

'Wooler Beat' Events Programme



- October 18 - 31** - Consultations with parishes, schools, churches and community groups
- October 31** - Halloween Website launch
- November 5** - Joint community police action planning event, 10am - 1pm at the Cheviot Centre
- November 5** - Wooler Beat bonfire & Bonfire Action Planning Launch. At 7pm (venue tbc)
- December 14** - Wooler Crime Disorder Forum Monitoring Event Cheviot Centre
- January 3 2005** - Mobile rural consultation in outlying parishes

Useful Numbers and Websites

- Age Concern 0800 009966
 - Domestic Violence 0808 2000 247
 - Pregnancy Helpline 08457 304030
 - Drinkline 0800 917 8282
 - Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 769 7555
 - Sexual health Line 0800 567 123
 - Childline 0800 1111
 - Samaritans 0845 790 9090
 - NSPCC 0800 800 5000
 - National Drug Helpline 0800 766 600
- www.talktofrank.com

Logo? Let's Go!

School kids - are you a budding graphic designer? Would you like to design a logo for the Wooler Beat Policing Project?

If so, simply send us your logo or mascot idea (you could send it with the completed questionnaire if you want) and you could find yourself in line for a prize!

Send to: **Northumbria Police Authority, FREEPOST NEA 2821, Gateshead NE8 1BR.**

Don't forget to write your name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address on the back.

Want to know more?

For more information about the Wooler Beat Policing Project contact:

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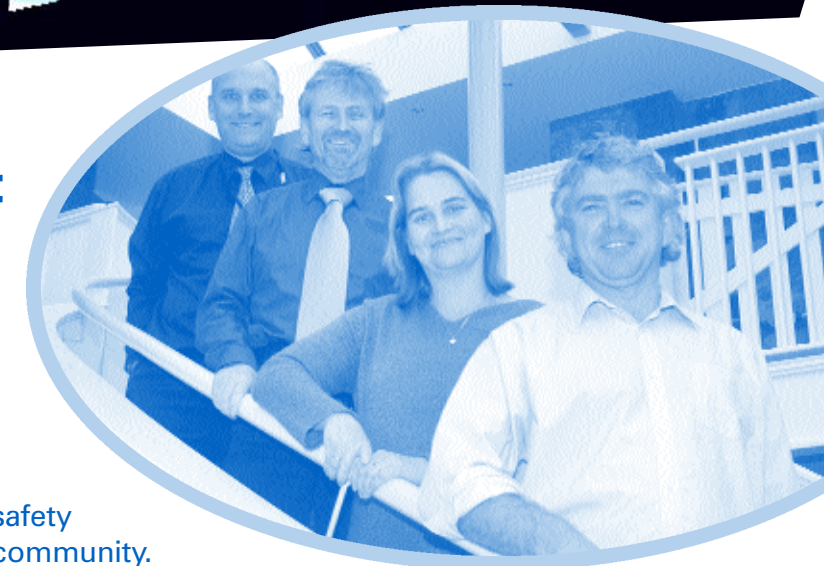
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Wooler Beat Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of Wooler Beat News

This newsletter is part of the new Wooler Beat Policing Project, which has been devised by Northumbria Police Authority, the Wooler Community Police team, and the Wooler Crime and Disorder Forum.

The project aims to bring the local Police and safety services in the Wooler Beat area closer to the community.



How will the Wooler Beat Policing Project work?

The Wooler Beat covers a large area stretching from Cornhill in the North, Ingram in the South extending towards Belford in the East and Kirknewton in the West - an area of more than 64,000 hectares which is home to six thousand people.

To begin with, the Wooler Beat Policing Project will focus on the community in and around the town of Wooler and the Wooler parish area, and then move out to outlying parishes in the new year.

The project aims to find out what the local community's main policing, crime and safety concerns are. It will do this by talking to local people, both directly and through local parish councils, schools, churches and community groups.

Once the key community issues have been identified, the Wooler Beat Policing Project will help the community, local Police officers and the Wooler Crime Disorder Forum to jointly agree an Action Plan. This will contain a range of actions and outcomes which will address your key issues and concerns over the twelve months.

Agreeing to those actions and tasks is not the end of the story, however. We will ensure that the agreed Action Plan is monitored and that regular checks are being made on its progress. How? By getting you, the community, to monitor the Action Plan at meetings of the Wooler Crime and Disorder Forum. So if actions are not being carried out on time, you'll quickly know why.

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Wooler Community Beat Team - Who's Who?



- Inspector Bob Charlton - community police inspector
- Sergeant John Danahar
- Sergeant Rob Burnett
- PC Steve Nolan
- PC Ian Millar
- PC Steve Gresswell
- PC Paul Fisher

The Community Beat team work a varying shift pattern to ensure the large Beat area is covered 24 hours a day.

Keeping You Informed

The Wooler Beat Policing Project will keep you informed about its activities via its own shop front display on Wooler's High Street. It will also have van which we will be taking to more rural areas.

'Wooler Beat News' will be published and distributed quarterly to keep you up to date with actions and plans, and with useful community safety information.

