



# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

From your local policing team in Seaham/Easington (Murton).

In an emergency call 999

For everything else call 101



## A message from your local policing team

SGT Scott Jameson

Scott joined Durham Constabulary in 2001 spending the next five years as a response officer at Stanley before becoming the beat officer for Tanfield Lea. Scott spent the next 10 years working on various CID teams throughout Durham and was promoted to the rank of Detective Sgt in 2016 taking up post on Chester-Le-Street CID team. Scott was invited to take up a new role as the Seaham Neighbourhood Police team Sgt in October 2019 and jumped at the opportunity. "I've always prided myself on helping protect communities throughout County Durham and assist them in finding solutions to problems they find themselves facing. When the opportunity came up to become the Neighbourhood Sgt for Seaham I just couldn't turn it down and feel it's a great privilege to be here and look forward to meeting and working closely with both the Community and Partners in the near future."

## Positive Disruption in Murton



Murton Neighbourhood Policing Team police have been working with partnership agencies to tackle some of the problems highlighted by the community which has raised concerns around anti-social behaviour, and traffic and drugs offences. The team have carried out a number of magistrate's search warrants and traffic operations. Over the course of one week, five people were arrested for drugs offences, burglary, criminal damage, and possession of an offensive weapon.

## Neighbourhood E-BIKES



Murton Neighbourhood Policing Team have carried active patrols on the new Electric Pedal Cycles which are in partnership with the local councils. Officers have conducted Hi-Visibility intelligence gathering patrols as well as engaging with many members of the public and local residents. These activities will continue by the Murton Team.



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## Total number of crime and ASB incidents recorded by the police for Seaham/Easington (Murton) for September 2019:

All crime and ASB	93
Anti-social behaviour	14
Bicycle theft	1
Burglary	5
Criminal damage and arson	9

Drugs	1
Other crime	3
Other theft	19
Possession of weapons	0
Public order	7

Robbery	0
Shoplifting	9
Theft from the person	1
Vehicle crime	3
Violence and sexual offences	21

For more information on crime and policing in your area, go to [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk).

## Keep yourself safe this winter

As the days get shorter and the nights get darker, we're urging people to take steps to prevent themselves from becoming victims of crime.

Dark evenings can provide the perfect cover for criminals who can easily spot an open window, an unoccupied room, see valuables left on display in your car or try their luck with an unlocked door without being noticed.

But, by taking simple steps – like locking all your doors, even when you're at home – you can help prevent a criminal from targeting you and your property.

If you do notice anything suspicious, please report it to us. Either call us on 101, or dial 999 in an emergency.

### Three simple steps to help protect your home

Leave a light on or use timer switches so lights come on when it gets dark; lock all windows and doors – even if you're at home, and don't leave your keys in the lock or on a side table, making it easy for a thief to fish them through your letterbox.

### Further steps to protect your property

It's not just your home you should protect from thieves – ensure all your outbuildings and sheds are secure by installing a security light or CCTV.

Always remove all valuables from your vehicles when leaving them unattended, and make sure you've locked the door – it only takes a few seconds, but it could mean the difference between having your car stolen or having it there when you return.



Stay safe



### Have your say

If you have any concerns or want to help, please come and see us.

The next meeting for Seaham/Easington (Murton) is on:

Thursday 21 November 06:30PM  
at  
McCrae House  
Seaview Walk  
Murton



### Contact us

Contact your local Seaham/Easington (Murton) policing team:



### More information

[www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

Detailed crime map and local policing information for England and Wales.

[www.durham.police.uk](http://www.durham.police.uk)

Durham Constabulary website.