

# Chief Constable's Report to the Police Authority



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**AREA COMMANDERS/DEPARTMENT HEADS – MONTHLY REPORTS**

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<b>Incidents of Note</b>
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West Cumbria

- On 17<sup>th</sup> Nov a baby's body was found in a waste bin at the Woolpack public house, Boot. A murder enquiry was commenced and a female has since been charged with murder. The investigation continues under the name Operation Bo.
- A ram raid on the HSBC bank in Aspatria attracted county- wide media coverage when a stolen JCB was used to attempt to remove the cash machine. The offenders fled empty handed and the investigation continues.
- Pc 1775 Keith Hunton was involved in a heroic rescue of a suicidal woman from the sea at Whitehaven.
- 14<sup>th</sup> October, responding to a call from a shopkeeper, a youth was challenged by police and made off. He entered the River Derwent, which was swollen, by floodwater. The youth immediately had difficulty, and was washed down-river, and tracked by officers with a limited view. Eventually Sgt Paul Brown swam to him and dragged him to the bank with assistance from PC Bruce Kemp. Treated at scene with oxygen by ARV crew, and taken to WCH for treatment
- Further Flooding occurred during September, this time affecting a number of our more rural communities, and once again local officers were praised for their actions in assisting those in need.

South Cumbria

- The last week of November saw work with licensing colleagues from Barrow Borough Council to enforce the closure of a public house in Barrow Town Centre - one of the first closures under the new regulations. Thanks to local intelligence provided by the new Licensing PCSO, the police and Local Authority were able to act swiftly and close down premises that were no longer licensed to sell alcohol.
- A joint partnership initiative has placed three eighteen-year-old " Apprentices" in the COPS offices in Kendal and Barrow. Completely funded by Cumbria County Council, the three young people work under the Pathways to Employment scheme and give practical support and involvement in the day-to-day running of COPS community based activities. This has already sparked interest in possible careers in the police and work is underway to formally link their experiences to educationally recognised qualifications. This is a new initiative, which the apprentices enjoy considerably, and is attracting interest from managers outside the COPS environment.

North Cumbria

- The Tragic Death of 6-week-old baby at Penrith is being investigated and enquiries are continuing.
- Further Flooding occurred in the area, mainly within the city on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October but not on the same scale as that seen earlier in the year.
- A fatal road traffic collision occurred on the A6 at Plumpton in October involving cars traveling in opposite directions. Both vehicles were driven by local women one of whom was killed instantly and the second subsequently died in hospital.

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- A further road traffic collision occurred at Greystoke when a vehicle left the road and collided with a tree resulting in one of the young female passengers receiving fatal injuries. Again she was a local and tragically her parents had attended the scene.
- A serious assault occurred in Botchergate resulting in a male person receiving head injuries. Three local Persistent Young Offenders were arrested and enquiries are continuing.
- A rape enquiry is ongoing after an incident in Victoria Rd, Carlisle. Two men were arrested.
- After a drugs related death in Botcherby Avenue, Carlisle a person arrested on suspicion of supply controlled drugs. Enquiries are continuing.

### Operational Support Department

- MSG –Lothian & Borders police reported that a male had been abducted (with violence) by three others and was travelling southbound towards Cumbria. The vehicle was subsequently stopped without incident and three persons arrested. The victim who was badly injured was safely released. In the second incident an anonymous call was received that a male in the Labour Club, Workington was in possession of pistol. The premises were contained and the male challenged on leaving the club. He was found to be in possession of a sawn down air gun when arrested by armed officers.
- MSG – The tactic of using a 'Stinger' on the motorway was instrumental in concluding two pursuits on the motorway. In the first a stolen motor vehicle from Preston was sighted at junction 43 of the M6 Northbound by an MSG patrol. The vehicle failed to stop for the patrol, stinger was authorised and deployed the vehicle was stopped and 2 arrested. In the second a VW Golf circulated by Lothian and Borders was pursued. The vehicle was linked to two robberies in Edinburgh where cash-in-transit staff were assaulted whilst refilling ATM's and cash in excess of £15000 stolen. The vehicle was sighted M6 Southbound after ANPR activation and eventually stung at Borrowbeck after failing to stop. Both occupants from the Merseyside area were arrested.

