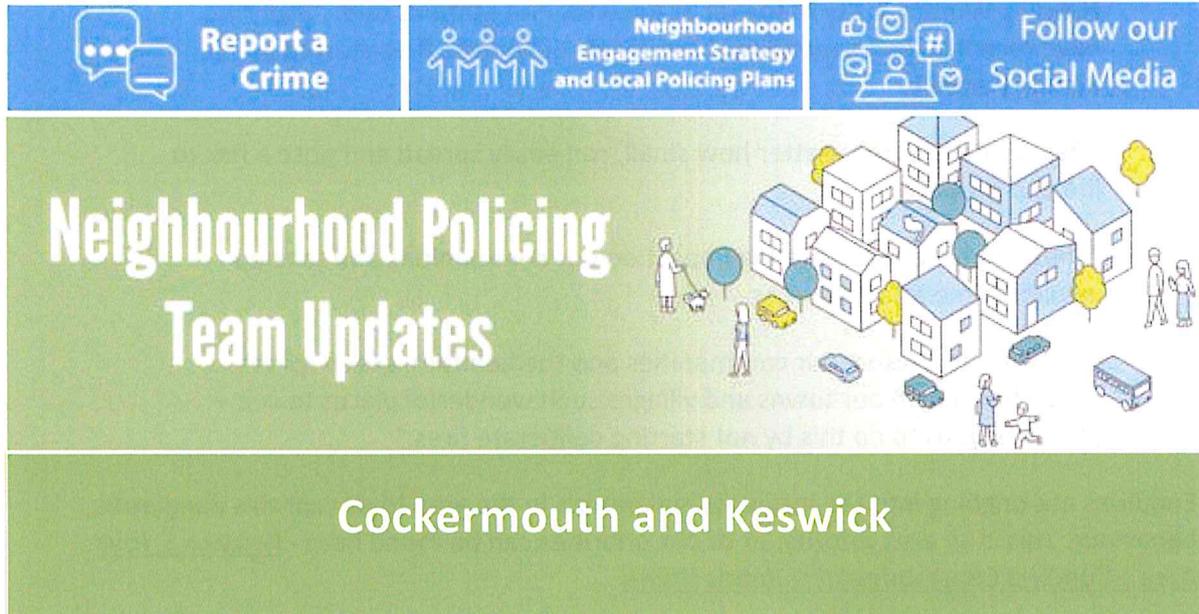


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Welcome to the September edition of your Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter.

Our team continue to work hard to keep our community safe, connected, and informed. From tackling anti-social behaviour and supporting vulnerable residents, to engaging with local schools and hosting community drop-in sessions, it's been a busy and productive few weeks.

As always, your feedback and support are vital to the work we do and we want to hear from YOU.

The National Policing Social Media Survey is your chance to shape how we connect with our communities online.

Take the survey now [👉 Social media survey | Police.uk](#)



Inspector Steven Waddell

Police investigating Fitz Park fires issue advice

Officers are investigating a number of fires that have been started in Fitz Park, Keswick over a couple of months.

The fires reported include incidents of waste bins set alight and fires started in grassed areas.

The incidents have been reported since the 30 July.

Officers alongside Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service are highlighting the dangers that these fires could have.

Howard Winter, Crew Manager at Keswick Fire Station, said: “Sadly we have recently seen a number of seemingly deliberate fires started in Fitz Park in Keswick.

“Deliberate fires, no matter how small, can easily spread and pose a risk to life and property.

“They can have a devastating impact on our communities and take up valuable time and resources.

“We want to protect our communities and the beautiful green spaces which help make our towns and villages such wonderful places to live – please help us to do this by not starting deliberate fires.”

Enquiries are ongoing into the incidents and patrols in the area to disrupt this dangerous behaviour. This is an area priority, or of our priorities can be found here - [Keswick | Your Area | Cumbria Constabulary | Cumbria Police](#)

Anyone with information on the fires can report online at www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it. You can also phone on 101.

Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.



