



# Chief Constable's Report to the Police Authority



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

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## Incidents of Note

### West Cumbria

- The last weekend in June saw the Maritime Festival held at Whitehaven. The event held every two years drew quarter of a million people from throughout the UK. The scale of the event has increased to such an extent that it is now held over three days. This year the event also incorporated the County's WW2 commemorations. Police were again praised for their response in policing the event.
- A small explosion at an electrical junction box (electrical fault) in Tythbarn Street Keswick caused massive disruption to traffic and pedestrians in the Town centre for 3 hours in the middle of a busy market day.
- In August the work of Workington Special Constable Eddie Wilson was highlighted by the Citizen Focus Project to the rest of the Constabulary in an effort to promote the contribution of the Special Constabulary to Community policing. The article concentrates on the officers' prolific arrests and his problem solving approach to dealing with anti-social behaviour.
- PC Eddy Hope of Millom was voted the Community Constable of the year for Cumbria and has been put forward as the Constabulary's nominee for the National award. The officers' genuine enthusiasm and commitment to make a difference has led to a substantial change in public perceptions and expectations of the police in the Millom area.

### South Cumbria

- The August Bank Holiday weekend was once again a busy time for officers with some 30,000 people attending the two days of horse racing at Cartmel. Despite the crowds the event generally passes by without incident, however it has been suspected recently that pickpockets were active amongst the crowds of race-goers. To combat these officers for the first time utilised overt police video filming. The effectiveness of this imitative is currently under review, if successful, it will certainly be considered for future use.
- A lady received a racially abusive letter through the post relating to the fact that her daughter is married to a Muslim man. This matter has been recorded as a hate crime and is currently under investigation. Fortunately such offences are relatively rare and it comes against the background of continued police efforts across South Cumbria to provide enhanced reassurance to ethnic minority communities following the terrorist bombing campaign in London.
- One Bank Holiday evening in August police in Kendal received a report of a 10yr old girl having gone missing from the Lakeland Leisure Park in Flookburgh following a misunderstanding over a mobile phone. Initial searches and enquiries failed to trace her and as night approached, police became increasingly concerned for the welfare of the young girl. A large-scale search then commenced using police officers, site security staff and Search and Rescue Dogs Association (SARDA) members. Members of the Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team were also called out to assist. In the early hours of the following morning, further police enquiries discovered that the girl had arrived at a relative's house in Manchester and was safe and well.

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### North Cumbria

- Mark and Thomas Thompson arrested in Carlisle for Supply of controlled drugs, largest seizure of heroin in Cumbria. Both sentenced to 6 years imprisonment.
- Gary McAuley sentenced to 8 years for conspiracy to supply heroin
- Multiple fatal Road traffic Collision at Scalesceugh Hall on the A6 at Carlisle.
- Kieren Grieve convicted of murder of his girlfriend Lisa Flannagan at a house in Botcherby, sentenced to life imprisonment.
- Fatal road traffic collision on Botchergate, Carlisle involving a police vehicle and pedestrian.
- Racially motivated incidents of criminal damage to Lazeez takeaway premises in Carlisle persons arrested.
- Siege at Scaleby Hill involving firearms male successfully negotiated from house.
- 92-year-old Carlisle lady who is deaf and blind was subjected to repeated thefts by her carer who eventually pleaded guilty to ten charges at Carlisle Crown Court.
- Man and woman charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent to their 6-month-old baby.
- Male charged with numerous serious offences against his wife including threats to kill, rape and assault.
- Police officer assaulted at Southwaite Services whilst trying to apprehend escaped prisoner from Haverigg.
- Male convicted of racially motivated harassment and sentenced to 3 months imprisonment.

### Operational Support Department

#### CID Support

- An IPCC 'Managed Investigation' into the death of a male involved in a collision on the 15 July 2005, following a police pursuit involving a patrol vehicle from the Mobile Support Group is ongoing.

#### Dog Section

- The breeding programme has had a second litter of 8 pups, 5 of which are to be utilised within force. The 6 pups from the first litter are now all operational within force.

