



NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

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

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A message from your local policing team

PCSO Connor Smith

Welcome to the monthly edition of 'Neighbourhood Newsletter' which is how we aim to keep you updated with various information and stories from the local area. I am PCSO 8203 Smith and have worked for Durham Constabulary as a PCSO for the last 27 months. I am part of the Seaham Neighbourhood Policing Team based at Seaham Police Office on The Avenue. My beat area is the North and West of Seaham, which includes areas such as Deneside and Seaton. I work closely with PC 1629 Thursfield and aim to work closely with the public to address concerns raised within the community. Feel free to email any concerns or intelligence over to connor.smith@durham.pnn.police.uk

Off Road Bike Seized



Officers from Seaham NPT have seized an off road bike from the Deneside area of Seaham. Enquiries are currently ongoing to identify the rider, who made off from the scene.

School Patrols



Officers from Seaham NPT have recently increased patrols around numerous schools in Seaham after a lollipop lady was verbally abused after challenging a parents parking. Officer have conducted multiple crossing patrols across Seaham and there has been no further incidents of the above nature.



Take me to your next meeting (details overleaf)

Total number of crime and ASB incidents recorded by the police for Seaham/Easington (Seaham West) for January 2020:

All crime and ASB	48	Drugs	0	Robbery	0
Anti-social behaviour	5	Other crime	2	Shoplifting	1
Bicycle theft	1	Other theft	2	Theft from the person	0
Burglary	0	Possession of weapons	0	Vehicle crime	2
Criminal damage and arson	12	Public order	3	Violence and sexual offences	20

For more information on crime and policing in your area, go to www.police.uk.

Selective licensing for privately rented homes

Durham County Council is proposing to introduce selective licensing into the county to help improve the standard of privately rented properties.

The authority has been given powers by government to bring in selective licensing schemes for areas of privately rented housing where there is one or more of the following: low demand for housing; significant antisocial behaviour; poor property conditions; high levels of migration; high levels of deprivation; high levels of crime. The council is committed to improving the quality and management of privately rented properties within the county, and believe that selective licensing will allow them to make the improvements to housing and communities.

How it may affect you

Landlords will need to apply and pay for a licence of approximately £500 for each residential property they rent out in each designated area to ensure their properties are well managed. If they breach the licence conditions, they could be fined or taken to court.

Well managed and maintained housing should lead to a reduction in antisocial behaviour and improvements for local communities.

Have your say

The council is urging residents to have their say on the proposal.

You can either come along to a resident drop-in session or landlord meeting which are taking place across the county over the next two months. Full details of these sessions can be found on the Durham County Council website, www.durham.gov.uk/article/22640

If you can't get along to a drop-in session or landlord meeting, you can complete the selective licensing consultation form, which is available on the website link above.

Alternatively, you can pick up a paper copy of the consultation pack from your local library, customer access point or email selectivelicensing@durham.gov.uk



The deadline for comments is 5pm on Monday, April 27



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



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www.police.uk
Detailed crime map and local policing information for England and Wales.

www.durham.police.uk
Durham Constabulary website.