



Cumberland Community Safety Partnership

Community Safety Bulletin

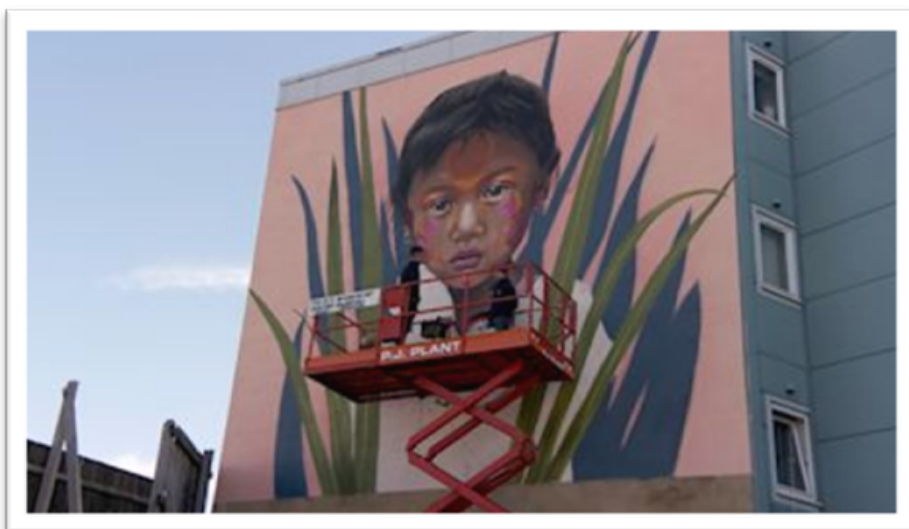
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Street art project with ‘Blank wall assassins’

Our local focus hub in the former Allerdale area has secured Home Office funding for a Street art-based project in Workington and Maryport. The bid was aimed at community improvement and youth outreach work in West Cumbria by employing professional street artists to transform overlooked walls into meaningful artworks that reflect local identity, encourage pride of place and strengthen community wellbeing.

5 locations have been chosen to host the artwork, and it will be provided by Blank Wall Assassins, a not-for-profit organisation whose vision is to inspire people through world class public art. The street art will be a lasting legacy – created and owned by the community. Blank wall assassins have already completed many other pieces of street art across Cumberland, some of which, you will have already seen across Carlisle.



We will update further as the works progress throughout the next few months!

Portland Square lighting



Our local focus hub in Carlisle secured Home Office funding for additional state of the art lighting in the Portland Square area of Carlisle to address the issue of anti-social behaviour in the area and improve community use of the area.

Working with existing developers and local residents, the focus hub ensured the new lighting complemented existing CCTV

in the area, with the installation of the heritage style lighting columns that use motion sensor smart lighting. Further community safety measures are also being considered in the area, including neighbourhood watch.

CAP national award

The Cumberland Community Alcohol Partnership has been named one of the best in the country. The council-led partnership is the joint winner of the CAP of the Year award from the national Community Alcohol Partnerships body. The Cumberland CAP is one of 250 across Britain addressing underage drinking and vaping.

The accolade recognises the innovative work being done with young people to reduce the harm done by alcohol. The CAP addresses underage drinking and vaping and includes Cumberland Council (including Licensing and Trading Standards); Cumbria Constabulary; Cumbria Addictions, Advice and Solutions (CADAS); and local youth organisations.

In the past year, CAP partners across Cumberland have engaged more than 2,500 young people through education and diversionary activities. A standout example of this work was the partnership's involvement in the Whitehaven Wellbeing Festival in summer 2025, where the CAP team and partners engaged with over 2,000 residents, including more than 800 young people, sharing key messages around alcohol harm and wellbeing.



Winter of action

Through our local focus hubs, the Cumberland Safer Communities team have co-ordinated the governments 'winter of action' campaign to improve safety in our town centres. The campaign took place between the 1st of December 2025 to the 31st of January 2026. Much of the activity took place in Carlisle city centre, which included Carlisle Safer Business partnership and police joint patrols to 53 businesses and the introduction of a new shopwatch radio system in Carlisle. Taxi marshals were also deployed to our 3 main towns on key nights across the period of the operation.

Our return to the Home Office has assisted them to see what has worked well locally, identified lessons learned, and strengthened the evidence base around activity to tackle anti-social behaviour and crime in town centres in the future.

Home Office visit

On 22nd January, the Copeland Local Focus Hub had a visit from the Head of Safer Towns initiative at the Home Office, Ann-Marie Pickup, and the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner David Allen. The visit gave the team the opportunity to showcase our collaborative working with our partner agencies in Whitehaven Town Centre, which is one of our hotspot areas for the Safer Towns initiative. They explained the Local Focus Hub model, visited the Move on Scheme at Peter Street and Hope Haven which are examples of support services that are available, and also visited problematic areas that we have all been working to improve. The team explained how they have used funding to improve the taxi rank in the Violence Against Women and Girls hotspot area.

In the past 12 months ASB reports have decreased by 22% in Whitehaven Town Centre. The hope is that by showing how we use funding to make a difference, more Home Office funding will be available in the future.

Operation Enhance



The Safer Communities team have coordinated the joint Council enforcement/police patrols as part of Operation Enhance, a government funded operation to reduce anti-social behaviour in eight identified "hot spot" areas, suffering the most

ASB and serious violence. In 2025, ASB reduced by almost 25% across these areas compared to 2024, and 32% compared to 2023. In 2025, council staff contributed nearly 400 hours of patrol activity. This included 48 intel submissions, 11 littering offences identified, 30 PSPO breaches identified, 18 abandoned vehicles identified and 5 FPNs issued.