#### MSG

- On 15<sup>th</sup> July, a Rover Metro vehicle made off from officers conducting speed checks at Howgate. The vehicle was found a short distance away having lost control on the Distington to Moresby. The vehicle caught fire and officers from Western MSG pulled two of the passengers from the burning wreckage of the car. Unfortunately the driver was trapped in his seat and the officers were unable to release him prior to the vehicle being consumed with flames.



## Reducing Crime

### West Cumbria

- The Anti-Social Behaviour Unit was formally evaluated during August at a presentation attended by the Deputy Director of the Home Office ASB Task Force (Alex Rhind). The Unit has secured over 25 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders since January, 12 Housing Act Injunctions and 7 Crack House closures whilst working closely with Community Officers, Local Authorities and Residential Social Landlords throughout West Cumbria. Those offenders targeted have been involved in over 500 incidents prior to their injunctions /Orders. Since then only 34 incidents have been attributed to these same individuals. At the presentation Alex Rhind praised the “unique unit “ and their achievements and granted the unit £30,000 from the ‘Together’ campaign in an effort to support the team.
- 6 Warrants were simultaneously executed at flats in Scott House Maryport. 5 arrests were made and the operation received substantial local support. The operation involving local officers, the Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Tactical Support Group and CID led to an application being made for a crack house closure which was granted and has since been enforced.
- Cleator Moor held the first “Sport Against Racism Day” in an effort to reduce the number of hate crimes in the Cleator Moor area. This event (held one week after the first London bombing) was arranged by the Area Hate Crime Officer in collaboration with local Community Officers and involved professional rugby players and cricketers. This event was well supported by local children and the community and received excellent media attention.
- At the start of the school holiday, Copeland Community Officers initiated the Save our Schools campaign in an effort to reduce the incidents of damage to local schools during the summer break. This involved school children writing to their surrounding neighbours and asking for their help over the summer months. In Cleator Moor this scheme was so successful that no incidents of damage were reported for the two schools involved in the scheme during this period.
- Operation Longway was the Area's response to the continued rise in violent crime across the area. Longway was held throughout August and involved a robust operational response to disorder in the town centres and required detailed investigation plans to follow up the arrests. This was coupled with an audit conducted by the Area Analysts in an effort to profile the issue of violence and disorder. This audit is continuing into September in an effort to provide an accurate picture of why, how and who is involved in violent crime by surveying the pub /club going public and those arrested for such offences.

### South Cumbria

- In common with nationwide concerns, levels of violent crime continue to be a priority across South Cumbria BCU, although the strategies formulated by the Violent Crime Steering Group are taking effect and we have seen a welcome reduction in levels of violent crime reported through the summer season, when historically levels have tended to rise.
- Operation Regulate and Operation Smart continue to target violent crime and related disorder issues across the BCU. More specifically, Police in Barrow staged a summer-long anti-violence campaign bringing together Barrow

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Borough Council, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and Cumbria Ambulance Service alongside other partners including Barrow Barwatch on the theme of "Consequences", focusing upon vulnerable groups, particularly young people and the night time economy.

- Aimed mainly at alcohol related offences, but also covering domestic and other forms of violent crime a large number of initiatives were staged throughout summer including production of a CD of dance music, accompanied by anti-violence key messages; advertising on Stagecoach buses and local radio and the night time projection of key messages on local landmarks using "The Eye" projector. This was all complemented by a series of targeted policing operations and intelligence led activity towards disorder hot spots, prolific offenders and under age drinking. The operation was very well supported by partners and warmly welcomed in the local community. An evaluation will follow and lessons of good practice will be shared and used again in future operations.
- On 5 September the 14 defendants in the Operation Saffron case came to trial at Preston Crown Court. This operation targeted dealers in Class A drugs who began travelling from Liverpool to Barrow in Furness in February of this year in an effort to control the local market in illegal drugs. It was Op Saffron, which highlighted the determination of drugs gangs to create and expand new markets across the region using sophisticated planning, and supply chains reinforced by the intimidation of local drug dealers and witnesses. This level of criminality required new and often resource intensive policing tactics to be developed to both combat the influx of dealers and to manage and protect the witnesses involved.
- Using recent legislation, a "Crack House" was successfully closed in Windermere and the occupant sentenced to imprisonment for supplying controlled drugs.
- An order restricting public drinking has recently been approved to cover certain streets in both Windermere and Bowness. This is due to come into force in November and will provide further support to police officers in efforts to reduce alcohol related violence and disorder in those communities.

