EPiC North & Outer West

Empowering People in Communities

Welcome to the October 2026 Edition of the EPIC Newsletter!

As the darker nights draw in, our teams have been working closely with partners across the city to support safer neighbourhoods and prepare for the challenges often associated with the changes in season.
Read on to see some of our October highlights!

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

Regards,
EPiC TEAM



What's been Happening!!

Joint Action to Promote Bonfire Night Safety

With Bonfire Night approaching, EPiC officers have been working closely with Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) and Northumbria Police across all our wards to help keep communities safe.
Despite the stormy weather during the half-term week, we maintained a presence in seven wards across the North and Outer West of the city. Working alongside our partners, we identified known hotspots for deliberate fires and antisocial behaviour, focusing our efforts on areas that have experienced issues at this time of year in the past.
In each location, EPiC hosted a community pop-up, supported by TWFRS staff and police colleagues where possible. These events provided residents with an opportunity to speak directly with local services, receive advice on staying safe during Bonfire Night, and raise any concerns affecting their neighbourhoods.
Through this joint approach, we hope to help everyone enjoy a safe and enjoyable Bonfire Night with their friends, family, and neighbours.






Blakelaw – Partnership Engagement

Jointly with Northumbria Police, EPiC officers carried out a letter drop in the Blakelaw area in response to concerns and requests raised by residents of Foxglove Walk.
The initiative aimed to provide reassurance to residents and support community safety within the neighbourhood.
Our joint presence in the area gave residents the opportunity to speak directly with officers, ask questions, and learn more about the efforts being made to address local concerns. This engagement helped strengthen community relationships and ensured residents felt informed and supported.

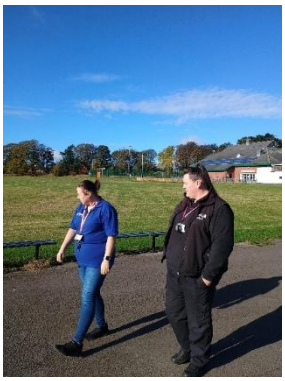




Fawdon – Crime Prevention Tools

Our team responded to a drug-related issue in a relatively isolated area of Fawdon. We were pleased to find that residents' concerns had already been reported and acted upon by other services, which allowed our team the capacity to engage directly with residents to discuss and clarify their concerns in more detail.
Following these conversations, we felt it was appropriate to provide crime prevention tools and advice to help deter crime around residents' homes. We also shared information on how to report antisocial behaviour (ASB) and criminal activity, ensuring residents were aware of the support and reporting options available to them.

Newbiggin Hall – Continuing Visible Patrols



Through reporting channels, we received feedback highlighting that the Galafields continues to be an area of concern. The site is already a priority location for our team due to the range of issues affecting the area.
In addition to our routine patrols, the EPiC Team carried out a joint patrol with the City's Dog Warden following recent reports of antisocial behaviour and dog fouling. These visits provided an opportunity to monitor concerns and identify any issues requiring further action.
EPiC will continue to patrol the area regularly and work closely with our police partners to monitor activity and respond to community concerns.



Lemington - Community Safety Drop-In Sessions

Our officers have established a monthly community safety drop-in session at the Lemington Centre, held on the third Tuesday of every month. These sessions are open to all residents and provide an opportunity to discuss community safety concerns, ask questions, and work with our staff to identify local solutions to issues affecting the area.
The next drop-in session is scheduled for **Tuesday 17 November, from 10:00am to 12:00pm**. Residents are encouraged to come along, meet the team, and discuss any concerns or issues they would like support with.

Get Involved. We value your input and support.

Here's how you can help.
Report crime to **POLICE** for **Non-Emergencies 101** for **Emergencies 999**

Become an **EPiC** champion.

Contact us**:** **epic@newcastle.gov.uk**

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