Domestic abuse awareness sessions



Domestic Abuse Awareness Learning Sessions

Cumberland Community Safety Partnership are delivering the following free sessions to all agencies with public contact cross Cumberland, including those who work across both Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness

Session Title	Course Content
Domestic Abuse Bitesize for all-age learning settings, Non-Statutory Partners/ 'light touch' services, Customer Services	What is Domestic Abuse? Babies, Children and Young People as Victims The Victims Code 2021 Prevalence of Domestic Abuse Controlling and Coercive Behaviour and the Power & Control Wheel Typologies of Domestic Abuse Stages of Domestic Abuse Impact of Trauma Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews Risk Assessment Local offer
Learning from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews- all partners, operational to strategic	Improvement in Professional Curiosity/Routine Enquiry Multi-Agency Involvement and Information Sharing Risk Assessment and Management of Risk Handover and Step-Down DARVO- Deny Attack Reverse Victim Offender Typologies The impact of Children becoming Cared For Suicide Prevention Links between DA & Substance Misuse Working in line with the Victim's Code 2021 Learning and Development *note- session takes 45 minutes with the recommendation to apply self-reflection and development following links shared within the session What is C&C?
Controlling and Coercive Behaviour- C&C- all partners, operational to strategic	Use of the Duluth Power and Control wheel in identifying and C&C

Cumberland Council Colleagues- please book via iLearn

[iLearn - Learning from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews- all partners, operational to strategic \(Virtual Event\)](#)
[iLearn - Domestic Abuse Bitesize for all-age learning settings, Non-Statutory Partners, Customer Services \(Virtual Event\)](#)
[iLearn - Controlling and Coercive Behaviour- C&C- all partners, operational to strategic \(Virtual Event\)](#)

All other partners- please contact nell.johnston@cumberland.gov.uk stating your name, email, organisation and Line Manager email. Please do not forward link, all attendees need to book separately in order to monitor reach

Date	Time	Session Title
Wednesday, 25 th February	3.30pm-5pm	Domestic Abuse Bitesize
Tuesday, 3 rd March	3.30pm-4.15pm	Learning from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews
Monday, 9 th March	3.30pm-4.30pm	Controlling and Coercive Behaviour
Thursday, 12 th March	3.30pm-5pm	Domestic Abuse Bitesize
Tuesday, 17 th March	9.30am-10.15am	Learning from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews
Thursday, 9 th April	9.30am-10.30am	Controlling and Coercive Behaviour
Tuesday, 21 st April	3.30pm-5pm	Domestic Abuse Bitesize
Thursday, 2 nd April	9.30am-10.15am	Learning from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews
Wednesday, 6 th May	3.30pm-4.30pm	Controlling and Coercive Behaviour
Monday, 11 th May	3.30pm-5pm	Domestic Abuse Bitesize
Wednesday, 29 th April	3.30pm-4.15pm	Learning from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews
Thursday, 28 th May	9.30am-10.30am	Controlling and Coercive Behaviour
Thursday, 11 th June	3.30pm-5pm	Domestic Abuse Bitesize
Monday, 18 th May	3.30pm-4.15pm	Learning from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews
Tuesday, 9 th June	12pm-1pm	Controlling and Coercive Behaviour
Wednesday, 1 st July	3.30pm-5pm	Domestic Abuse Bitesize
Friday 10 th July	9.30am-10.15am	Learning from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews
Monday, 6 th July	12pm-1pm	Controlling and Coercive Behaviour
Thursday, 6 th August	3.30pm-5pm	Domestic Abuse Bitesize
Monday, 29 th June	3.30pm-4.15pm	Learning from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews
Wednesday, 29 th July	12pm-1pm	Controlling and Coercive Behaviour

If you have any questions or queries, please contact mary-claire.telford@cumberland.gov.uk

Local Focus Hubs



FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

There are 3 local focus hubs (LFH's) across Cumberland, based in the 3 former district council areas.

We measure the work of the hubs each quarter, based on the number of referrals made and the number of those referrals that are required to be re-opened if the problems continue

Measure	Carlisle Q1	Carlisle Q2	Carlisle Q3	Carlisle Q4	Total
Total number of referrals	10	6	7	9	32
Number of recurring problems -	0	1	0	0	1
Number of community engagement	12	13	11	11	47

Measure	Workington Q1	Workington Q2	Workington Q3	Workington Q4	Total
Total number of referrals into	7	12	6	11	36
Number of recurring problems -	1	1	1	1	4
Number of community engagement	4	5	4	2	15

Measure	Whitehaven Q1	Whitehaven Q2	Whitehaven Q3	Whitehaven Q4	Total
Total number of referrals into	5	3	4	7	19
Number of recurring problems -	0	0	0	0	0
Number of community engagement	0	6	2	2	10

Partners in focus - December



VICTIM SUPPORT

Victim Support is an independent charity dedicated to supporting victims of crime and traumatic incidents in England and Wales. We provide specialist help to support people to cope and move on to the point where they feel they are back on track with their lives.

How we can help

We're here to help anyone affected by crime. Not only those who experience it directly, but also their friends, family and any other people involved.

It doesn't matter when the crime took place, or whether you've reported it to the police. You can get our help at any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We're independent from the police, and our support is free and confidential.

How we can help

If you've been affected by crime, there are a number of ways you can contact us to get support or information.

Get support locally

- Contact your nearest Victim Support team

Call our national phone line

- Call our Support line free on 08 08 16 89 111, 24/7

Get support online

- Start a live chat, available across England and Wales, 24/7
- Request support online
- Access My Support Space – a free online resource containing interactive guides and videos

Anyone affected by crime in England or Wales can contact us for free, confidential support.

[Find out more here](#)

Useful Links

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[Cumbria Police](#)

[Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service](#)

[Probation](#)