You will also be able to access a Wooler Beat website within the Northumbria Police Authority website at www.northumbria-police-authority.org

Wooler Crime and Disorder Forum

This is a new organisation which will be helping the police and the safety services to make Wooler a safer place to live in.

The forum is made up of representatives of the Police, community safety services, parishes and the local community and will meet regularly to discuss ways of tackling local of crime and disorder issues.

The forum will also be helping to monitor the Wooler Beat Action Plan and ensuring that it meets its targets.

For more information, contact Adrian Cante-Jones, Community Engagement Officer, Northumbria Police Authority on (0191) 433 2809, or email him on adriancantejones@gateshead.gov.uk

Have your say and win £20!

Fill it in and return it by November 1 and we will enter you into a free prize draw to win a £20 gift voucher!

You'll find a community questionnaire inside this issue of Wooler Beat News.

Simply return completed questionnaires to the given address, or deliver it by hand to Wooler Police Station, Glendale Middle school or your local First school.

Crime - The Real Picture

Average total recorded crime figures for Northumberland during 2003-04 show Alnwick and Berwick with the lowest crime totals.

Ward crime figures (per 1000 of the population) show Wooler ranked 9th out of 17 wards, with only 35 recorded crimes per 1000 population.

This compares to Elizabeth ward in Berwick (1st out of 17) with 218 crimes per 1000 and Lowick ward (17th out of 17) with only 9 recorded crimes per 1000 of the population.

Wooler Beat Figures

Here are the crime figures for 2003-04 for the Wooler Police Beat, which is a much larger area than the ward.

Overall, car crime is down whilst incidents of criminal damage and violent behaviour appear to be rising. This is partly due to the introduction of new national reporting standards which means that more incidents of disorder and violent crime are now recorded. In 2002, this led to a 20% increase in recorded incidents.



	2000	2001	2002	2003
Violence against the person	18	16	28	37
Vehicle Interference	1	1	0	1
Theft of Vehicle	3	4	1	2
Theft From Vehicle	4	10	5	2
Other theft & handling stolen goods	17	16	21	21
Other Criminal Damage	13	6	14	33
Other crime	1	3	2	4
Criminal Damage to a vehicle	6	8	11	15
Fraud & Forgery	1	2	5	1
Burglary Dwelling	6	1	2	12
Burglary other	8	15	19	9
Drugs	0	0	1	1

Incidents of Violent Crime 2003-04

Alnwick	228
Berwick	308
Blyth	989
Castle Morpeth	410
Tynedale	435
Wansbeck	787

Berwick District Ward Crime figures 2003/04

Ward	All Crime/1000 pop
Elizabeth	217.85
Spittal	80.23
Seton	63.66
Edward	51.27
Prior	49.26
Islandshire	42.75
Belford	37.77
Shielfield	36.85
Wooler	35.02
North	
Sunderland	34.24
Bamburgh	33.83
Norhamshire	23.45
Beadnell	20.88
Cheviot	15.84
Flodden	12.66
Ford	12.64
Lowick	9.11

If you have any queries about this questionnaire/Newsletter please contact Adrian Cattle-Jones on 0191 433 2809.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire

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Gateshead
NE8 1BR**

Or return it to:

**Wooler Police Station,
Church Street, Wooler,
Glendale Middle School Wooler,
or your local First School.**



Wooler Area 'Beat' Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions by either ticking (✓) the appropriate box(es) or providing the information required. All answers will be treated confidentially.

Your Neighbourhood

This section asks you questions about how you feel about your neighbourhood and the service provided by the police.

Safety

How safe do you feel walking outside in your neighbourhood alone in the daytime?

Very safe Fairly safe A bit unsafe Very unsafe Never go out Don't know

How safe do you feel walking outside in your neighbourhood alone after dark?

Very safe Fairly safe A bit unsafe Very unsafe Never go out Don't know

Why do you feel safe or unsafe?

Crime and Safety Issues in the 'Wooler Beat' area

What are your top three concerns in terms of crime and community safety in the Wooler beat area.

1.

2.

3.

Quality of Service

How satisfied are you with the local Policing service you receive

Very satisfied Fairly satisfied Neither good nor poor Fairly poor Very poor Don't know

How do you feel the policing service in the Wooler area could be improved

Satisfaction with the local Policing service

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't know
Police Presence and visibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacting the Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dealing with youth disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solving violent crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preventing/reducing car crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Giving crime prevention advice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meetings with schools and Community Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Giving feedback to people who report incidents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policing traffic/Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Information

How satisfied are you with the information and feedback you get from Northumbria Police on how your neighbourhood is policed?

Very satisfied Fairly satisfied Neither good nor poor Fairly poor Very poor Don't know

Why do you rate them as good or poor?

What else could the police or other agencies do to make you feel safer?

About You

To help us analyse the questionnaires, it would help us to know a little bit about you.

What is your postcode?

Your Community role: parish councillor volunteer/member of a community organisation/church school governor none

Are you: Male Female

Are you: Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44
45-54 55-64 65-74 75+

How would you like to receive this information and Newsletter in future?

Police Authority Website Personal e-mail Via library, schools or community centres

If you require information using e-mail please provide your e-mail address (this will not be disclosed to any third party)