

EPiC North & Outer West

Welcome to the September 2026 Edition of the EPiC Newsletter!

EPiC has continued to maintain a presence across neighbourhoods through regular patrols, community pop-ups, and local events. Providing opportunities of engagement and strengthening relationships. Read on to see some of our September highlights!

Stay safe, stay connected and enjoy this month's edition.

Regards,
EPiC TEAM



What's been Happening!!



Chapel – Concerns of Youth ASB

Following reports of antisocial behaviour involving fireworks and off-road bikes around Barbondale Lonnen, EPiC NOW organised a community pop-up.

The pop-up provided an opportunity for residents to speak directly with partner agencies, raise concerns, and discuss the issues affecting the area. Residents who use the play park and surrounding open spaces were reassured that action is being taken and were encouraged to continue reporting incidents of antisocial behaviour.

By working together, we can help make Barbondale Lonnen a safer place for everyone. Residents are encouraged to continue reporting incidents and concerns so that partner agencies can respond effectively and target resources where they are needed most.

Westerhope – Importance of Reporting

EPiC NOW recently visited a resident in Westerhope who had raised concerns about fire-related antisocial behaviour in a nearby wooded area. Reports indicated that young people had been setting light to tree remains and other rubbish, creating a potential risk to nearby homes.

During the visit, officers provided reassurance that the issue was being taken seriously and that partner agencies were aware of the concerns. The resident welcomed the support and agreed to continue reporting any incidents they witnessed. They also committed to encouraging their neighbours to do the same.

Officers also spoke with another resident who reported that fireworks had recently been set off in the same wooded area. A report was submitted to Northumbria Police to ensure the incident was recorded and could be considered alongside other concerns in the area.

The resident had not previously considered reporting the incident themselves, highlighting the importance of community engagement and awareness. Officers encouraged them to report any future incidents, as information provided by residents plays a vital role in helping partner agencies identify patterns of behaviour.

By continuing to work together and reporting concerns, residents can help keep their neighbourhoods safe and support efforts to tackle antisocial behaviour in the community.





Blakelaw – Community Engagement

EPiC NOW recently hosted a community pop-up near the shops in Blakelaw, bringing together officers from the EPiC Community Safety Team, Northumbria Police, and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service.

The event provided an opportunity for residents to speak directly with local services about issues affecting their community and to receive reassurance that their concerns are being taken seriously. While much of the work to address local issues takes place behind the scenes, officers were keen to highlight the partnership approach being taken to tackle concerns and improve community safety.

Residents were encouraged to share their experiences, raise concerns, and find out more about the support available from local agencies. The event was a valuable opportunity to strengthen relationships with the community and reinforce the message that partners are working together to address local issues and make Blakelaw a safer place for everyone.

By continuing to engage with residents and encourage the reporting of concerns, partners can better target resources and respond effectively to the issues that matter most to the community.

Cowgate – Highway Obstruction

Residents in Cowgate promptly reported an abandoned burnt-out vehicle that was obstructing both a private driveway and the public highway. Following receipt of the report, Community Safety officers attended the location, assessed the vehicle, and spoke with residents about their concerns.

Although residents were understandably frustrated by the situation, they appreciated the prompt response and engagement from officers. Details of the incident were shared with the Neighbourhood Police Team, and the vehicle was subsequently removed from the area.

This positive outcome highlights the importance of residents reporting issues and the value of partnership working in resolving concerns quickly and effectively.



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