#### North Cumbria

- North Cumbria LPT officers together with local housing association staff have been carrying out targeted operations throughout Carlisle to combat anti - social behaviour and violent crime. Extensive intelligence gathering and analysis has been carried out to ensure these operations are clearly focused and tackling the key concerns identified by local communities. A number of arrests, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's) and ASBO case conferences have resulted.
- 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. New performance measures have been introduced and a reduction in violent crime in the area of operation has been seen. The Migraine principals are also operated in Penrith.
- Operation Mallard – Crime operation to deal with vehicle crime predominately trailer and quad bike thefts in the Brampton and rural areas of Penrith.

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- Operation Migraine – high profile operation in Carlisle City Centre in conjunction with CCTV, door staff and licensees to reduce alcohol related violent crime.
- Operation Manse – high profile operation in flood affected areas to combat burglaries. Conducted in partnership with CDRP and private security patrols.
- Operation Mantis - Crime operation in the Penrith Rural Areas to combat burglaries at non-dwelling premises.
- Streetsafe initiative in Carlisle and Penrith generated over 150 new expressions of interest in Neighbourhood Watch.
- Operation Minx – operation targeting illegal use of motorcycles, which are impacting on resident's quality of life in Carlisle – positive results and community feedback.
- Prolific Offender Team between 21 March and 27 July made 172 arrests including 21 who were identified prolific offenders. 79 have been brought before Courts, 12 for burglary, 16 for vehicle crime, 9 for violent crime and 16 for drugs. 26 were for other offences.
- Prolific and other Priority Offenders – developing well with good multi-agency support. Recent review revealed scheme has prevented 263 crimes (163 which would have been reported) and saved £360,000. The PROP team are actively engaged with 16 clients.
- Operation GRIP gradual intervention programme for young people – 555 referrals received and actioned.

#### Operational Support Department

##### Dog Section

- Involvement in a number of Crime /Drug related Operations resulting in 124 arrests being made.
- As a result of searches by drug detection dogs approx £15,100 of substances, heroin, cocaine, ecstasy, and monies have been seized.

##### MSG

- 90 uninsured vehicles have been seized under operation Takeaway.



## Investigating Crime

### West Cumbria

- The Area's Financial Investigation Unit has continued to build on their excellent results throughout the Area particularly in relation to money laundering operations. They have assisted in a number of serious enquiries in the area and have secured 24 Crown Court Orders regarding the collection of information held by outside agencies.
- Following the recent inquest for Operation Lara, the investigation is now being drawn to a close with the burial of the baby girl taking place on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Operation Harlequin an investigation into an offence of attempted murder is ongoing.
- An investigation into an offence of arson (to the value of £6000) in Keswick lead to the arrest and charging of a local youth following information received from the public.

### South Cumbria

- The influx of visitors to the Lake District once more brought the seasonal increase in thefts from unattended motor vehicles. Local Policing Teams are now well prepared for these events and under Operation Seldom this summer their efforts are being rewarded.
- Two men from Merseyside have been recently sentenced to ten years imprisonment, following a finding of guilt for an offence of rape in the Lakes area.
- A recent spate of burglaries in Barrow involved sixteen offences during one night. A householder eventually disturbed the offenders and a prompt police response secured one arrest. Further enquiries quickly led to two further arrests and stolen property being recovered from a number of locations. Three youths now await court charged with the burglaries and a number of other offences.