### Constabulary Commitment

- Operation Tanzania in mid – November saw specially trained Detective officers assisting in the post mortem and identification process following an air crash which resulted in the tragic death of a well know South Cumbria family, who had been holidaying in Africa.

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## Reducing Crime

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- The Smartwater property marking initiative was formally launched in September and has been rolled out on an appointment basis to residents on the Hillside Estate, Maryport. Local Officers, PCSO and the Neighbourhood Support Team are all involved in the scheme in an effort to reduce Burglary and Theft offences.
- Operation Longway, the initiative brought in to address nighttime violence and disorder in Whitehaven and Workington, was extended from the summer months to include the Christmas period. The operation effectively covers the whole of the Area and fulfils both the National Alcohol Misuse Enforcement Campaign and Nightsafe requirements.
- 47 local officers have been trained in the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition equipment. (ANPR). Each LPT has been required to run an ANPR operation during a specific week, thereby ensuring that the Area is making effective and regular use of the technology.
- The Anti social Behaviour Unit have successfully executed a number of Crack House closures during this period, most noteworthy a house in Maryport, a haven for a number of active criminals. This closure received considerable media coverage and has reinforced the message that we will not only target criminals' assets through Financial Investigations, but will also strip them of accommodation when necessary.
- A dangerous and unpredictable Egremont man with a self inflicted brain injury is now subject of an ASBO after 18 months of work compiling evidence during which time a judge had previously refused to grant the ASBO. The individual is now on bail for numerous breaches of the ASBO conditions.
- A number of joint agency presentations covering Drug assisted sexual assault have been delivered with West Cumbria Rape Crisis in the run up to Christmas. This targeted intervention has also involved the police in training of the Rape Crisis Counsellors.
- The Community Safety Dept. have been heavily involved in educational projects with the local secondary schools: Citizenship classes at both Whitehaven Schools, Nightsafe Alcohol Education at Silloth, "Carrying the Can ", a binge drinking programme in Copeland and a Bullying theatre production with Allerdale schools.
- The application for a Safer Business Award for Whitehaven compiled in partnership with the Business Against Crime Whitehaven Group, has been praised as being of benchmark status by the Regional Director of the Award Scheme.

### South Cumbria

- Strategies to promote public safety and reduce crime, especially alcohol related violence are in progress. In Barrow COPS PC Lindsey Bolton is leading the operation whose theme is " Don't do drunk" and a wide ranging local campaign to discourage drunken excess and disorderly behaviour which often mars the festive season is now getting underway with the full support of partner organisations.
- The Barrow initiatives are matched in Kendal, where COPS officer, PC John Brooks is leading a joint effort with partners to target Licensees, customers and

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partygoers with a series of safe drinking and safe partying messages, supporting those of the national campaign.

- The festive season will see the first big challenge for the Barrow initiative where a PCSO has been appointed to focus upon the Licensing Trade and the late night economy. Using partnership-funding support, the Licensing PCSO works in close support of COPS Community officers to address issues affecting licensed premises and is now playing a full part in the police monitoring and response to the latest Licensing regulations.
- Criminal Damage has now been included in the South Cumbria Control strategy. This has long been an issue for communities whose quality of life was often impacted by petty and mindless vandalism and graffiti. What was a primary concern of Community Officers can now also be progressed by Patrol Officers as a priority. Support from Crime Scene Investigators colleagues has been arranged, where appropriate and police officers will now automatically be despatched to attend all reports of criminal damage to dwelling houses and motor vehicles in an effort to increase detection rates (currently standing at 14%). This work is in its earliest days but success in this area is being monitored through the daily tasking process and overseen by the Senior Management Team.
- Kendal has recently been awarded the Safer Business Award, one of only 200 towns in the UK to be so honoured. This award recognises the hard work of the business community of Kendal in making the town one of the safest places to shop, to work and to conduct business. A key worker in gaining this award is Mark Price – the Kendal Business Crime Manager. Mr Price is based in Kendal Police Station COPS office and funded by local partnerships. He has access to the full range of COPS resources to support his public safety and crime prevention work.
- Planning has now commenced to extend the Streetsafe series of community safety operations to the more rural reaches of South Cumbria. Led by COPS officers, it is intended to provide partnership support and crime prevention advice to more rural and remote communities starting in Spring 2006. Officers will be supported by some of the latest Crime Prevention technology in a timely effort to combat criminals who target such as quad bikes, farm equipment and more remote businesses and dwellings.