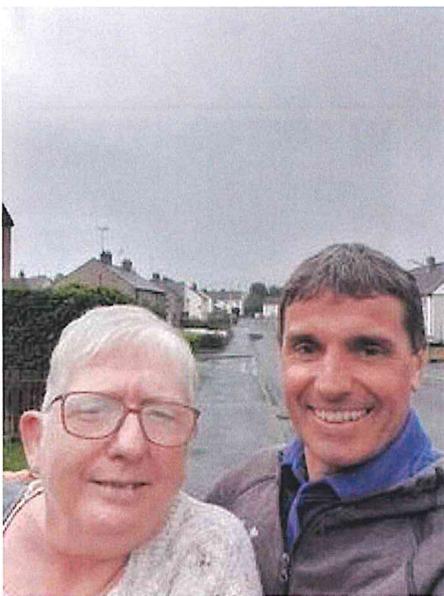
West Cumbria Society for the Blind

On 4 September, PCSO Clare Parker attended a session with West Cumbria Society for the Blind.

These sessions provide support for visually impaired people in West Cumbria.

It was lovely to speak to the people who had lots of questions in relation to my role.

I was able to provide them with some useful leaflets and information.



Support visits

On 3 September, PCSO Pete Nichol and Shirley Murphy from Autism support Allerdale and Copeland are doing neurodiversity visits to a family in Cockermouth and two families in Silloth.

After the visits are done the charity pick up all of the After care that may be needed.

The visits are also to help break down barriers between the police and neurodiverse people who may struggle having contact with the police and build better relations with those people.

Speed checks

PCSOs have been in several locations on 28 August in Cockermouth, including Windmill Lane and Castlegate Drive, recording drivers speed.

Speeding concerns have been raised by local residents.

We would like to hope that being in the area reduces any speed related incidents, making the roads safer.

Speed checks will continue in various locations over the weekend.



Parking in the Lake District

We'd like to remind everyone visiting the Lake District to park responsibly and legally. Blocking highways, gateways, or access routes not only causes frustration for residents and other road users, but it also poses a serious risk to lives.

🚒 Emergency services need clear access at all times. Irresponsible parking can delay ambulances, fire crews, and mountain rescue teams when every second counts.

✅ Please use designated car parks and approved laybys.

❌ Do not park on verges, block roads, or restrict access.

We are aware there is a major issue with parking in certain areas with issues in Borrowdale and Buttermere both being an area priority. Our teams are continuing to monitor the situation closely. Parking tickets have been issued and enforcement will remain in place.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the Lake District safe and accessible for all. Let's protect this beautiful place and the people in it. ❤️

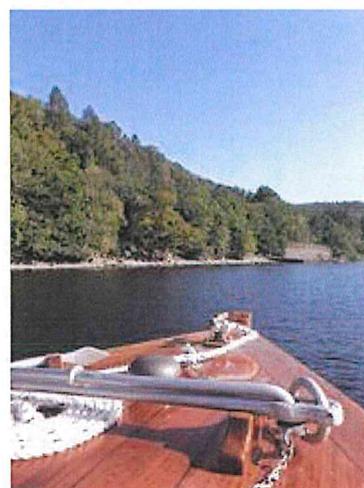
Patrols

Following reports of fly camping and BBQ use along the lakeside, officers from Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team have been carrying out patrols around the shoreline.

They have also utilised the Keswick Launch to identify hotspots and deter unlawful activity.

We want to remind the public that:

- BBQs and open fires pose a significant fire risk and can cause harm to the local environment and wildlife.
- Fly camping often results in littering and damage to the lakeshore, which will not be tolerated.



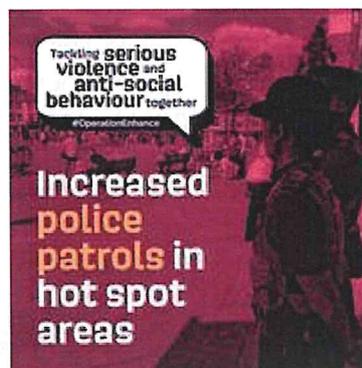
Officers will continue to patrol the area, and enforcement action will be taken where offences are identified.

