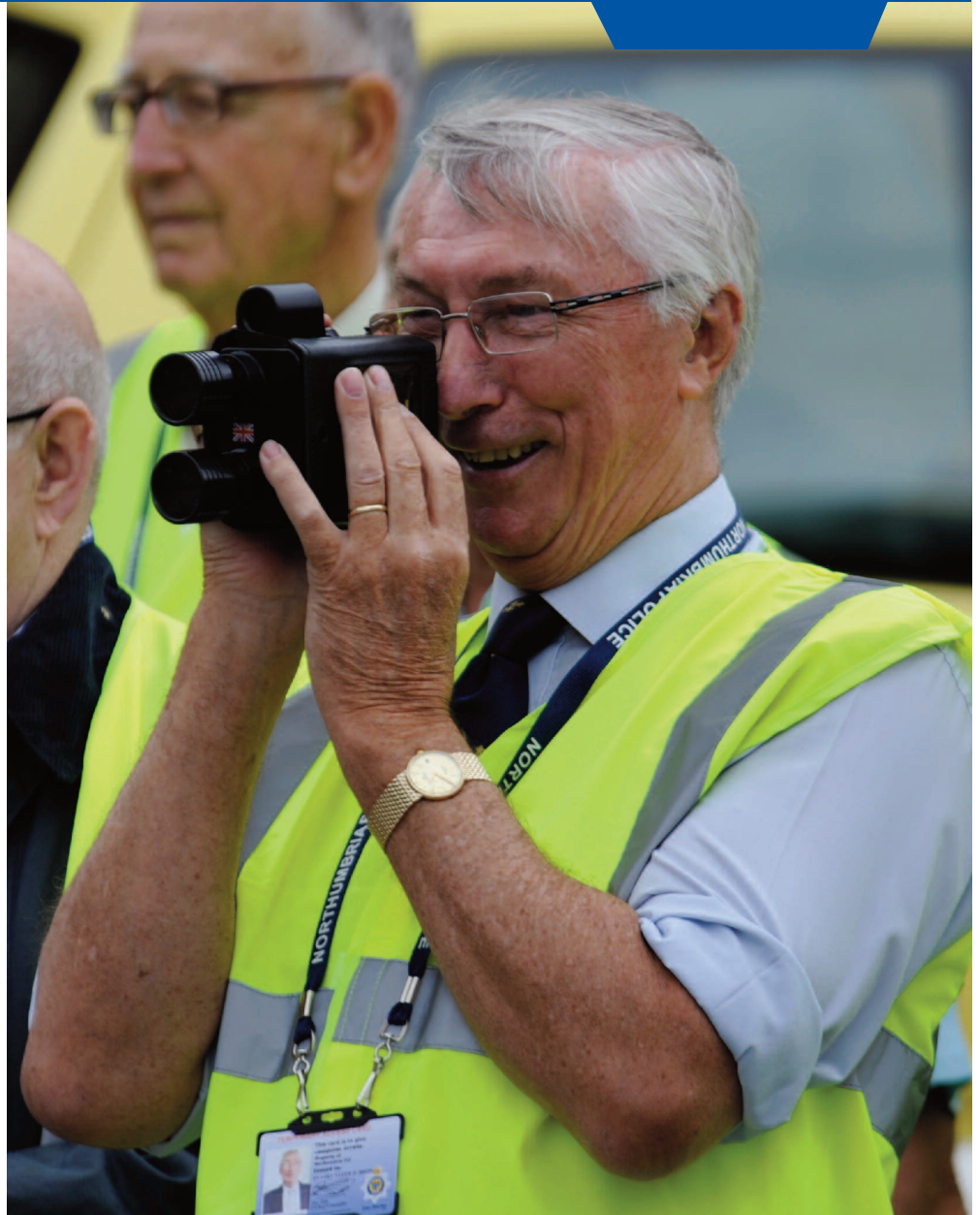
Elizabeth Clifton is one of our volunteers at the station. Elizabeth is vetted to a high standard and has received training at the enquiry office in Alnwick. Her enthusiasm and vast experience in customer relations is an asset to both the police and the local community.

If you need any information or advice, or would like to report an incident, please call in and tell us.

## Coquetdale priority setting forum

Tuesday 22nd November 2011  
Longframlington Community Hall  
on Rothbury Road

The Police and Community Priority Setting Forum gives you the opportunity to tell us about any issues or concerns and also inform us about what you'd like us to focus on in your area. We'll also update you about crime and disorder in your area. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Community Speed Watch expanded in Coquetdale

Community Speed Watch is carried out in our community because residents have identified speeding as one of the issues that affects them the most.

Police officers and Community Speed Watch Volunteers are trained and focus on speeding hotspots. Around 100 prevention letters have been sent to drivers, reminding them of the consequences and dangers of speeding.

As well as the warning letters from Community Speed Watch, police officers continue to issue fixed penalty notices and report offenders for summons, to ensure our roads are safe for everyone to use.

If you are concerned about any particular roads in your area, please let us know and we will look to include them in Community Speed Watch.



## Message from Neighbourhood Inspector Sue Peart

I'm delighted that our Neighbourhood Police Volunteers were nominated for the 'Pride of Northumberland Awards' this year.

Our volunteers are all vetted to the same standard as community police officers and have all received training in data protection, where it is a criminal offence to disclose any confidential information.

Volunteers have also assisted at public events such as the Glendale Show, where a vulnerable lost child was located by one of our volunteers.

The work of Neighbourhood Police Volunteers enables your neighbourhood policing team to be out on patrol where they are most needed. This is helping with the reduction of crime in the area, which is lower than all previous years.

If you're interested in becoming a Neighbourhood Police Volunteer, please get in touch via email or call into the police station.

Thank you,  
Sue

You can contact your local neighbourhood policing team on  
**03456 043 043** extension **69191**.

In an emergency or if a crime is taking place, always **call 999**.

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