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Neighbourhood Policing Team Updates



Cockermouth and Keswick

April 2026

A welcome from Sergeant McKinnell

Welcome to the April edition of your Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter.

Our team continue to work hard to keep our community safe, connected, and informed.

Over the last month we have targeted your area priorities.

If you have any concerns or issues you can report them to us online - [Report | Cumbria Police](#) or on 101.

You can find out your local area priorities and who your local officers are here - [Allerdale | Cumbria Police](#) select 'Your area', then 'On the team'.

Sergeant Neil McKinnell - Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team



Essential News and Updates

Obstructive and dangerous parking

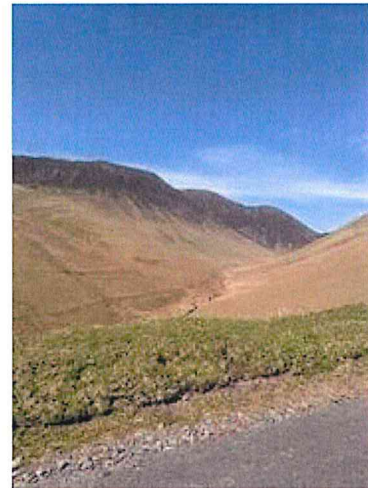
On 25 April, Community Beat Officer for Keswick, PC Chris Moss was out in the areas of Keswick, Portinscale and Buttermere following reports of drivers parking in a dangerous or obstructive manner.

Whilst it is great to see and speak with so many people utilising our outstanding national park areas, its important to remind everyone that when visiting any area, you must park reasonably and responsibly.

If an emergency vehicle needs to get through for any reason, we need to be able to pass quickly as it could be life saving.

Thankfully the vehicles that were seen had been parked safely and nobody needed to be asked to move on.

As the weather improves and we see more and more people make use of our amazing outdoor spaces, expect to see more patrols keeping the roads clear and safe for all where we can.

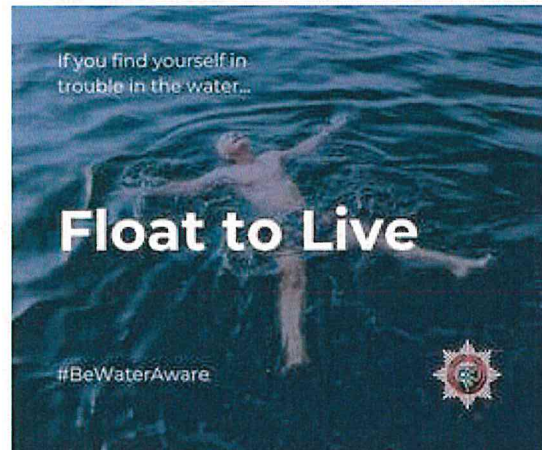


Police raids executed across north and west Cumbria to tackle suspected drugs crime

Police carried out nine raids across north and west Cumbria in the latest day of intensified action on drugs crime in the county.

Six arrests were made and suspected heroin, cocaine, amphetamine, MDMA and cannabis seized as officers were deployed in Carlisle, Cockermouth, Whitehaven and Workington.

[Read more here](#)



Be Water Aware Week

Spending time by the water should be enjoyable – but it can be dangerous. Many accidental drownings are preventable.

If you get into difficulty in water

Float to Live:

1. Tilt your head back, submerging your ears
2. Relax and control your breathing
3. Move your hands and legs to help you stay afloat
4. Your legs may sink – that's okay, everyone floats differently
5. Practise floating at a supervised location like a swimming pool



Op Spotlight – Drink and drug drivers arrested across county in road safety operation

Dangerous drivers have been targeted throughout April as part of a nationwide road safety crackdown, targeting the Fatal Four.

[Read more here](#)

If you see someone struggling in water

Phone, Tell, Throw:

1. Phone 999 to get help
2. Tell them to stay calm and float on their back
3. Throw them something that floats until emergency services arrive

Do not enter the water yourself.

[Learn more about how to enjoy your time in, on, and around water safely here](#)

Response to recent community survey

Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team has reviewed responses from a recent community survey. Thank you to everyone who took part - your feedback helps shape local policing priorities.

Key Concerns Identified

Road Safety in Embleton

Reports of speeding remain a concern. While only a small number of vehicles exceed limits, enforcement activity is planned to address this.

Borrowdale, Newlands & Buttermere Valleys

Issues around road safety and fly camping continue, particularly following last summer. Officers are carrying out regular patrols during busy periods, with several tickets already issued for obstructive parking. This work will continue in the coming months.

Anti-Social Behaviour & Drug Activity in Keswick

Police are aware of ongoing concerns about ASB and suspected drug dealing. Work is underway to identify those involved and take appropriate action.

Ongoing Action

Local officers will remain focused on tackling these issues, alongside responding to crime



and disorder across the area. A follow-up survey will take place in three months to track progress and gather further community feedback.

How to Report Concerns

Your reports are vital - please continue to speak up:

Online: [Report a crime | Cumbria Police](#)

Phone: 101 (non-emergency)

Emergency: Always dial 999 if a crime is in progress

Anonymous: Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111

Together, we can help keep Keswick and the wider Allerdale area safe.

Keswick Mountain Festival

It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying the sunshine at Keswick Mountain Festival.

With great music, delicious food and a brilliant atmosphere, it was a wonderful day for everyone involved.

Allerdale Police were delighted to be part of it and would like to thank everyone for helping make it such a positive and enjoyable event. We look forward to seeing more of you over the weekend!



