

Autumn Newsletter 2023

# Cumbria Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner

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## Welcome

Welcome to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's (PFCC) quarterly update which aims to highlight some of the key areas of work that have taken place over the last few months.

For the latest news and police updates click [here](#), to sign up to your local 'In Focus' police newsletter.

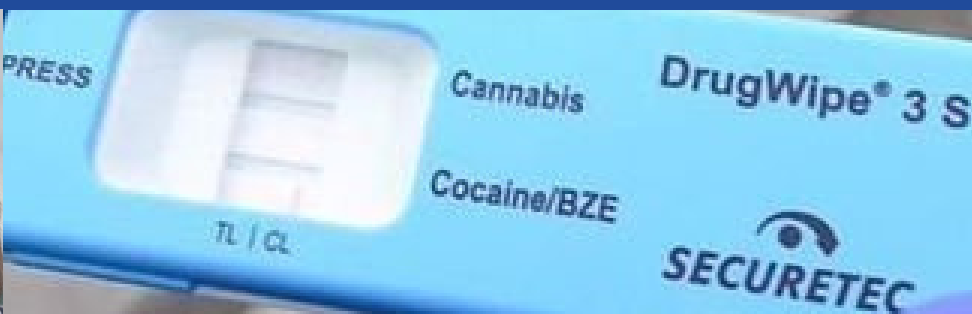
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**CUMBRIA**  
EVEN SAFER

Cumbria Police launched its new, dedicated Roads Policing Unit (RPU) recently, as part of a commitment to road safety and saving lives on the county's roads.

Peter McCall, said: "Dangerous antisocial driving is a concern that is continuously raised with me as PFCC, and is one of my key priorities for the Police to tackle. We have listened to the concerns people have raised and I'm pleased that we are now able to put more focus on these issues, and indeed other crimes committed whilst using the road network."



## New Roads Policing launch



## Drug driving over takes drink driving in Cumbria

During 2022-2023, 1,424 arrests were made for drink and drug driving offences, 58% of which were related to drug driving. In the last 12 months (August 2022 - July 2023) in Cumbria, 32% of people drug wiped have resulted in 313 arrests (991 drugs wipes taken, of which 313 tested positive). The highest number of positive drug wipe tests occurred in the 20–36-year-old age. Click [here](#) for more information

## The Property Fund is now open!

For more details on how to apply

Click [here](#)

Closing date  
25 November

Clifton community day

[www.cumbria-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.cumbria-pcc.gov.uk)



# New Rural Crime Team

Cumbria Police Rural Crime Team was launched recently during a National Rural Crime Week 18 to 24 September. The Rural Crime Police Team have a dedicated Facebook page here - <https://www.facebook.com/cumbriapoliceruralcrimeteam> where the team will highlight issues, incidents, and advice on how our communities can keep themselves safe.



Cumbria Police Rural Crime team

## Recruitment now open!

We are looking for independent custody visitor volunteers, to check the welfare of detainees.



## Independent Custody Visitors Scheme

[Click here for more info](#)

## Cumbrian Rugby teams encouraged to 'call out' violence against women and girls

Rugby League teams across Cumbria are being encouraged to take part in a social media competition to raise awareness of violence against women and girls (VAWG). Teams post a picture online of their players standing shoulder-to-shoulder and state they are calling out misogynistic, violent behaviour towards women. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Jack Taylor Memorial Shield

Congratulations to the winning cadet team from Penrith, who fought off some tough competition from other cadet units from Carlisle, Kendal, Barrow and Workington in this year's cadet Memorial Shield competition.





# WESTMORLAND SHOW

## Rural crime and online safety

Mike Johnson comments: “As a rural county, engaging with our rural communities is incredibly important. It was great to speak with so many people at the Westmorland Show about keeping themselves safe when online”. For more information, [click here](#).



Get Safe Online, an international organisation that the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (OPFCC) commission, provides people with information and advice on how to keep safe when using the internet. For more information, [click here](#)



## Cumbria Pride

Thanks to everyone who visited our stall at Cumbria Pride this year. It was a great family event.





# IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Deputy PFCC, Mike Johnson out and about with officers on the beat

Mike Johnson, said: “Cumbria is one of the most rural counties in the country and I know that everyone wants to see more of the police in their community. Having dedicated officers deployed from local areas, especially in rural locations, is vital. They establish relationships and build trust with local residents and the wider community.”



CBO and Special in Whitehaven



PCSO in Ulverston



CBO and PCSO in Moss Bay ward



# LADY BATHURST PRAISES VOLUNTEERS

Lady Bathurst, founder of the National Foundation for Retired Service Animals, took time out from her Land's End to John O'Groats charity cycle, to thank our Animal Welfare Scheme volunteers recently. The scheme ensures Cumbria's police dogs are properly cared for and receive the highest standards of welfare while serving on behalf of the force. More information, [click here](#).







## OUT AND ABOUT WITH CUMBRIA FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Deputy Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner, Mike Johnson comments: “It’s been great to visit so many different Fire stations over the last few months and hear the ideas and views from our Fire officers.”



## WE ARE RECRUITING

We are looking for new members to join our Ethics and Integrity Panel.

The Panel challenges, encourages and supports Peter McCall and the Chief Constable in monitoring and dealing with integrity and ethical issues within the Constabulary and the OPFCC.

Click [here](#) for more information



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