Friends of Chances Park – Quarterly Review Meeting

Thursday 22 October 2026, 6.30pm–8.10pm

St Luke's Church Hall, Morton, Carlisle

MINUTES

1 - Present

Name	Role / organisation
Ray McCreadie	Chair, Friends of Chances Park
Iris Rogan	Vice Chair
Val Nixon	Secretary
David Hallett	Treasurer
Catherine McCreadie	Friends of Chances Park Committee
Ian Hodgson	Friends of Chances Park Committee
Margaret Brown	St Luke's Church / Friends of Chances Park Committee
Peter Brown	St Luke's Church / Friends of Chances Park Committee
Kim Fitzmaurice	Cumberland Council Parks Department / Friends of Chances Park Committee
PCSO 5438 Ryley McDowell	Cumbria Police, Neighbourhood Policing Team / Friends of Chances Park Committee
PC 3249 Wood	Cumbria Police, Neighbourhood Policing Team
PC 3753 Wharton	Cumbria Police, Neighbourhood Policing Team
PC 3751 Topolski	Cumbria Police, Neighbourhood Policing Team
Garry English	Chair, Morton Manor Board of Trustees
David Archbold	Trustee, Morton Manor
Sue Brecken	Trustee, Morton Manor
Nina Orchard	Vicar at St Luke's Church
Kathleen Quinn	Resident and Park User
Paul Seidel	Manager of the Royal Scot
Jackie Lytollis	Resident and Park User
Jackie Holmes	Representing Chances Family Hub
Karla Coswig	St Luke's Church / Network Youth Church / Christian lunch clubs at Morton and Trinity Schools
Kylie Christie	Representing The Outside Club

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1. Apologies

- David Allen, Cumbria Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. A written statement was provided for the meeting.
- Christine Connelly
- David Pennington

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held Thursday 9th July 2026

- The draft minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th July 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Chair's Report

- The Chair welcomed all to the FoCP quarterly review meeting. The main themes of the session are (1) anti-social behaviour. (2) the FoCP move to charitable status (3) forming a closer working relationship with Morton Manor (4) review of current projects and funding.
- The Chair has attended three Pride in Place (PiP) meetings during the last month and the CVS Funding Fair on Wednesday 21st October, identifying funding opportunities for youth-focused projects in 2027. List of the proposed projects to be supported by the Pride in Place initiative are shown in attached schedule

4. Secretary's Report

- The Secretary reported that information had been distributed about anti-social behaviour, proposed transition to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), constitutional objects, and the Treasurer's Report.
- Members were reminded to respond to committee communications where a decision or input is required.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Total funds £12,480.46 – as of Tuesday 13th October 2026 shown in attached schedule.
- Balances - £10,028.94 in the savings account, £2,398.52 in current account, £53.00 float.
- Allocated funds £10,404.07
- **Non-allocated funds 2,076.39, which is £76.39 over the agreed threshold.**

Action 1	**It was agreed that the £5,228.00 retention held for the Labyrinth project would be released to Cumberland Council. Kim to send copy invoice to the Treasurer for payment. Two issues remain unresolved (1) incorrectly installed paths are vulnerable to damage (2) poor drainage causes flooding in the middle area, making it inaccessible at certain times of year. Cumberland Council will assume full responsibility for maintaining the Labyrinth, at the correct standard, fit for purpose.**	**David / Kim Approved**

Action 2	**Val and David will continue to oversee the new purchase order process. All spending requires FoCP committee approval and must be recorded in the minutes before a purchase order is issued. David to provide a flowchart to go with the procedure.**	**Val / David / All Ongoing**

6. Police Report

- David Allen, Cumbria Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner apologised for his non-attendance at the meeting. A written statement was provided and was distributed to committee members prior to the meeting - copy attached.
- PCSO 5438 Ryley McDowell then outlined the main points from the statement:
  - Mr Allen expressed concern about reports on anti-social behaviour (ASB) in and around Chances Park.
  - **ASB is number one on list of priorities for the police to deal with.**
  - Chances Park is included in local patrols, and the local officers are dedicated to combatting anti-social behaviour.
  - Neighbourhood Police has increased the number of Community Beat Officer from 58 officers to 84 officers, an increase of 26 officers. That is a 44.8% increase in neighbourhood policing capacity across the county**. Two additional officers have been allocated to the west of the city.**
  - ASB has reduced by 30.9% across the county between 1 April 2026 and 31 August 2026 compared to the same period in 2024/25.
  - The misuse of e-bikes, e-scooters and other motorised bikes continues to be a priority for neighbourhood officers across Carlisle.

- A number of these seizures have taken place within the City West area, demonstrating the team's ongoing commitment to tackling the issue.
- Residents are encouraged to continue reporting incidents, as community information plays a vital role in directing police activity and securing positive outcomes.
- Contact the Police on 101, or 999 in an emergency or by the online police contact page. You can also report anonymously to Crimestoppers or by phone 0800 555 111.
- **Neighbourhood Policing Team will continue to provide updates on enforcement activity and results through Cumbria Police social media channels to ensure residents are kept informed of the work being undertaken on their behalf – Carlisle Police Facebook page.**
- The Chair will meet with David Allen at his surgery in Dalston on Wednesday 4th November 2026.