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- Operation Manse – Policing of flood damaged areas private security patrols worked until the end October 05.
- Prolific and Other Priority Offenders – Top priority offenders targeted by PPO team others by LPT staff.
- Operation Migraine - targets evening and late night alcohol related violent crime principally in Carlisle City Centre. A full review of the operation, which involves a partnership between pubs and clubs, local authority CCTV operatives with the police carrying out high visibility patrols, has been carried out and the times of operation amended and extended. These have been adjusted to respond to potential difficulties arising out of the new Licensing Act. The same principals are also operating in Penrith under Operation Majic; this has resulted in a reduction of violent crime in the town.
- Funding has been obtained for the December Home Office Alcohol Misuse Campaign this will strengthen existing patrols and link in with the coordinated

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approached developed through the BCU's violent crime action plan. Activities include, messages on beer mats, lollipops for those leaving nightclubs distributed by door staff, a poster campaign and the use of a projector that will display message on building throughout Carlisle. Regular licensed premises visits will take place and plain-clothes officers targeting sales to young and drunken customers in conjunction with trading standards. Publicity is being promulgated through Internet based crime prevention advice, on the News and Star website, Radio Cumbria, CFM and the Warner Village magazine.

- Operation 'POCO' - latest in series of cross border operations with Co Durham Police re isolated rural crime on Alston Moor.
- The Prolific Offender Team has made 331 arrests since March. 50% have been brought to justice, including 34 who were identified prolific offenders. 27 arrest for burglary, 41 for vehicle crime, 27 for violent crime, 40 for drugs, 46 for class A warrants and 150 were for other offences.
- Interim ASBO obtained on a 15year old girl from Brampton who had committed numerous assaults on other youngsters in the town.

### Operational Support Department

- Dog Section - The section has been involved in 93 crime and drug related intelligence led operations. These resulted in 50 arrests for crime related offences and recovery of approximately £7000 worth of substances including Heroin, Crack Cocaine, Amphetamine and Cannabis together with £1000 cash (drug related money).

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## Investigating Crime

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- The Area Intelligence Unit have prepared 145 action packages in relation to Control Strategy priorities during this period.
- Operation Ukelele was conducted over a three-month period to address the increase in burglary and vehicle crime within the Millom area. A number of arrests were made and property recovered including a number of vehicles /scooters that had been stolen in the area.
- A male was arrested following a telephone call made to the communications centre where he threatened to kill Muslims. The man was charged under the Telecommunications Act and a Racially Aggravated Public Order Offence.
- An individual wanted in connection with 7 burglaries in the Copeland Rural area was arrested in Essex and has since admitted all 7 offences.
- Dedicated investigation teams are currently working on a number of high profile investigations:
  - *Operation Harlequin*, investigation into the actions of a doctor following a death in clinical care.
  - *Operation Lyric*, ill treatment of a child by its mother. The mother has been charged with 3 counts of Grievous Bodily Harm and 8 counts of cruelty.
  - *Operation Bo*, a woman has been charged with murder/ Infant destruction after a newborn infants body was found in a bin at Boot, Millom.
  - The *ram raid* at the HSBC Bank, Aspatria, which is a cross, border operation.
  - *Operation Bodkin*, investigation into death in clinical care.
- November 23rd, one male caught committing aggravated burglary at Workington, having attacked the occupier. Young male charged and remanded to Local Authority care.
- The Financial Investigation unit has been working on 6 long-term investigations during this period. One such investigation, Operation Bedouin, involves the purchasing of houses by an individual in an attempt to legitimise money obtained through thefts of diesel, quad bikes and burglaries. Enquiries are nearing completion with an arrest and interview strategy in place for a date in January. Post conviction, there is potential for a large confiscation order.