One team. One message. One goal.

Across Cumbria, sports clubs, coaches and athletes are coming together to take action against suicide. This is about looking out for your mates, starting conversations, and breaking the silence.

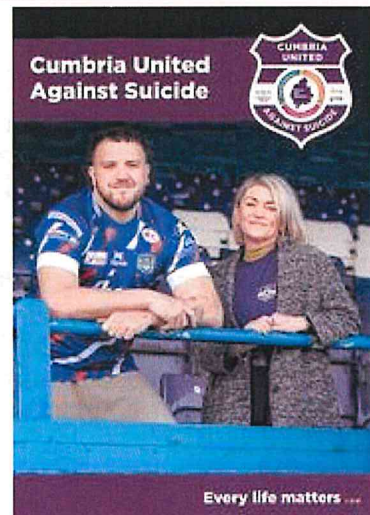
Please take a moment to watch the video [here](#), and share it with your club, teammates and community. The more people we reach, the bigger the difference we can make.

Thanks to the incredible coaches and athletes that stepped out of their comfort zone to feature in our first campaign.

This is only the beginning. Get involved. Get sharing. Get talking.

Come on Cumbria!!! We can do this!

In partnership with [Cumberland Council](#) Funded by [Active Cumbria](#) and The Decommissioning Alliance (TDA).



[Read more here](#)

Our Priorities - *You said, we did*

Cockermouth School Parking

Residents and parents raised concerns about unsafe and inconsiderate parking outside Cockermouth School, particularly at busy drop-off and pick-up times.

PCSO Clare attended the area at the end of the school day and observed several vehicles parked on double yellow lines, causing unnecessary obstructions. Engagement and reassurance were provided, and drivers were reminded of the importance of parking safely and legally.

We continue to work with the school, who are doing all they can to improve safety around the site, especially during peak times.

Please remember:

If you are dropping off or collecting children, always observe road markings and park responsibly to help keep everyone safe.



Operation Merlin

Officers have made arrests across the county, including in Cockermouth and Keswick, as part of a coordinated effort to tackle offending and bring wanted individuals to justice.



**Operation
Merlin**

Pursuing offenders

Activity included:


- Arrests of individuals failing to attend court, who were subsequently handed over to the courts
- Offenders recalled to prison for breaching licence conditions
- Arrests for breach of bail conditions and Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs)
- A man arrested on suspicion of drug driving, dangerous driving and failing to stop
- A man arrested on suspicion of possession of drugs with intent to supply
- Two teenagers arrested in Cockermouth in connection with racially aggravated criminal damage, who have since been bailed while enquiries continue

Operation Merlin remains a key part of Cumbria Police's work to protect communities across areas including Keswick and Cockermouth, ensuring offenders are held accountable.

Upcoming community police events


Buttermere Bash

 Fri 29 May 2026


 2pm to 3pm

Keswick Library

 Tue 9 June 2026

 10am to 11am

Main Street, Cockermouth - Outside Greggs

 Wed 10 June 2026

 10am to 11am

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

Visit your area



Your local officers

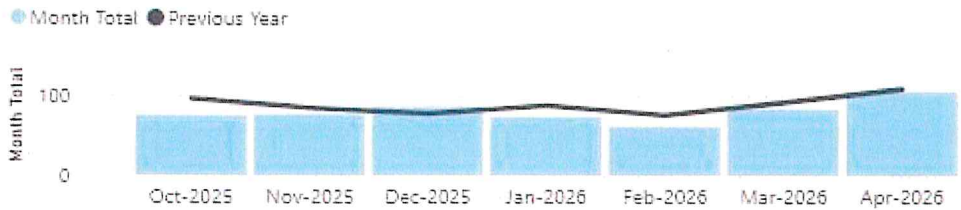
Not only will you be able to find out who your named local officers and PCSOs are, you will also be able to view our local policing priorities and details of any meetings or events we will be attending.

Meet your local officers

Crime Figures

Further information can be found on [Police.uk](https://www.police.uk)

Offence Class	Current Period	Previous Period	Change	% Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Violence Against the Person	33	46	-13	-28.3 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Offences	12	1	11	1100.0 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Theft	9	23	-14	-60.9 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Offences	3	2	1	50.0 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Order Offences	14	7	7	100.0 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Possession of Weapons		4	-4	-100.0 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	4	2	2	100.0 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Offences	2	4	-2	-50.0 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Burglary	4		4	0.0 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Arson and Criminal Damage	13	13	0	0.0 %
Total	94	102	-8	-7.8 %



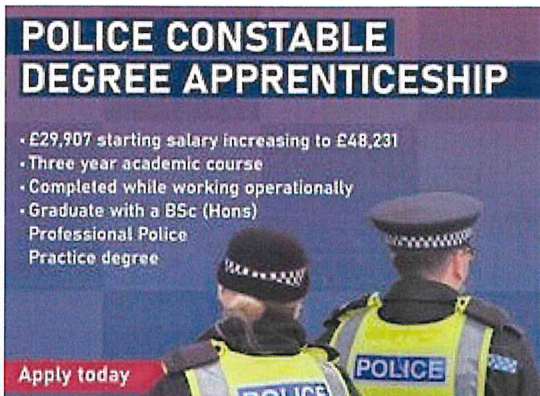
Join us!

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 Entry Programme (PCEP)

This is a two year programme which gives a blend of practical on-the-job experience and classroom-based learning. You will then go onto to your allocated station.

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.

[Find out more](#)

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