

Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

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PCC Agrees Budget for 2022-2023

I am pleased to approve the 2022-2023 budget that will provide the Chief Constable with the necessary money needed to continue to run an effective and efficient Police service. This newly approved budget will be able to support officers being placed in our more rural communities. They will be able to provide a quicker response to any calls that come in from rural and isolated areas and allow more urban-based officers to focus on matters in our larger towns.

Overall, the Constabulary is in a really good position for the next 12 months to continue to fight crime and keep our streets safe.

I remain determined to ensure that Cumbria continues to be one of the safest counties to live, work and visit and this budget allows us to appropriately resource and support our police.

Welcome

Welcome to my first quarterly update which aims to highlight some of the key areas of policing in Cumbria over the last few months.

I intend to shine a spotlight on some of the more prominent pieces of work going on around the county. We will also promote any upcoming surveys and consultations that we are involved in and inform you about the progress being made on some of my main priorities, such as putting victims first, Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) and staying safe online.

For full weekly details and information on news and events, please check out my website.



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Contact 999 in emergencies, if you cannot speak press 55.
Contact 101 or 101emails@cumbria.police.uk in non-emergencies,
or visit www.cumbria-pcc.gov.uk Be Consent Aware for more information

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'Be Consent Aware' campaign

We recently secured £191,583 from the Home Office's Safer Streets funding to make public places in Whitehaven safer for everyone and developed projects to help women and girls feel safer in the town.

The fund has been used to deliver active by-stander training, new lighting and CCTV in Castle Park, and a countywide campaign on raising awareness of consent.

The 'Everyone has the right to consent' campaign, aims to make everyone more consent aware, and challenges attitudes, myths and beliefs around consent, threatening behaviour and harassment.



Police & Crime Plan

One of my key roles as Police and Crime Commissioner is to produce a Police and Crime Plan. I am delighted to be launching the 2021-2025 plan which sets out the direction for policing in Cumbria for the next few years.

It will form the basis of how I hold the force to account on behalf of you, the public.

As part of that process, I will keep you regularly updated on the Force's performance towards your priorities, on my [website](#).

The Property Fund awards grants of up to £2,500 to local clubs and groups

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The Property Fund

The Property Fund invites local clubs and groups to apply for up to £2,500, to help support projects that engage in community initiatives and interventions to reduce crime.

These grants can make a real difference and it is essential that wherever we can, we support our local voluntary groups who provide such a wide range of activities within our communities.

It's good to know that money received from the ill-gotten gains of criminals, can be awarded to projects in our communities, where it is needed most.

Police Cadets

The Constabulary's volunteer Police Cadet scheme helps to provide a strong voice for young people within policing and also gives the cadets a perfect opportunity to learn about policing and make a personal contribution in our local communities.

The scheme creates new experiences and personal challenges for the cadets and most of all, a chance to have fun and be part of a team.

More information: <https://orlo.uk/JUwft>





Please keep dogs on leads when near livestock

I urge dog owners to 'take the lead' this spring and keep their animals under close control when in fields with livestock. Sheep worrying is a serious and preventable crime, yet each year sheep are attacked and killed by dogs in Cumbria.

Safety of Women at Night (SWaN) fund

To help rebuild confidence and trust for women during the night-time economy in Carlisle, I recently secured SWaN funding and commissioned a team of Safer Street volunteers. They are based at a welfare hub situated outside of the train station in the evening, at weekends.

We are also developing a Night-time Charter for local businesses to sign-up to, and make pledges to help create a safer environment for their female patrons on their premises.

In addition, the funding has supported Cumbria University to design an online production on consent and harassment for local school pupils and also a highly visible Violence Against Women & Girls campaign, displayed on public transport across the city.

Click [here](#) for more information.

The risk of sharing indecent images

In response to the Constabulary's Child Centred Policing Team (CCPT) receiving numerous concerns from schools regarding children involved in sharing nude images/sexting, I commissioned TRAC Psychological Limited, to work with young people aged 9 to 17, on the dangers of requesting, taking and sharing indecent images.

We need to raise awareness about the potential risks of requesting, taking and sharing indecent images.

It is vital that young people understand the impact of image sharing, for example the loss of control over the image, not knowing who is really requesting them, and putting themselves at risk of exploitation.