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- Operation Saffron – the police operation to combat Merseyside drug dealers and the intimidation of witnesses in Barrow recently resulted in ten people receiving a total of nearly fifty years imprisonment between them at Preston Crown Court on 4 November.
- October in Barrow saw Operation Sandstorm come to fruition when a suspected drug dealer from Accrington, Lancashire was arrested on Barrow Railway Station following a successful police operation. The man was in possession of heroin valued at between £45,000 – 50,000, which has proven to be the largest seizure of heroin in Barrow. He remains in custody, pending sentencing.
- A series of recent club and pub burglaries in Barrow were linked to similar offences earlier in summer. Following investigation, three local youths were

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arrested and are now serving prison sentences. Good detective work also resolved a recent series of sneak in house burglaries in the Walney area of Barrow. A man committing burglaries to feed his drug addiction was arrested and is now serving a term of imprisonment.

- Officers remain vigilant following a number of burglaries recently, which have targeted premises with cash machines. The burglars have shown a sophisticated approach to preparing and entering the premises and efforts are still underway to identify and apprehend those responsible, who are believed to come from outside the County.

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- A Large amount of cash together with related documents was seized in a Financial Investigation operation at Carlisle. Cash was seized from various addresses that were searched, along with crucial evidence implicating the principal subject in money laundering offences. It is anticipated that this evidence will enable confirmation of other high value criminal assets of the principal suspect.
- A male with an Irish accent sexually assaulted a 13-year-old boy. Extensive enquiries through mobile phone cell sites identified a male in Ireland who has subsequently been charged and is awaiting trial.
- A female was raped at the Southend Road Car Park, Penrith by two males who are awaiting trial on 3 counts.
- A local man arrested for supply of controlled drugs in City nightclubs. Large amount of ecstasy tablets recovered from his home. He is currently awaiting sentence at Court.
- An aggravated burglary took place at a house in Carlisle. A male broke into ex partners house and seriously assaulted her and her new partner with a baseball bat.
- Local Man arrested for Racially Aggravated harassment to the owners of takeaway food establishment, large amount of National Front material found at his home, awaiting trial.
- A woman was arrested for offences of shoplifting extensive enquiries were made which resulted in 374 detected offences. She was stealing items from shops in Carlisle and selling them on Ebay she received a non-custodial sentence at Court
- The City Centre team of officers has dealt with over 400 shoplifters this year so far.
- A young girl was reported as having been kidnapped on Wigton Road, Carlisle, officers deployed in the Area the following week arrested a male who has been charged with the offence.
- Persistence into the investigation of a local man for serious disorder and assault in a Penrith nightclub (despite reluctance of victim's family and then tragic death of victim in a road traffic collision) ultimately resulted in guilty plea at Crown Court.
- Operation Myrrh has been running in Appleby LPT for just over a year targeted at drug supply. The results to date include 36 premises searches 25 with a positive result, 55 arrests, 28 court appearances and 24 cautions.

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### Operational Support Department

- TSG – In November search warrants were executed in Barrow. As a result a shotgun and quantity of drugs were seized. In October TSG arrested 6 people in Operation Ascetic targeting travelling criminals bringing drugs into the county.