- **Questions and comments from meeting attendees:**
  - "I feel the issues were blown out of all proportion, what was reported in the local press and also on social media."
  - "It's a masterclass in poor journalism."
  - "Are the additional two officers assigned to the Morton / Raffles area enough?"
  - "Not sure if the figures quoted by the police for the reduction of ASB are correct, not all issues are not reported, difficult to get through to police."
  - "On one occasion, police used a dispersal order at Chances Park. The police representative explained that this involved defining a geographical area within which officers could use dispersal powers. He stated that, on the evening concerned, police had received five reports within an hour concerning young people causing problems in the park, which prompted the police response."
  - "a lot of people are blaming the kids for the trouble on Chances Park, however the two who were arrested were 17 and 21. Both arrests occurred in the North side of the city".

- **Further comments from the police who were in attendance:**
  - PCSO McDowall advised that the Neighbourhood Policing Team will be out and about during the school holidays. Due to the clocks going back it will be dark earlier so looking out for anti-social behaviour is a force priority through target operations. Operation Enhance covers the City Centre but if you witness any anti-social behaviour in your area, please report it to either 101 or Cumbria Constabulary Report ASB online.
  - E-Bikes – maximum speed limit is 15.5mph for a pedal assist bike. Vehicles with a throttle require Road Tax, Insurance, and a driving license. Illegal or modified ebikes are only allowed to be ridden on permissioned land. The age of responsibility is 10 years old, and the bike can be seized if found using one. The Police will not pursue riders of illegal bikes as it can be too dangerous, and type of criminality and safety is a concern.
  - Chances Park remains safe to use. Recent incidents were isolated, although incidents cannot be prevented entirely. A dispersal order was introduced to prevent further incidents; it was not known when one had last been used. Ryley confirmed that Chances Park continued to have fewer issues than other areas of the city. No arrests were made in the park.

Action 3	**All are encouraged to report incidents of anti-social behaviour through the appropriate police channels. Contact with the police can now be made via the FoCP website.**	**All / Police Ongoing**
Action 4	**Ryley to forward details of the monthly police liaison committee to FoCP Secretary for distribution. Ryley to provide incident statistics at the FoCP meetings**	**Ryley / Val Open**
Action 5	**FoCP / Morton Manor need to develop youth-focused proposals that align with Pride in Place guidelines, covering safe meeting spaces, activities, outreach, or youth-worker/facilitator support. Potential funding ideas for park users include a pump track, skate park, or outdoor gym. Local community centres should be brought up to Harraby standards, and young people in the area must be consulted to ensure the proposals reflect what they want.**	**Ray / Garry / FoCP / Trustees Open**

7. Morton Manor Update

- Garry English, Chair of Morton Manor, spoke at the meeting and the following items were noted.
- Morton Manor has been a Trust since 2000. It has recently secured a 25-year lease, providing greater security for future planning and fundraising. The trustees highlighted the need to raise income to meet staffing, energy, and building costs,

including future work to the listed building. Morton Manor has received no income from the Council since the change from Carlisle City Council.

- Morton Manor will celebrate its 60th anniversary as a Community Centre in 2027. Plans include using photographs and memorabilia, involving schools, and considering activities in or around the park.
- The Centre Manager vacancy has still not been filled.

Action 6	**Form a small joint planning group for Morton Manor's 60th anniversary and invite photographs, stories, and memorabilia from the community.**	**Garry / Ray / FoCP / Open**

Action 7	**Consider appointing or inviting a Morton Manor representative to support the future CIO trustee structure, subject to the constitutional process.**	**FoCP / Morton Manor For consideration**

8. Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

- The secretary emailed all listed members to inform them that FoCP is seeking to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. No objections had been raised by the time of the meeting.
- A meeting was held on Tuesday 8th September 2026 where the draft resolution and constitution were considered. The meeting unanimously agreed that Friends of Chances Park should proceed with an application to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
- The resolution was proposed by Ray McCreadie and seconded by Catherine McCreadie
- The proposed founding trustees were confirmed as Ray McCreadie, David Hallett, Iris Rogan, Val Nixon, Catherine McCreadie, and Ian Hodgson. All agreed to serve as trustees.

Action 8	**Prepare and submit the CIO application to the Charity Commission using the approved constitution and resolution.**	**David / Ian / Ray Open**

9. Fundraising and Projects

- Action 12 - Labyrinth: Iris & Catherine confirmed all Labyrinth funders have been issued with the project-completion feedback paperwork.
- Action 16 - Community Investment Fund grant for £1,442.00 has been received from Cumberland Council. The funds will be used to refresh the nature trail and support the planned owl sculpture; work is expected to commence in November.
- Catherine and Ray attended CVS Funding Fair on Wednesday 21st October, identified several fund-raising opportunities for youth-focused projects in 2027.
- Ray to meet Juan Shimmin, Grants & Programme Manager at Cumbria Youth Alliance, on Wednesday 28th October to discuss youth-focused projects.

