



NEWCASTLE NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 2



"Over the past few months, we've seen exceptional examples of dedication, professionalism and community spirit from our policing teams"

Chief Inspector Darren McGrath

Key Stats 2023-24 / 2024-25

- ASB - Down 2%
- Domestic Abuse - Down 12%
- Fraud - Down 26%
- SVAWG - Down 10%
(SVAWG - Serious Violence against Women & Girls)

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Message From Chief Inspector Darren McGrath

We're delighted to bring you the second edition of our Police & Partner Newsletter - a space dedicated to celebrating the outstanding work of our local officers.

I also look forward to meeting some of you in person at our local engagement events and our community safety day on 14th August 2025. Since our first edition, due to the hard work of local officers, problem solvers and partners, crime has continued to fall in Newcastle.

Business Crime

Newcastle LPT has recently seen an increase in retail crime in particular, shopliftings.

To combat this, we now have 3 dedicated business crime leads. These officers will receive additional training in crime prevention methods and will work closely with local retail stores who have suffered repeat criminality. Additionally, Newcastle is part of a Hot Spot policing zone, which receives additional uniformed patrols at key times based on analysis.



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JAN 28-30	KIDSGROVE TALKE BUTT LANE NEWCHAPEL MOW COP	JUNE 23	WOLSTANTON MAY BANK
FEB 19	LOGGERHEADS	JULY 8	WESTBURY PARK NORTHWOOD
MARCH 17	CHESTERTON HOLDITCH	AUGUST 11	SILVERDALE
MARCH 18	CRACKLEY RED STREET	AUGUST 21	THISTLEBERRY
APRIL 3	AUDLEY	SEPT 24	KEELE
MAY 8	BRADWELL PORTHILL	SEPT 25	MADELEY & BETLEY
MAY 20	KNUTTON CROSS HEATH	OCT 15	MAER WHITMORE
JUNE 11	CLAYTON WESTLANDS	OCT 27-31	NEWCASTLE

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In focus - County & Proactive Rural Team

Each issue, we'll focus on a department in the Police or Council that work hard to ensure that residents, businesses and visitors feel safe in the Borough.

Newcastle and Moorlands LPT are now benefiting from a dedicated pro-active team that specifically look at serious and acquisitive crime, which includes burglary and car crime.

They work closely with the local problem-solving teams to reduce crime and bring offenders to justice.

Sgt Anckaert who heads up the Northern Team is passionate about keeping communities safe, and despite operating a small team of officers, they have already yielded some impressive results - including drug seizures worth multiple thousands of pounds, and the targetting of multiple offenders causing the highest harm to the people of Newcastle under Lyme.

Sgt Anckaert said "We work extremely hard around the clock to target those who cause the most harm to our communities. We strive to make it uncomfortable for offenders to operate and target areas based on local intelligence, crime trends and patterns"

Community Safety Day

Thursday 14th August 10am - 2pm

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a community safety day in Queens Gardens and Ironmarket, Newcastle. The day will include representatives from all 3 emergency services (Police, Ambulance, Fire).

We will also have community safety partners inside Castle House, which will be open to the general public, including

- * Aspire
- * Local Authority
- * ASB HArmony
- * Safe Space

These organisations can all offer support and key advice around housing, antisocial behaviour, partnership work and how we keep those most vulnerable safe. More information will be available nearer the time.

Civic Pride

We are proud of Newcastle-under-Lyme and hope you share that same pride in our area.

Throughout the year, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council, alongside partners such as Staffordshire Police, Staffordshire County Council, and Aspire Housing, will be hosting "Civic Pride" events, where the community can take part in numerous events designed to showcase what your area has to offer. The next event is in Silverdale on August 11th

Keep an eye on social media for updates using #PrideInNUL or visit www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/community/civic-pride-1

A full list of dates throughout the year in your area are above and further information will appear on social media closer to the date.

News from the Council

As part of ASB Awareness Week (30th June - 4th July), officers from N-u-L Borough Council, Staffordshire Police and Aspire Housing, came together to host a series of community drop-in sessions and neighbourhood walkabouts. These events provided valuable opportunities for residents to engage directly with local partners, share concerns and learn more about the ongoing work to address anti-social behaviour across the Borough.

The Civic Pride Investment Fund, launched by N-u-L Borough Council, is now open for applications. This initiative offers small grants to support local projects that enhance community spirit and promote a cleaner, safer and more welcoming Borough. Local organisations are encouraged to apply online before the first-round deadline on 11th July

Staffordshire SPACE

The Staffordshire Space scheme is a summer programme (for ages 8-17) run by Staffordshire's Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner. It's funded mainly through Proceeds of Crime and contributions from the Fire & Rescue Service, offering fun, positive activities—like sports, arts, and outdoor trips—to vulnerable youths and communities.

Last year (summer 2024), it engaged over 8,600 young people in more than 2,400 activities, contributing to a 81% reduction in youth-related antisocial behaviour compared to 2016. For more information, visit <https://staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk/space>



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