### North Cumbria

- Operation Macaroon – Class A controlled drugs supply in Carlisle.
- Operation Macaw - Class A controlled drugs supply in Penrith.
- Operation Malt - Class A controlled drugs supply in Appleby.
- Operation Mobile – handling stolen property in relation to vehicle crime.
- Operation Micron – Class a drug supply and money laundering in Carlisle.
- Operation Aqualine – joint operation with Dumfries and Galloway targeting drug supply – Two males arrested for possession of heroin and crack cocaine with intent to supply.
- Five men from Liverpool and three from Carlisle arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply controlled drugs, investigation ongoing.
- Four men from Glasgow arrested on M6, £8000 seized and amount of cocaine, investigation ongoing.
- Operation Payback - protracted financial investigations ongoing into two targets. Recent investigation resulted in forfeiture of £25000 under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

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- Anti Social Behaviour Orders – 21 current orders, 2 pending applications and 5 active case conferences.
- Criminal damage in Castletown, Penrith – multi agency initiative by Penrith LPT, elected members and local community, in excess of 20 arrests, 2 prison sentences and other investigations ongoing.
- Investigation into male in Penrith who had systematically stolen from a deceased relative (grandmother) has resulted in his being charged.
- Penrith investigation into series of deceptions of elderly victims and vulnerable local residents, 3 females charged and awaiting sentence.

#### Operational Support Department

##### TSG

- The Tactical Support Group have been involved in a number of high profile drugs operations with each BCU. Note able seizures include 2oz of cocaine at an amusement arcade in Bowness and the recovery of 300 ecstasy tablets from a person in Lindale.

##### MSG

- On 12<sup>th</sup> August, officers from Western MSG recovered a stolen quad bike in a field along with a stolen Landrover and two other quad bikes. As a result enquiries were made and three men were arrested in a nearby barn in the process of 'ringing' up a stolen high performance car. The investigation is still continuing, however an organised car ringing operation has been disrupted.
- Officers from Western MSG have arrested a total of 73 people for numerous offences. 22 drivers were arrested in relation to Drink / Drug Driving offences and a total of 90 were breath tested in the 2 - week summer drink drive campaign (Operation Armlet). 15 people were arrested in relation to violence / disorder and 6 for possession of drugs.



## Promoting Safety

### West Cumbria

- Nightsafe has continued to be the banner under which all disorder/ night time violence is addressed throughout West Cumbria. Pubwatch has been progressed in each town in West Cumbria following a sustained drive, the schemes have now further supported the police by widening the scope of the banning orders to include those individuals involved in alcohol related incidents outside all licenses premises and those involved in similar incidents at local hospitals." Carrying the Can", an initiative to address binge drinking is to be delivered to all secondary schools in West Cumbria as part of the education process under Nightsafe.
- The 'Action Wards' initiative has been progressed with the Fire Service. This is primarily targeted at arsons and malicious fires but will also involve crime prevention advice in the Harbour Ward, Whitehaven and Mossbay, Workington.
- The Respect campaign has been supported throughout West Cumbria through the CRASH forum. In Whitehaven the campaign involved educating drivers in relation to safer driving, pedestrian and cyclist awareness. 500 people signed up for the speed commitment pledge and 65 drivers received speed awareness training during a 3-day period.
- The Cumbrian launch of the national summer drink drive campaign was held in Keswick Market Square (19 July). Hundreds of onlookers saw Police, Fire and Ambulance staff practice rescuing a victim from a crashed car. Following the exercise members of the multi agency CRASH group spoke with the public regarding the dangers of drink driving.
- Citizenship classes were launched in Whitehaven and St Benedict's Secondary School by the local PCSO's in an effort to inform the students of the role of the PCSO, break down barriers and increase confidence in young people regarding police operations.
- Safe Child Scheme is a partnership approach to help children / parents / shops to assist children who have become separated from their parents when out shopping. Officers and PCSO's delivered presentations to a total of 14 schools within a 2-month period to promote the scheme.
- Operation Theseus was implemented throughout West 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 during this difficult period. Local prayer rooms and takeaway premises formed the focus of this contact.

