



# CUMBRIA CONSTABULARY

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### **Public Confidence in the Cumbria Constabulary the Highest in the Country**

People in Cumbria have the highest confidence in the police of any constabulary across the country according to new figures released today.

The Home Office statistics (British Crime Survey: 2006-2007) marked Cumbria Constabulary out as the highest achieving force in the country with 62 per cent of local people having confidence in the police and feel their officers are doing an excellent to good job.

Underlining this figure overall crime in Cumbria fell by 10% over the same period compared with a 2% fall for England and Wales making Cumbria Constabulary one of the highest reductions across the country.

Over the last twelve months Cumbria Constabulary achieved a reduction of 11% in violence against the person and a 10% fall in burglary; both in excess of national figures which showed a 1% and 4% reduction respectively.

In the northwest region Cumbria Constabulary has outperformed its neighbouring forces with a 10% reduction in burglaries, the lowest number of recorded crimes per 1000 people as well as the lowest levels of public concerns with regard to burglary, car crime and violent crime. These figures are the best of any force in the northwest region.

In line with Cumbria Constabulary's respect campaign the force also recorded the lowest level of perceived anti-social behaviour in the northwest.

Acting Chief Constable Christine Twigg said: "As a force we are delighted with today's figures and I believe it's a real testament to the dedication and hard work of all those working for the constabulary.

Acting Deputy Chief Constable Graham Sunderland said: "The figures are particularly pleasing given our focus on neighbourhood policing, our ongoing Respect campaign and our commitment to tackling serious and organised crime. The release of today's figures demonstrates that we really are one of the safest county's in the country. This is not just down to the police although we are really proud of the Constabulary our partners and the general public of Cumbria all have a significant part to play."



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