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## Promoting Safety

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- The Area adopted a corporate approach to licensing hours in the run up to the new regulations to ensure that closing times were proportionate and reasonable. Our intentions were promoted through Nightsafe and were supported by the Licensing Authorities.
- The Police along with the County Council and Voluntary Service were involved in a community engagement event organised by AWAZ in Whitehaven during November. This event has led to greater networking between the agencies and the Black and Minority Ethnic Community and has the makings of an embryonic Independent Advisory Group for West Cumbria.
- Whitehaven LPT has successfully curtailed the opening hours of late night takeaway premises within the town centre as part of its Nightsafe strategy. These premises are required to close at 0130 hours rather than the intended 3am finish, which had been requested.
- A link to the RNIB has led to three personal safety presentations to blind and visually impaired groups in West Cumbria. These presentations aimed at providing advice to this hard to reach group and included issues of personal safety, dealing with doorstep callers and road safety issues. These events have also provided the opportunity for engagement with other CDRP initiatives in order to reduce crime and in particular the fear of crime within this vulnerable group.
- The Architect Liaison Officer has been engaged in work with Allerdale Borough Council to provide CCTV coverage in the new shopping centre development at Workington and has reviewed plans for a 98 house residential development in Workington.
- Operation Autumn – Forcewide operation to evaluate levels of hate crime at take-ways during peak periods has commenced in the Area.
- Well-publicised work by local officers in the area of Bellbrigg Lonning, Cockermouth, to address an increasing problem of youth disorder/nuisance, has resulted in a reduction of complaints to its lowest level this year.

### South Cumbria

- Concern remains over the number of fatal and serious road traffic collisions on the roads of South Cumbria. Mid November saw the installation of some of the first fixed safety cameras on the main roads of South Lakeland, on the A590 between Meathop and Gilpin Bridge, an area regrettably well known for its history of serious road collisions.
- The portable speed-monitoring unit has been utilised at Lupton and at Garsdale, with very positive feedback from the Parish Councils concerned. These are both notable accident hotspots of particular concern for both the Police and the local community. The monitoring unit has been used in conjunction with the Parish Councils for the respective areas and is a remarkably effective tool for both reducing casualties and addressing the fears of the community.

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- Operation Theseus was implemented throughout North Cumbria in response to the London bombings. Community Officers were tasked to increase their visits and routine contact with Black and Minority Ethnic groups to provide reassurance. Local Mosques and takeaway premises form the focus of this contact. Fortnightly meeting held with key individuals to ascertain any local tensions.
- Joint operation with Trading Standards re test purchase at supermarkets and 'off-licences in Penrith Town and rural area (4 Fixed Penalty Notices issued for offences disclosed)
- Appleby Community beat manager instrumental in bringing " Smartrisk Heroes" road show to Appleby grammar school. This professional presentation is aimed at casualty reduction amongst teenagers from RTCs, farm accidents, sports injuries etc. Brought about by concerns from the community re casualties (particularly Road Casualties)

### Operational Support Department

- Dog Section - The section has been involved in 24 public order ILP initiatives resulting in 21 arrests and attended 333 incidents of public disorder.
- MSG HQ – Sgt John Forrester was awarded the internal Tilley shield in partnership with the Safety Camera unit for his collision reduction project.
- MSG – Drink driving – The Christmas Drink Driving campaign was publicised on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. In this reporting period the following number of arrests were made for drink driving Western MSG 29, HQ MSG 11, 20 by NTU MSG and 28 by Kendal/Ulverston MSG.
- MSG – With the onset of autumn and predicted increases in collisions a number of operations have been carried out aiming to reduce collisions – Laburnam 2 targeting young drivers (17-25 year olds), Atrium focussed on defective lighting and tyres, Focus linked to motorcycle enforcement and HAZMAT checks organised by Sgt Walker and PC Heddle.
- MSG - Ps Lambert and Pc Taylor from Western MSG attended the National Bike Show at the NEC, Birmingham, to assist on the Bikesafe Stand.

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## **Providing Assistance**

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- Work is currently underway within Copeland Rural LPT to plan the policing of the explosive demolition of the 4 cooling towers at Calder Hall site at Sellafield in early 2006.
- The Area CRASH group has continued to co-ordinate all Casualty Reduction initiatives across West Cumbria and received significant praise for their Respect campaign.
- Area staff participated in the recent tabletop exercise held by British Nuclear Group at Sellafield to test the emergency response to a leak/crash of a nuclear waste container. Operation Radsafe was supported by all relevant agencies.
- The Area provided assistance to a number of local events held during this period: Egremont Crab Fair, Solfest Music Festival and the World Fell Running Championships.
- Operation Payback 3: Forcewide initiative to tackle non-payment warrants. Numbers in Area were reduced considerably, £2,274.000 being collected and 45 arrests made.

### South Cumbria

- The Lunesdale Foxhounds have been drag hunting on six occasions during October. The Master of the Hunt has contacted the Police with full details on each occasion. The hunt appears to be acting responsibly and within the new legislation. This is supported by the fact that they are open with the Police as to their daily plans and that there have been no reports from anyone complaining of malpractice. As this is such a high profile matter, clearly those opposed are monitoring Hunts and reporting perceived deviations from the Law on a countrywide basis. This is not the case with the Lunesdale Foxhounds.
- Sgt Ernie Foster of Kendal COPS has recently completed a programme of Crime Reduction Basics Training events for community groups in the Barrow area. As well as crime prevention advice for participants, the training develops problem-solving skills and encourages community groups to identify and engage with partners locally to resolve local problems and improve the quality of life for individual communities. This was a very welcome initiative and has attracted the attention of Government Office North West, with a view to exporting the Good Practice elsewhere in the region.
- The Streetsafe campaigns continue to be welcomed across South Cumbria. In early December Community Police officers and partners will be visiting Ormsgill in Barrow and Hallgarth in Kendal as part of their community consultation and engagement strategy. They will also deliver crime prevention advice, fire safety and health messages and do work there and then to clear dumped rubbish, graffiti, abandoned vehicles etc all of which blights the community and affects the quality of everyday life of the residents.

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- The City Centre team has been awarded the Carlisle radio link shield in recognition of their valuable teamwork and assistance in making the shopwatch

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and retail exclusion zone the success in Carlisle it has become. This is an annual award that has been around for 10 years but is the first time it has been awarded to the Police.

- Increasing number of Killed and Serious Injury (KSI) road collision in Eden rural area involving younger drivers, including 4 teenagers killed in 2 vehicle collision on the A6 North of Penrith and a further teenager killed in one vehicle collision at Greystoke. Penrith LPT staff and HQMSG Operation 'Laburnum 2' targeting careless or aggressive drivers and links established with an 'Eden Young Drivers' initiative led by Cllr Tony Brunskill, including his involvement in police casualty reduction and safer highways (CRASH) meetings and potential participation in a key event of trainers from the Driver Improvement Scheme.
- Two Penrith LPT Community Officers and Force Wildlife Crime Officer (police staff colleague at Penrith) received official thanks from National 'Operation Artemis' Team for their significant contribution to conservation work re the Hen Harrier in Eden.
- Joint Operation with Road Fuel Testing agency on Alston Moor involved some 100 vehicles being stopped and examined for lighting/construction and use offences and re misuse of red diesel.
- Active participation in local launch of the National 'Kickabout' initiative - involvement of celebrity footballers. Tony Adams the ex Arsenal & England captain, led the scheme in Eden
- Continued commitment to supporting local youth groups in Penrith and successful bids made to Police Property Fund resulted in 4 donations of £250 each to different groups, the latest being Penrith Boxing Club and each donation has received extensive local publicity.
- Joint initiative took place with English Nature Enforcement Section re the illegal use of motorcycles on the Northern Pennines.

### Operational Support Department

- Operational Support Officers from HQ CID have continued to provide assistance to the Metropolitan Police under Operation Theseus following the terrorist bombings in July.
- Communications Centre – Airwave is in full use across the Constabulary. South Cumbria was the last BCU to go live on the 21<sup>st</sup> November. Both Communications Centres are fully enabled and able to maximise the technological benefits.
- MSG – During this period MSG responded to and dealt with 9 collisions involving 10 fatalities. At least one of these has resulted in a death by dangerous charge a foreign national driving a HGV.
- MSG - Western MSG undertook filming with a television crew from Granada in relation to the Street Crime UK series who were focusing on the Forces efforts to target drink driving in West Cumbria.
- MSG - Sgt Lambert has planned and WMSG VIP Protection Officers have been involved in two Royal/VIP visits during this period. 9<sup>th</sup> September - Prince Michael of Kent visited RAF Spadeadam. 10<sup>th</sup> November – Leader of The House of Commons, Geoff Hoon MP visited Carlisle to take part in Question Time.

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## **Awards and Recognition**

### Chief Constable's Commendations

- Detective Sergeant 886 Marshall  
...is commended for his diligence, dedication and immense persistence throughout the 'Lady in the Lake' investigation in July 1997.
- Police Community Support Officer J Lewis  
...is commended for her brave actions when saving an elderly lady from a house fire on 5 January 2005.
- Mr. Andrew Hutchinson
- Sgt 415 Wear  
...are commended for their actions on 5 May 2005 when they resuscitated a man who had collapsed in Whitehaven town centre. Also receiving certificates from the Royal Humane Society.
- Mr. David Barker
- Mr. Richard Beddows
- Mr. Clifford McCreadie (also receiving a certificate from the Royal Humane Society)
- Mr. Ian McDowell
- Mr. Paul McDowell
- Mr. Richard Walker (also receiving a certificate from the Royal Humane Society)  
...are commended for the rescue of two young boys from the sea at St Bees on 8 August 2004.
- Mr. Niall A McGregor  
...is commended for saving the life of a woman, her son and their dog from the River Eden on 29 May 2005. Also receiving a certificate from the Royal Humane Society.
- SC 7073 Wilson  
...is commended for his contribution to policing in West Cumbria over a period of time.
- Constable 7 Jones  
...is commended for his actions when confronted by a mentally ill lady armed with a knife and axe in Whitehaven on 23 July 2005.

### Deputy Chief Constable's Certificate of Merit

- Constable 1803 Park  
...in recognition of his community policing in Carlisle over previous 18 months.
- Constable 1792 Dodd  
...in recognition of his community policing in Kendal over the previous 18 months.

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- Constable 1823 Akam  
...in recognition community policing in Egremont over the previous 18 months.

### Assistant Chief Constable's Certificate of Merit

- Constable 1586 Johnston
- Constable 645 Potts  
... in recognition of negotiating with a man in possession of a loaded shotgun in Carlisle on 3 July 2005.

- Sergeant 330 Lambert
- Constable 532 Taylor  
... in recognition to their involvement towards 'Bikesafe' and 'Roadsafe' at Carlisle on 10 July 2005.

- Constable 693 Almond
- Constable 1154 Bolton  
...in recognition to community policing at the festival sports in Milnthorpe on 30 July 2005.

- Detective Constable 913 Burns
- Detective Chief Inspector K Churchman
- Detective Inspector G Huddleston
- Detective Constable 986 Wallace

...in recognition of their contribution to the 'Lady in the Lake' murder investigation.

- Detective Constable 513 Robson  
... in recognition of his determination and attention to detail in pursuing a complex investigation into traveling criminals in South Cumbria during summer 2004.

- Constable 1668 Myers  
... in recognition of the determination and skills working as a test purchase officer for Class A drugs operation in Carlisle between September and December 2004 resulting in the offenders receiving custodial sentences at Carlisle Crown Court.

- Sergeant Mark Wear  
... in recognition of his determination, enthusiasm and excellent leadership skills which brought about the success of the Anti Social Behaviour Team in West Cumbria during the pilot period.

- Detective Constable 1121 Dacre
- Detective Constable 270 Harrison
- Detective Constable 1161 Jackson
- Detective Constable 1611 Lloyd
- Detective Constable 849 Monaghan  
...in recognition of Operation Upgrade which began in January 2005 in West Cumbria on the closure of premises associated with Class A drugs.

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- Constable 1424 Armstrong
  - Constable 1468 Hodkin
- ...in recognition of their success of the Anti Social Behaviour Team in West Cumbria during the pilot period.
- Constable 1531 Slaughter
- ...for his dedication and professionalism which has benefited the communities of Brampton over the last 18 months.

**Michael Baxter**  
Chief Constable

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