Thank you to members of the community who continue to report concerns and help us protect the lakeside for everyone

OPERATION ENHANCE: Extra patrols in your area!

Police Officers are still hitting the streets with extra patrols as part of Operation Enhance. The Operation aims to tackle anti-social behaviour and serious violence in hotspot areas across the county.

You've asked to see more bobbies on the beat – so we are delivering. These extra patrols mean residents feel safer in their own community and criminals think twice before breaking the law.



The Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team and Response Officers are regularly out on the streets, talking to residents and businesses to learn more about the local concerns. The more we know, the more we can do to tackle any issues. If you are aware of any criminality, continue to call the Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency – or stop them in the street when you stop them on their patrols.

The Operation has been made possible thanks to £1 million of extra funding secured by Cumbria's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, David Allen, from the Government's Hotspot Response Fund.

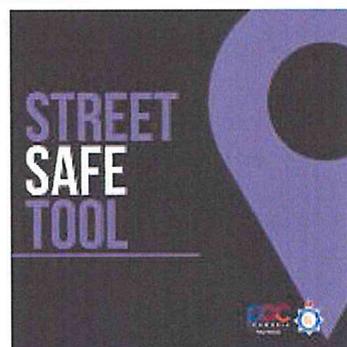
As part of the operation, the public is encouraged to report anti-social behaviour by visiting the constabulary's website <https://orlo.uk/gKvGc> or our non-emergency number 101. In an emergency always call 999. Information and intelligence from the public is vital so we can work together to tackle issues in their communities.

Find out more about Operation Enhance: <https://orlo.uk/ec9p7>

StreetSafe is a service that allows you to report safety concerns in public places without giving us your name.

This includes issues like poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings, or vandalism, as well as instances where you feel unsafe due to someone following or verbally abusing you.

Report an issue here: [StreetSafe | Cumbria Police](#)



Upcoming community police events 🚓

📌 Cockermouth library
📅 Fri 26 September 2025
🕒 3:00PM - 4:00PM

Your local officers

Want to know who your local officers are?

Simply go to our website - www.cumbria.police.uk



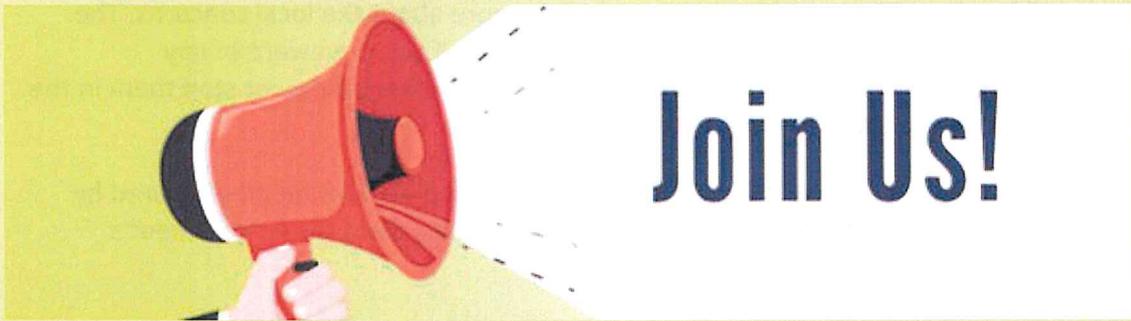
 Keswick Library
 Wed 01 October 2025
 10:00AM - 11:00AM

For more information, please visit our website and enter your postcode in the Your Area section.

[Visit Your Area](#)

Scroll down the home page and you can browse different areas to see who your local team are - or enter your postcode.

Not only will you be able to find out who your named local officers and PCSOs are, you will also be able to view our local policing priorities and details of any meetings or events we will be attending.



Have you ever thought about being a police officer?

You could make a real difference to people in Cumbria and help keep them safe.

Not sure if policing is for you?

This short quiz should be able to help 

[Take the quiz](#)

Which route is right for you?

Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship

Did you know you can join Cumbria Constabulary as a degree apprentice and work towards a degree whilst serving as a student officer with active frontline duties?



**POLICE CONSTABLE
DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP**

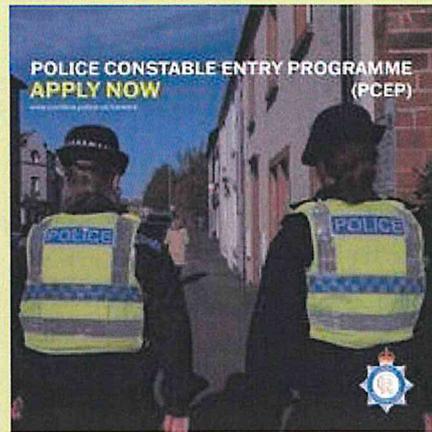
- £29,907 starting salary increasing to £48,231
- Three year academic course
- Completed while working operationally
- Graduate with a BSc (Hons) Professional Police Practice degree

Apply today

○ Police Constable Entry Programme (PCEP)

This is a two year programme which gives a blend of practical on-the-job experience and classroom-based learning.

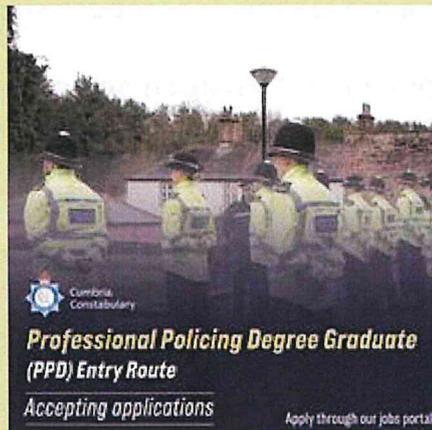
Once you leave training school, you will then go onto to your allocated station then eventually go onto independent patrols and will be assessed for the remainder of the two-year programme.



○ Professional Policing Degree Graduate (PPD)

To be eligible to apply, you will need to have taken a three-year BSc professional policing programme offered by universities that are licensed and validated to deliver the degree by the College of Policing.

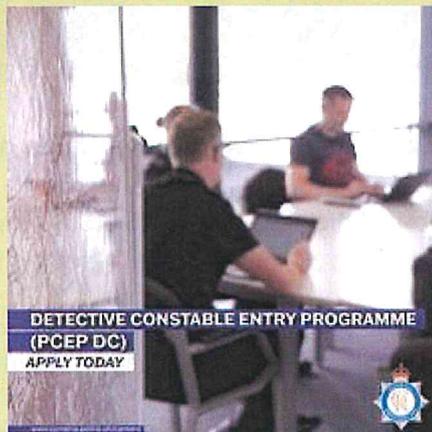
For more information about the entry route and the role visit: [Job profile](#)



○ PCEP DC pathway

Our Detective entry programme (PCEP DC) is open for applications.

The two year programme is designed to equip you with all the skills and training necessary to ensure that on completion you will be a highly competent detective constable.



○ Transferees

Do you or someone you know work for another force?
Looking for a new challenge?

When you join Cumbria Police you will have new opportunities and with this, you will be able to make a positive difference to the lives of those who live here.



We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated people to apply now to join us.

For more information on police officer entry routes and staff roles, please visit www.cumbria.police.uk/careers.



Cumbria Police ranked top force nationally by public in range of survey results

Cumbria Police has been ranked the top force in England and Wales in most categories of a national survey that deals with people's perceptions of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Officers and staff in the constabulary were rated number one nationally for understanding local concerns – and then dealing with them.

Residents' responses placed the force joint top in terms of agreeing it can be relied on when needed.

As well as this, the force was the outright leader about treating people with respect - and joint top again for people agreeing they would be treated fairly.

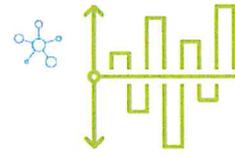
Cumbria came first in England and Wales for overall confidence in local policing.