### South Cumbria

- The first week in September will see the most ambitious Operation Streetsafe to date in Barrow when COPS officers, Community Constables and key partners plan to visit more than 1000 households in Central Ward which covers Barrow Town Centre. Streetsafe is an effective and popular initiative piloted in Barrow and now available as key tool for community policing across South Cumbria. A Streetsafe operation can be staged in any community as a prompt and effective response to crime or public safety concerns. It has the active support of a number of our key partners such as the Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and local authorities. Each operation can have a general

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public safety theme or be focussed to target specific community concerns such as crime prevention or anti-social behaviour.

- Operation Smart, the ongoing initiative to reduce violence and disorder, continued to target problem locations across the Kendal and South Lakes area over the summer period.
- South Cumbria COPS (Community Oriented Problem Solvers) have recently been trained to undertake Cultural Audits and are now using these skills in support of Community Officers across the BCU. These audits identify ethnic, cultural and diversity issues in communities and equip local police officers to better understand the make up of their communities and ensure that consultative efforts and the delivery of policing services are comprehensive and inclusive.

### North Cumbria

- Local emerging issues and updates on policing (good news events) provided in fortnightly article in Cumberland & Westmorland Herald newspaper entitled 'The Beacon Beat'.
- Life & Light gypsy & traveller convention held at Penrith in July passed without serious incident or disruption.
- Operation Modern – weekend youth disorder operation in Alston.
- Operation Theseus – National Operation to deal with community tensions following London bombings. Numerous community safety interventions, high profile patrols in key areas such as Carlisle and Penrith Mosques.
- Operation Mistletoe – Hate Crime operation in St Aidans ward.
- Continued success of Safer Homes scheme throughout the Area providing joinery and Crime Prevention service to vulnerable victims - 330 clients visited, which includes 26 Burglary Victims and 11 Child and Adult Protection Unit clients.
- Streetsafe Currock Road / Blackwell Road / Irthing Park / St Nicholas gate car park - 455 premises visited 162 alarms installed 7 new NHW schemes (13 applications pending) – 126 residential properties covered.
- Safe Child initiative rolled out in schools throughout the Area.

### Operational Support Department

#### Safety Camera Partnership

- The Safety Camera Partnership has been committed to maintaining a high profile as to its activities linking to casualty reduction. Its activities are listed below;

#### County shows

Cumberland Show, Keswick Road safety Day, Keswick Show, RoadSafe Day Westmorland Show.

#### Presentations

Keswick Rotary, Whitehaven Rotary Clubs.

#### Media

TV and Radio Interviews, online evidence viewing – CFM and Border TV  
Lost Soles – Border TV, Young Drivers – The Bay, Lakeland Radio, CFM, Border TV.

#### Newspaper coverage

Substantial coverage in all local papers on young drivers, plus coverage on

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new web site and online evidence viewing

Internet

Revamped web site launched July 2005, On-Line Evidence viewing becoming available to recipients of Fixed Penalty Notices and Notices of Intention to Prosecute from 01 Sep 05.

Dog Section

- The section has been involved in a number of Public Order initiatives resulting in 36 arrests and attendance at 480 incidents.

MSG

- PS 330 Lambert and PC 532 Taylor were responsible for the planning and delivery of the first Road safe event. This was held at Carlisle Racecourse on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This involved considerable planning from scratch and the event was a complete success with an estimated 1500 people attending. The event was used to promote all aspects of road safety and utilised attractions such as the Yamaha Super bike Race Team, TT winner John McGuinness, Workington Comets and a Parachute Display Team.
- PS 330 Lambert and PC 532 Taylor have conducted another set of Bike safe lectures and assessed ride outs aimed at reducing casualties amongst motorcyclists.
- Operation Tourist was run on the M6. The operation was run with VOSA and HMR&C fuel testing unit. During the 4 days, 101 vehicles were stopped and checked. Of the 101, 21 were found to have mechanical faults, 5 drivers were driving excessive hours, 3 were driving other than in accordance with their license, 2 had no valid operators license and 2 vehicles were found to be running on rebated fuel. An HGV driver was also caught stealing from his trailer during the stop check.