Action 9	**Catherine to complete the application for the Police and Crime Commissioner's community/property fund. Completed forms to be forwarded to PCSO Ryley McDowell for consideration and endorsement before sending it to the Commissioner. The application closing date is 17:00 Friday 30th October 2026.**	**Catherine / Ryley In progress**

Action 10	**The vandalised information board in the Georgian gardens is still to be replaced. Funding is being sought as part of the Police and Crime Commissioner's community / property fund application.**	**Catherine In progress**

Action 11	**Signage for second information board (finger Labyrinth) to be installed by end October.**	**Iris / Kim In progress**

Action 12	**Progress with speed the nature trail refresh project and the owl sculpture using the Community Investment Fund award. Funding has already been approved.**	**Iris / Catherine In progress**

Action 13	**Review projects and grant opportunities for 2027. Produce a prioritised programme linked to available funding. Agreed to work on youth focused opportunities to help reduce the ASB in and around the area.**	**Catherine / Ray / Iris Open**

10. Website and Social Media

- The new Friends of Chances Park website is live. It includes activities, governance documents, agendas, and minutes, and contact information for the police, Council and Morton Manor.
- The Friends of Chances Park Facebook page has approximately 1,100 followers. Partners are encouraged to share events and community information across their channels.

Action 14	**Keep the website governance pages up to date and promote partner events through the website and social media channels.**	**Ray / Iris Ongoing**

11. Park Maintenance Report

- On Monday 19 October, Iris, Catherine, Ray and Kim walked through Chances Park with Lee Lowis, Cumberland Council's Grounds Manager, to discuss Park maintenance, including improved access through the nature trail and meadow areas. The meadow will be expanded and the map updated, with work scheduled for spring 2027.
- The meeting considered involving local schoolchildren more regularly in planting, litter-picking, and park care, in partnership with schools and community groups.
- The FoCP committee thanked Kim and her team for their work with the Labyrinth project and the general upkeep of Chances Park

Action 15	**Labyrinth: Arrangements are to be made for £500 of low maintenance aromatic plants to be added to the border of the Labyrinth by Cumberland Council in Spring 2027. Funding approved as part of the Labyrinth project. The council will prepare the ground for planting. Newlathes school was consulted on planting choices, and its gardening club could assist with planting and upkeep**	**Iris / Kim Open**
Action 16	**Meadow: During the Park walk Iris and Lee Lowis also discussed cutting suitable meadow areas and a rolling programme of additional plug planting starting in spring. As no planting had taken place this year, Iris asked about planting more native bluebells. Lee confirmed there was still time and agreed to provide a quotation. In the recent past spending was around £300.**	**Kim / Iris Open**
Action 17	**Kim reported that the Council is working with an organisation called RAISE to secure trees, cradles, and planting support. A meeting is scheduled for early November to confirm the number and location of trees. Planting is expected in December 2026 or January 2027. Plans include creating another tree-lined avenue, expanding planting around existing copses, and adding specimen trees where suitable. Native species will take priority, supplemented by appropriate ornamental varieties. The National Lottery's environmental funding priorities were noted as an opportunity for future funding.**	**Iris / Kim Open**
Action 18	**Confirm the tree planting plan after the early-November meeting and circulate it to Friends members.**	**Kim / Iris**
Action 19	**Incorporate agreed maintenance issues, meadow mapping, and protected planting areas into the 2027 maintenance plan. Can we organise a drone picture of Chances Park and identify all the trees.**	**Iris / Kim Open**
Action 20	**Consider applying for National Lottery environmental funding to support future tree, shrub, meadow or biodiversity projects.**	**Catherine / Iris / Kim Open**

12. Forthcoming Events

- Friday 23rd October 2026: Children from St Bedes School & the Rotary Club of Carlisle are planting 500 Crocus bulbs generously donated by the Rotary Club of Carlisle
- Saturday 24th October 2026: Walk the Pathway to End Polio, a short community walk held in Chances Park to acknowledge World Polio Day and support efforts to eradicate polio worldwide.
- Friday 4th December 2026: Christmas Concert at St Luke's. Richard Rose Academy and local school choirs are involved. The programme, publicity, raffle, and refreshments are being finalised.
- Saturday 3rd April 2027: Body, Mind and Spirit event at Pirelli Social Club. Stalls are being booked and the main raffle will be promoted in advance.
- Saturday 1st May 2027: World Labyrinth Day.

Action 21	**Finalise the Christmas Concert programme, performers, publicity, raffle, refreshments, and event costs. Allocated funds to date £200.00 for raffle tickets, wines, programme and donation too St Lukes.**	**Iris / Catherine / Val / Open**
Action 22	**Create a coordinated events calendar for 2027, exploring joint events with Morton Manor. Assess projects and grant opportunities to develop a prioritised programme aligned with available funding. It was agreed to pursue youth-focused initiatives to help reduce antisocial behaviour in the local and surrounding areas. Important that we work closely with the schools in our area to see what facilities the children and teenagers want.**	**Ray / Garry / Iris / