



Chief Constable's Report to the Police Authority



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Area/Department	North Cumbria
Month	Jan – March 2005

Incidents of Note

- Good work by PCSO's. On the 27th of January a petrol bomb was thrown at a house on Lightfoot Drive. PCSO Lewis revisited the IP and obtained info re possible suspect. She then gleaned further info through local knowledge, which was passed to Crime Scene Investigator. This allowed early identification and arrest of the offender, who was subsequently charged.

Reducing Crime

- With the implementation of the new Hate Incident Policy the Diversity Officer & CAPU Detective Sergeant are responsible for monitoring all incidents of hate crime ensuring that incidents are recorded correctly and that the policy requirements are adhered to. Working with Victim Support the Diversity Officer plans to offer the victims a more personal service. Multi-agency contacts have continued to increase working together to provide a forum for all our community representatives. Contact within the communities is progressing steadily with some notable success e.g. being voted onto the Chinese Association Executive Committee.
- Reduction of HGV crime in Appleby – leaflet drop campaign on suitable venues warning drivers of dangers and consultation/support given to local motorway service provider whose service areas are regular victim of HGV crime, for better crime prevention measures i.e. CCTV and security fences.
- Operation Mosaic - vehicle and burglary crime in the City South and West areas ongoing. Up to the present time patrols have been deployed in the city west area. There have been dedicated patrols providing high visibility patrolling. During one week of the operation there was 120 hours of dedicated patrols utilising foot and bike patrolling. Volume vehicle crime continues to be a priority for North Cumbria. A number of arrests have been made but there is still much work to be done to address this issue.

Investigating Crime

- In the period 7th of January to 23rd of February there were 23 commercial burglaries in Penrith town centre. The main suspect received a 12 month Drug Treatment Order on the 10th of February for admitting 8 pervious burglaries in Penrith last year. Since the sentence the burglaries have continued and it was evident that the suspect was continuing to commit these crimes. Dedicated patrols were assigned to night patrols and he was arrested a further 3 times for breaching curfew, going equipped and finally one further burglary, before sufficient evidence was gained to support a remand in custody. DNA evidence has now linked him with a domestic burglary in Penrith. This additional evidence has supported the remand in custody until the 30th of March.

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Promoting Safety

- Students undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme have the opportunity to undertake a unit on issues of anti-social behaviour. This is designed to address the causes of anti-social behaviour through engagement with schools. A key aspect is peer education in schools.
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Attendance of PC Wright at Gold awards ceremony at Buckingham Palace – in recognition of North Cumbria's unique work on D of E Bronze award – redesigned to engage students on issues of Anti Social Behaviour that leads to peer education.

Providing Assistance

- **Operation Manse** - The catastrophic events of early January resulted in storm damage to over 2,500 homes in Carlisle. In addition to the disruption to the community, the effects of this storm also resulted in the loss of the police station at Rickergate. To address issues within the community and to provide assistance to residents that were affected a Multi-Agency SARA exercise (North Cumbria Storms 'a partnership approach') is on going in flood-affected areas. Lead officer is Sgt 13 Baines. An action plan has been drawn up, that included a variety of measures. The CDRP employed a security firm to patrol affected areas. These private security patrols complemented the deployment of Community Officers, PCSO's, the Mobile Police Station and routine preventative patrols to counter 'scavenging' from skips and unoccupied premises. Another aspect of the action plan has been visiting affected residences and offering crime prevention advice - we have visited 2,500 houses, from which we have generated 100+ Safer Homes visits and around 150 requests for fire alarms.

Citizen Focus

- LPT bases - Welsh Road/Shadygrove Road. The Carlisle storm accelerated the deployment of officers to these centres. Since the 13th of January the Welsh Road site has been fully operational. This has been well received within the community. One of the successes is that City South has seen the greatest overall reductions in crime in North Cumbria with a 26% reduction to the same period last year. The next phase in the LPT deployment plan is to base all patrol officers at the following sites:
 - Citadel Chambers –City Centre/North and East LPT's
 - Welsh Road – City South LPT
 - Shadygrove Road – City West LPTThis will increase the numbers of officers working from the sites and will provide further reassurance to the community. The migration to the geographic locations will commence in April 2005.
- The planning process for Appleby Fair continues throughout the year. Currently Appleby staff are engaged in public consultation meetings with Parish Councils. The outcome of this consultation is fed into the overall planning for the Fair.



Area/Department	West Cumbria
Month	January – March 05

Incidents of Note

- Operation Viaduct- Long-term pro-active financial investigation into the activities of a number of West Cumbrians involved in criminality. Commenced in late 2003, four principals were charged in Feb 05.
- Operation Harlequin - Manslaughter investigation surrounding the activity of a local doctor and his administration of Diamorphine to patients, resulting in the death of a West Cumbrian woman in Jan 05. Murder Incident Room opened supported by HQ OS CID.
- Investigation into the death of a 17-year-old girl during pleasure driving on Kirkbride airfield assisted by MSG staff PC Barker.
- Local male sentenced to 42 months imprisonment for offences of burglary and Theft from Motor Vehicles, 126 offences taken into consideration.
- A provisional date for the inquest for Operation Lara has now been set for July 05.
- Investigation commenced following the suspicious death of a Workington man outside a local nightspot, a man has been charged with his manslaughter.
- In February a suicidal woman rang 999 to state that she was “walking into the sea”. She was located and rescued knee deep in the sea at Salterbeck, Workington by local officers.
- A Cleator Moor man received an 8-month prison sentence for a number of offences in the town including racially aggravated offences at a local takeaway.
- On 21 Feb a large-scale operation commenced to successfully resolve a siege situation at a house in Cleator Moor.

Reducing Crime

- ANPR equipment is now in Area and a series of training sessions has commenced for 35 local officers in an effort to maintain a pro-active stance in this regard.
- Violent Crime and Disorder Profiles were completed for each LPT, these form the basis of local action plans designed to provide appropriate responses to these issues.
- The Nightsafe initiative continues across West Cumbria and is the banner for all night time violence and disorder initiatives in the Area. The educational pilot for this initiative has been completed at Solway Community College and has received a positive evaluation. This package will be marketed within the Healthy Schools project on a rolling programme.
- The Area, working in collaboration with the CDRP are in the process of finalising details of the Smartwater property marking initiative to reduce dwelling house burglary in hotspot areas. Neighbourhood Wardens and the Homesafe Scheme will be used to deliver the initiative following training in the first quarter of this year.

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- Working with APCOA car parks combined with CDRP funding, the Area has purchased advertising space on 120 000 car park tickets to deliver a sharp message regarding car security. This scheme is backed up with 10000 laminated crime prevention leaflets.
- £2000 CDRP funding has been secured to reduce quad bike thefts in Copeland Rural using the data-tagging scheme following its success in North Cumbria.
- Operation Crackdown commenced in Area and supported across all LPTs and Departments. Op Barometer supported this initiative, combining uniform and plain clothes patrolling in and around licensed premises.

Investigating Crime

- In Cockermouth, an investigation is underway into Hate Crime following two incidents of racially inflammatory posters being displayed in the town centre.
- Problem Profiles prepared by Area Analyst for Class A Drug supply and Criminal Damage for each LPT to form the basis of LPT action plans.
- Investigation commenced into the rape of a 15 year old girl at Workington. A suspect has been identified and charged with the offence.

Promoting Safety

- An Anti Social Behaviour Unit (ASB) has been set up (Sgt and 2 PCs in a 7-month pilot) in an effort to implement a corporate approach to anti-social behaviour the Area. The team have established Nuisance Neighbour Panels in Copeland and Allerdale which meet monthly. Since the end of January this team have had 4 ASBOs granted and are further assisting with ASBO applications across every LPT (total of 18). They have assisted Housing providers to take out three injunctions against problem tenants and have now delivered training to these providers to enable them to progress on their own. They have identified the top ten worst licensed premises across the Area and have scheduled stringent enforcement visits with partner agencies.
- A Door Supervisors forum has been established in Workington, which has been opened up to include all West Cumbria. The forum has established a Voluntary Code of Good Practice and has been a positive avenue for relationship building and intelligence gathering.
- To support the LPT action plans for Violent Crime and Disorder, the Area has supplemented existing patrols with a team of 4 officers at Weekends who are deployed by the ASB Unit Sgt to Disorder Hotspots. This initiative will be evaluated following the pilot period.
- The Voice Connect system for Neighbourhood Watch is now in use and the new database on the system is in place with co-ordinators linked to their respective LPTs.
- Community Safety are currently working on a funding bid to secure £22000 for Millom as part of a regeneration package to tackle anti-social behaviour through youth work. They are also working with Registered Social Landlords, Education and Neighbourhood Wardens on an educational approach with Year 5 Primary school children in a long-term project designed to change attitudes.

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Providing Assistance

- January saw the severe storms that hit the County. Keswick was flooded which resulted in the evacuation of 200 people. Police coordinated the response assisted by Keswick Mountain Rescue, Fire and Ambulance together with local volunteers. A Reception Centre was opened.
- Borough Park football ground hosted the FA Trophy match between Carlisle United and Redditch Town arranged at short notice. Despite the difficulties of the ground and the tie, the match passed without incident.
- Special Constable Edwin Wilson has been nominated for the Ferrers Trophy for his contribution to policing Workington Town Centre.
- A Workington LPT Officer, assisted by a PCSO colleague has developed their own web page on the Salterbeck Community Website. This site is used to highlight policing activity and promote better accessibility to their services.
- Parents Of Teenagers (POT) is a group run in conjunction with CART to assist parents of children who are at risk of offending within Copeland Rural. Guidance, support and practical assistance is provided by local officers at these meetings and on an individual referral basis.
- The Areas Casualty Reduction meetings are now well underway and provide the structure for all Roads Policing initiatives across West Cumbria.



Area/Department	South Cumbria
Month	Jan - March 2005

Incidents of Note

- 'Lady in the Lake' Carole Park murder at Manchester Crown Court resulted in her husband Gordon Park being sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. Gordon Park has lodged an appeal against sentence.
- The Legionnaire trial is still ongoing at Preston Crown Court
- In the early hours of the morning of the 11th February, burglars targeted 12 homes in the Underley Ave, area of Kendal. Where keys had been left in locked doors, a device was used to gain access by turning the key from the outside. Cash, cards and small items were taken. Enquiries have led to the arrest of three people and the recovery of some of the property from addresses in West Yorkshire. As a result 30 dwelling burglaries mainly in South Cumbria have been detected. (Operation Adduce)
- On Friday 25th February, the Minister for Rural Affairs attended a Rural Conference hosted by DEFRA and the County Council at Kendal. About 35 pro-hunt protestors attended but there were no arrests and the protest was peaceful.
- A one-week period in December saw five people lose their lives on the roads in South Cumbria. On 3rd December, a 26yr old male from Barrow was killed when his car collided head on with another at Greenodd, the next day a male motorcyclist died after striking a car crossing in front of him at Witherslack and, on the 9th December, three young men from Barrow were killed on the Coast Road when the car in which they were rear seat passengers went out of control and struck another vehicle. In regard to the latter a local Barrow man has been interviewed by MSG officers and charged with three offences of Causing Death by Dangerous Driving and will appear at Lancaster Crown Court in March.

Reducing Crime

- Operation Regulate continues to reduce violent crime by working with the licensing trade and other partners (CDRP)
- Operation Smart that addresses youth disorder in Barrow continues, particularly addressing feuds between youths from different parts of Barrow and also underage drinking.



Investigating Crime

- Operation Crackdown continues to identify that Barrow is being targeted by Merseyside based Class A Drug dealers who are willing to use weapons and violence to “take control and manage” the local drug scene. We have achieved the following results in just over 7 weeks of the operation running:
 - 30 Search Warrants Executed
 - 29 Persons Arrested For Supplying Class A Drugs
 - 12 Persons Charged With Supplying Class A Drugs (10 Remanded In Custody)
 - 11 Persons Arrested For Other Offences (Including Possession Offences and Theft)
 - 12 Persons Charged With Other Offences
 - Heroin, Crack Cocaine and Ecstasy recovered
 - £6,125 Cash Recovered
 - ‘Crackhouse’ Closure Order Made
- On 14 February, an ATM cash machine was smashed from a wall at a service station on the A6 near to the Lancashire/Cumbria border. A stolen tractor was used to remove the machine. This theft is being linked with other similar raids across the North of England and Southern Scotland. The same night thieves broke into a filling station at Coniston through the roof and used a grinder to remove the cash box from the ATM.

Promoting Safety

- Op Streetsafe is a working, multi-agency, community driven partnership that does deliver on quality of life issues. Streetsafe continues to develop and a minimum of 10 operations will be delivered during the next twelve months. Through increased visibility of / and accessibility to police, local authority, County Council and ALL of the other agencies involved, Streetsafe will continue to deliver key community issues that effect quality of life issues.
- February saw the first anniversary of the Lancashire cockling tragedy. Work continues with Cockler safety issues on Morecambe Bay. Several high profile enforcement operations have taken place at Kents Bank, Flookburgh, Bardsea & Newbiggin. The operations have been with the Immigration Service, HSE, Dept of Work & Pensions & VOSA. This remains a very public issue with a great deal of local and national concerns.



Area/Department	OPERATIONAL SUPPORT
Month	Jan – March 2005

Incidents of Note

MSG

- MSG patrol used Tracker system in patrol car to locate stolen generator in Ulverston. Generator found in lock up garage with other outstanding stolen property including a motorbike and compressor. Further enquiries and arrests by CID.
- Operation Saddle – MSG supported by area staff, policed car cruise in Barrow in Furness. Police presence and liaison with organisers ensured it passed off without event, persons attended from all over the country.
- On 3rd January 2005, the Christmas Drink Drive Campaign was completed. Western MSG took a firm stance and through a variety of stop checks conducted 921 breath tests of which 9 were positive.
- On 28th February 2005, a two-vehicle fatal road traffic collision occurred on the A594 near to Dovenby, Cockermouth, in which a 19-year-old male driver was killed. This will be subject to investigation by officers from Western MSG.

Dog Section

- One arrested for attempted murder at Workington and assistance with arrest of second offender again for attempted murder.
- Approx £2300 of drugs recovered by drug detection dogs.
- 1 x handler received commendation for his efforts within the community during the floods in Carlisle.

Communications Centre

- Carlisle floods and county storms. 1600 incidents reported during 8.1.04 (usually 600-700 per day). 14,000 calls to the Communications Centre (usually 2,500 per day).
- Casualty bureau/enquiry desk operated to deal with public enquiries and match the results of the TSG/Fire Service searches and door-to-door enquiries.

Reducing Crime

TSG

- Public Order Patrols under Operation Nightsafe at Workington, Regulate at Barrow and Migraine at Carlisle targeting volume violent crime
- Patrols targeting burglary offences in the Longtown Area resulting in the arrest of four suspects.
- Provided search teams for search warrants under Operation Crackdown Targeting Drugs offenders across the Force
- Burglary Patrols in the Warwick Road and St Aidens Area of Carlisle post Floods for vulnerable properties.

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Dog Section

- The Dog section has assisted areas with 12 different operations targeting crime. Handlers have made 50+ arrests for varying offences including Burglary, Theft, Assaults, and Drugs.

MSG

- Officers from Western MSG have arrested a total of 42 people for a variety of offences. 13 of these arrests were in relation to drink driving with officers actively targeting drink drive offenders following the successes of the Christmas Drink Drive Campaign.
- On 12th February, officers were responsible for the arrest of 2 prolific burglary offenders. Observations were passed for a vehicle suspected to be involved in 2 rural burglaries. The vehicle was located and the two occupants arrested, and stolen property recovered.
- 10 arrests were made in relation to violent crime and disorder offences. 3 arrests were made in relation to the theft of vehicles.

Investigating Crime

MSG

- Investigations are still continuing into 5 fatal collisions that occurred at the later part of 2004. All interviews of offending drivers have now been completed and fatal accident files are being prepared. Three of these cases are likely to result in proceedings for offences of causing death by dangerous driving.
- A Coroners file is being prepared re a Fatal accident that took place on the A686 at Edenhall and a Fatal accident that took place on the A66 at Crackenthorpe, where two people were killed.

Promoting Safety

MSG

- February - A joint operation between MSG and VOSA to deal with Test Certificate fraud between garages in Ulverston and Barrow took place. Persons arrested and interviewed, VOSA progressing criminal prosecution and administrative procedures against persons concerned.
- February saw Operation Mermaid at Harker, a joint national operation focussed on security and road safety issues involving the haulage industry.
- Jan – Mobile phone enforcement campaign took place.
- MSG continues to provide additional hi-visibility support to area re violent crime and anti-social behaviour reduction issues.
- Operation "Takeaway" has resulted in 7 vehicles being seized in the Eden Area.
- Northern "Bike Safe" Lecture dates arranged and publicised. This is aimed at a vulnerable road user group as part of the ACPO guidelines and Casualty Reduction strategy.
- PS Lambert and PC Taylor attended the Inaugural Meeting of Bike Safe at Colwyn Bay and are actively involved in arranging lectures and ride outs and also the first Force 'Road Safe' Show, which will be held at Carlisle Racecourse in July.



TSG

- Policing of various Carlisle United Football Matches including – Carlisle v Morecambe and the match played at Workington following the Floods at Carlisle.
- Patrols targeting Anti Social behaviour in the Stanwix area of Carlisle
- Support for Public Order operations surrounding the visits of MP's supportive of the hunt ban

Providing Assistance

TSG

- Monitoring of protest/issues with regard to the implementation of the Hunting Ban
- CBRN (Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear) Refresher training carried out with TSG and Area Staff to maintain effective response.

MSG

- Sgt Lambert was involved in organising the visit of HRH Prince of Wales to Carlisle regarding the flooding. Four VIP Protection Officers and one VIP Driver from WMSG were also involved in the visit.



Awards and Recognition

Certificates of Commendation

- Detective Constable 1891 Gregson
...is commended for his individual contributions to Operation Shadow, a covert drug investigation carried out in late 2003/early 2004, aimed at tackling the proliferation of street dealing in specific areas within Barrow in Furness.
- Constable 614 Edwards
...is commended for his actions on the morning of Saturday 8 January 2005, in the aftermath of the severe flooding of parts of Carlisle.
- Constable 129 Caddle
- Constable 610 Yelder
...are commended for their actions on the morning of Saturday 8 January 2005 in the aftermath of the severe flooding of parts of Carlisle.

Good Policing Awards

- Constable 1012 Owen
...in recognition of her hard work, professionalism and commitment as the Community Officer in Brampton.
- Constable 1221 Owen
...in recognition of her diligent and meticulous investigation into the cruel deception of a frail and infirm pensioner, carried out by his next door neighbour between September 2002 and March 2003.
- Constable 1587 Campbell
...in recognition of his calm, assured and professional approach to a violent incident at a house in Penrith in December 2004.
- Constable 730 Downing
...in recognition of his tenacity and investigative skills which he demonstrated in identifying the assailants who violently attacked a man in Barrow in April 2004.

Certificate of Merit

- Mrs Margaret L Wallace, Criminal Records Bureau Supervisor,
... in recognition of her diligence and perseverance in carrying out extremely sensitive enquiries into a suspected paedophile who was employed in a role where he had access to children in October 2003.



Chief Constable Letters

- Mrs Ruth M Buck
- Mrs Elizabeth A Frith
- Mrs Sheila Parker
- Mrs Michelle Parkin
- Mrs Helen E Potter
- Mrs Margaret L Wallace

...for the hard work that they have carried out over 12 months as members of the Criminal Records Bureau.

- Mr Jeffrey Morning

...for raising awareness of, and protecting people nearby from, a dangerous individual who was in possession of two knives at Carlisle Railway Station on 17 July 2004.

- Constable 354 Moffat

...for providing assistance and support to his colleague, Constable Owen, whilst she carried out an investigation into the cruel deception of a frail and infirm pensioner between September 2002 and March 2003.

- Constable 135 Carruthers

...for his consistent commitment and performance, maintained over a lengthy period of time within the Penrith Patrol Team.