## **Providing Assistance**

### West Cumbria

- All Local Policing Teams (LPT's) have spent an extensive period of this quarter dealing with licensing applications in preparation for the new provisions provided by the Licensing Act 2003. All LPT's have insisted upon inspection visits and a corporate response to conditions i.e. door staff required by all premises if applicants are intending to extend their hours and an Area wide closing time. This has involved close liaison with licensees, door staff and the Borough Councils.
- The Keswick Convention attracts large numbers of Christians to the town (16 July- 5 Aug). Community Officers worked closely with the organisers in the planning stages and during the event to reassure the public, attendees and tourists during an uncertain time following the London Bombings.
- Likewise, officers were involved in a similar way for the annual Maryport Blues Festival where thousands of revellers return to enjoy the music held during July.
- "Jobs in our Community ", a two day event held by Connexions to raise awareness of the opportunities available to young people in our area was supported by many local organisations including the Whitehaven Community Team. 697 pupils attended the event from 25 schools across West Cumbria. Officers spoke about the values of attendance and achievement and also about career opportunities within the Service.

### South Cumbria

- June saw the traditional influx of Gypsies and Travellers enroute to and from Appleby Fair. In previous years there have been countless complaints regarding the debris and rubbish left behind by some of these families, and regarding the unauthorised tapping in to private water supplies. A modern and robust partnership approach by Cumbria Police and South Lakeland District Council saw the provision of portable toilets, rubbish skips with daily collections, water standpipes and daily Police and SLDC patrols. The local communities and the Travellers were kept informed at all stages, and the result has been a far more tolerable situation for both communities. A letter of thanks has been received from Casterton Parish Council regarding the manner in which this year's event has been managed.
- In Milnthorpe an officer recently addressed 40 members of the local game keeping community in an attempt to find more productive methods of reducing poaching in the area and to improve links between the local gamekeepers and the police.
- Police officers from the Lakes area have continued their support of Lake District National Parks staff in enforcement of the 10mph speed limit on Lake Windermere.

### North Cumbria

- CRASH multi agency meetings continue, through which tasking packages are produced to highlight areas of concern.

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- G8 staging post at Longtown was coordinated by North Cumbria staff, approximately 6000 officers travelling to G8 summit passed through
- Tour of Britain Cycle Route passed through north Cumbria in September with stage starting in Carlisle.
- Joint work with English Nature enforcement team regarding increasing motorcycle usage on Northern Pennines.
- Numerous public events supported, Cumberland Show, Lowther Show, Pop to the Park, Farmaggadon outdoor music festival maximising use of the Special Constabulary.
- Operation Bikesafe and Focus – casualty reduction on the A686.

#### Operational Support Department

##### TSG

- The Tactical Support Group provided assistance to all three BCU's in the following high profile events; Appelby Fair, Cartmel races, Maritime Festival, Festival of Light, Lowther Show, Flookborough Show, and the visit of John Prescott to Carlisle.
- Assistance provided to Trading Standards in search and seizure of a CD counterfeiting factory at Kirkby Thore.
- TSG officers were deployed to Gleneagles to provide both firearms and specialist search for the G8 summit.

##### Dog Section

- Explosive detection dogs have been deployed on mutual aid to G8 in Scotland and Gwent.

##### MSG

- PS 330 Lambert has planned and VIP Protection Officers from WMSG have been involved in four Royal/VIP visits during this period; 9<sup>th</sup> June – The Duke of Gloucester visited Coniston and Barrow, 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> of August The Duke of Edinburgh took part in Lowther Horse Trials, 8<sup>th</sup> August Duke of Edinburgh carried out visits to Ullswater and Penrith and 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> August – Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott visited Carlisle.



## Awards and Recognition

### Certificates of Commendation

- Detective Constable 609 Wallace (Lancashire Constabulary)  
...is commended for his individual contribution to Operation Vespa, a drugs operation in West Cumbria.
- Constable 739 Ryan  
...is commended for implementing The National Police Dog Assessment Model 'in Pursuit of Excellence'.
- Constable 325 Burton
- Constable 1427 Ellis
- Constable 63 Norman
- Special Constable 7226 Prince
- Constable 1160 Roberts
- Sergeant Weightman  
...are commended to recognise their brave and selfless actions for responding to the extreme weather conditions, which befell Cumbria between 7 and 9 January 2005.
- Mr David Martin
- Sergeant 916 Warner  
...are commended to recognise their brave and selfless actions for responding to the extreme weather conditions, which befell Cumbria between 7 and 9 January 2005.
- Mrs Joanne Howe  
...is commended to recognise her brave and selfless actions for responding to the extreme weather conditions which befell Cumbria between 7 and 9 January 2005.
- Inspector David Willets  
...is commended to recognise his brave and selfless actions for responding to the extreme weather conditions, which befell Cumbria between 7 and 9 January 2005.
- Constable 622 Beaty
- Sergeant 1025 Cherry
- Constable 108 Galdins
- Constable 994 Jackman
- Constable 1492 Kennerley
- Constable 303 Maguire
- Constable 1637 McEwan
- Constable 23 Teasdale  
...are commended to recognise their brave and selfless actions for responding to the extreme weather conditions, which befell Cumbria between 7 and 9 January 2005.
- Inspector Jayne Hall  
...is commended to recognise her brave and selfless actions for responding to the extreme weather conditions, which befell Cumbria between 7 and 9 January 2005.

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- Mrs Angela Humes
- Mrs Ellen Ingledow

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- Constable 1765 Keir
- Constable 1733 Smith
- Constable 1691 Yallop

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- Detective Constable 1186 Salkeld
- Inspector Adrian Sowerby

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- Mr Keith Hewitt
- Miss Kelly Woodruff
- Miss Sophie McGilloway

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- Sergeant 364 Forrester
- Constable 790 Blackburn
- Constable 365 Baglee
- Constable 941 Hepworth
- Constable 436 McCarron
- Constable 409 Whitehead
- Constable 52 Cuthbertson
- Constable 539 James
- Constable 347 Huddart
- Constable 24 Williams

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- Chief Superintendent Brian Horn
- Chief Inspector John Denwood

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- Constable 1730 Lindow
- Constable 1809 Mitchell
- Constable 1712 Postlethwaite
- Mr Stuart Hunter
- Mrs Elizabeth Mounsey

...are commended for rescuing a man from a house fire in Barrow on 13 March 2005.



- Inspector C Tunstall  
...is commended for his close attention to duty and exceptional personal commitment in relation to the logistical planning, resource deployments and welfare of officers during the G8 conference at Glen Eagles.
- Mr Brian Pearson  
...is commended for rescuing a man from Cavendish Dock, Barrow on 19 June 2005.

#### **Chief Officers' Certificates of Merit**

- Detective Constable 1002 Alison
  - Detective Constable 151 Dugdale
  - Detective Constable 446 Gardner
  - Detective Sergeant 175 Gidney
  - Detective Constable 32 Haywood
  - Detective Constable 542 Hodgson
  - Detective Constable 294 McCourt
  - Detective Constable 254 Millburn
  - Detective Constable 463 Stagg
  - Detective Constable 1046 Thomas
  - Detective Constable 93 Watson
- ...for their individual contribution to Operation Vespa, a drugs operation in West Cumbria.

- Constable 1607 Pattinson
- Constable 1549 Singleton

...in recognition of their proactive approach and high arrest rates displayed throughout Operation Merchant, initiated in August 2003 following a dramatic rise in burglary offences in North Cumbria.

- Sergeant 736 Cameron
- Constable 1630 Land

...for preventing a man from hanging himself at Beacon Park on 5 August 2004.

- Constable 740 Scott  
...for his contribution to community policing in the city of Carlisle.

- Constable 1222 Ward  
...in recognition of work during the last 12 months on the Botcherby estate, Carlisle in tackling Class A drugs supply.

#### **BCU Commander's Certificates of Merit**

- Mr Ian Seel
  - Constable 1485 Shay
  - Special Constable 7208 Vickers
- ... in recognition of assisting a young girl on Lark Lane, Penrith on 24 March 2005.



**Directors Certificates of Merit**

- Mr Andrew Christopherson  
...for work in relation to the recovery project at Carlisle.
- Mrs Anita Davidson  
...for work in relation to activity based costing.