Chief Constable (Temporary) Darren Martland said: "These results are based on direct feedback from our communities, and I am pleased that the hard work of our officers and staff has been recognised by the communities they serve." **Read more [here](#).**



Crime Figures

Further information can be found on Police.Uk
 Click here to visit the website



Please note the data contained on Police.uk is not live time

Offence Class	Current Period	Previous Period	Change	% Change
Arson and Criminal Damage	15	5	10	200.0 %
Burglary	3	1	2	200.0 %
Drug Offences	4	3	1	33.3 %
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	1	1	0	0.0 %
Possession of Weapons		1	1	-100.0 %
Public Order Offences	7	10	3	-30.0 %
Robbery		1	1	-100.0 %
Sexual Offences	3	5	2	-40.0 %
Theft	9	15	6	-40.0 %
Vehicle Offences	2	3	1	-33.3 %
Violence Against the Person	38	25	13	52.0 %
Total	82	70	12	17.1 %

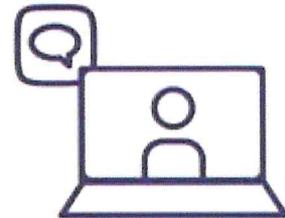
Please report any incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour to us, to help us keep Cumbria safe.

If a crime is in progress always call 999.

You can report online at
<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it>

Our online Live Chat function is a new service giving you an alternative way to communicate with a Police Officer in real time. [More here.](#)

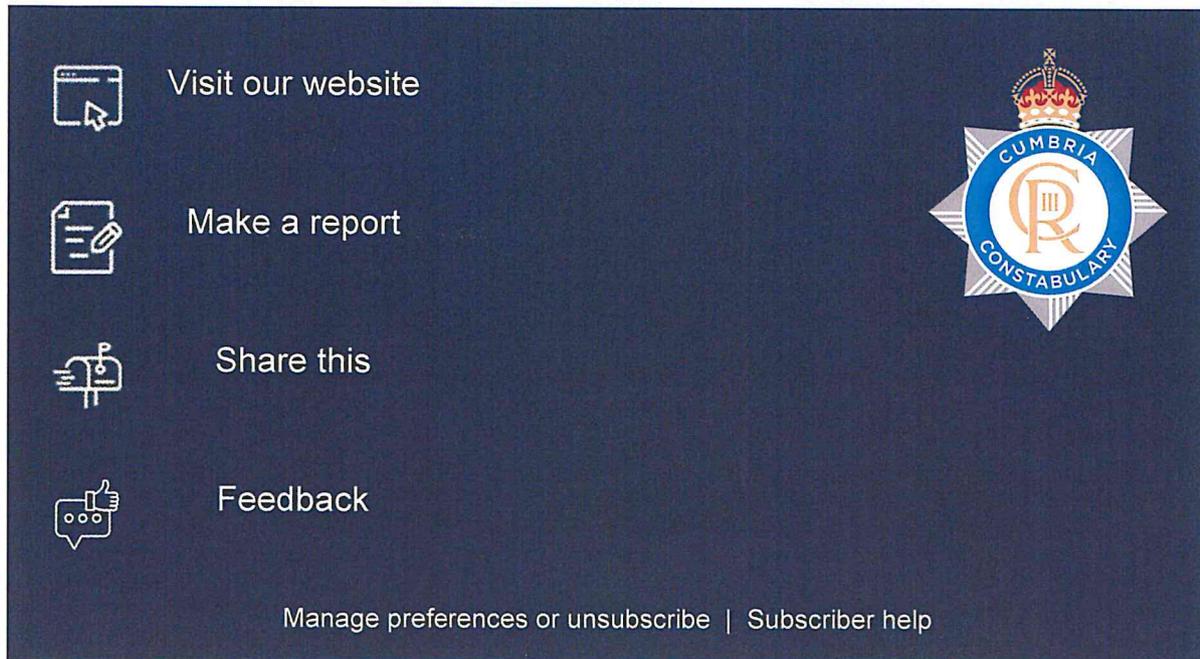
You can also phone on 101.
 Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.



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