

An Update from September...

Safer Neighbourhoods

Darley Dale and Winster

October 2026

Halloween

As I am sure you are aware, Halloween is quickly approaching us. I'm sure all of you who have children are already preparing costumes whilst others decorate their homes and purchase large quantities of sweets. It is a very exciting time of year; however, it is very important you remember how to stay safe during Halloween and how to ensure your children stay safe.

If your kids are participating in treat or treating, please ensure they are wearing something reflective with their costume.

Traditional Halloween costumes can be difficult to see, especially in the dark so just a small strip of reflective material can make the wearer a lot more visible. Also ensure that the wearer can see, breathe, move and walk easily in their costume. Your evening will quickly go down hill if your constantly tripping over your own costume.

If you are carrying a light, please ensure it is battery powered and not a open flame. A candle light lamp might fit the theme of the costume but it only takes one lose robe to get caught by it for the whole costume to go up in flames.

When you are out trick or treating, please stay in groups. If your child is heading out on their own, ensure you know who they are heading out with before they set off. Try and make sure a adult is heading out with them.

Stick to a pre planned route that everyone in our group is aware of. Make sure you have a predetermined destination point.

Please tell everyone involved in your group that if they get lost or separated from the group that they should stick to the route and continue on to the destination. Try and stick to areas you and the group are already familiar with to make it easier to find your way back. In addition, make sure you stay safe around roads. Stop, look, listen and think before crossing roads.

Tell your children not to go into anyone's house unless they have permission from you or another parent.

Make sure someone checks any sweets or candy before it is consumed. Never accept or eat sweets that have already been unwrapped.

Street meet dates

2nd 17:00 – 18:00 The Whitworth Park, Darley Dale, Crime Prevention Event

5th 17:30 – 18:00 Tippin Park, Darley Dale, Crime Prevention Event

9th 11:00 – 12:00 The Whitworth Park, Darley Dale, Crime Prevention Event

11th 11:30 – 12:00 Main Street, Winster, Darley Dale, Hate Crime Awareness Week Event

14th 16:30 – 17:00 Tippin Park, Darley Dale, Crime Prevention Event

16th 11:30 – 12:00 Terrace Café, The Whitworth, Darley Dale, Community Catch Up

19th 16:00 – 17:00 The Whitworth Park, Darley Dale, Crime Prevention Event

21st 14:30 – 15:00 Terrace Café, The Whitworth, Darley Dale, Community Catch Up

Please remember these engagements are subject to change depending on operational needs.



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Message from Inspector John Troup

As the officer in charge of policing for Derbyshire Dales, I want to provide you with some brief updates on just a few of the things that officers from your Safer Neighbourhoods Teams have been doing over the summer months. Multi agency meetings have been held with partners to discuss how we can work together to manage and reduce the impact on residents and businesses caused by an increase in visitors to Stanton Moor which is a scheduled ancient monument. Leading up to and throughout the Autumn Equinox Police Officers and PCSOs patrolled these areas to remind people that fires are prohibited under a Public Spaces Protection order and that Camping is not allowed under The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. They were supported by colleagues from Derbyshire Dales District Council, Fire Service, Peak District National Park, and the Landowner. Whilst one small fire was dealt with by fire service, the occasion passed without significant disruption. You can find out about PSPO's here [Public Space Protection Orders - Derbyshire Dales District Council](#)

Matlock SNT attended a meeting regarding the problems caused by high visitor numbers and the increased reporting of anti-social driving and parking at Matlock Bath. Suggestions for traffic calming measures and protecting pedestrian areas were discussed and have been sent to the relevant agencies for their consideration. We have continued to work with Civil Parking Enforcement to support their work and our colleagues from the Road Policing Unit (RPU), Casualty Reduction and Enforcement Team (Crest) have been out across Derbyshire Dales to help tackle the 'Fatal Five', which are Speeding, Drink/Drug driving, mobile phones, seatbelts and careless driving. You can see Sgt Scott Riley discussing these in the constabulary's podcast [Off Duty: The Fatal Five - Roads Policing Unit | Derbyshire Constabulary](#)

SNT officers worked alongside officers from our Criminal exploitation team to successfully execute several warrants across Matlock resulting in four men and 2 women being arrested. You can read more about this here [Four charged with drug offences following series of warrants in Matlock | Derbyshire Constabulary](#). The work done to disrupt crime and drugs in our communities continues, if you have any information regarding drugs or other criminality then you can report this through the Derbyshire Constabulary website, by calling 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800555111.

Over the Autumn months officers will be concentrating on the priorities that have been set by you for your areas, you can contribute to these by contacting your local officers [Your area | Derbyshire Constabulary](#), through social media or by signing up to Derbyshire Alert.

The SNT officers will be patrolling in your area and publish their engagements on the meetings and events page of our website. As the nights now begin to draw in then we would encourage residents across the Derbyshire Dales to think about securing their properties and outbuildings and making sure valuable items are safe. Lawnmowers and bikes put in sheds can be a target for thieves so consider locking things together to make them difficult to move and try not to leave things on show. If you are out of the house when it is becoming dark, then consider putting a light or television on or setting a timer switch so that potential thieves cannot see that there is nobody at home. Please come along to one of our engagement events if you would like to ask about the security of your home or discuss anything else with us. To see more about what is happening in your local area then please visit our website or follow us on social media.

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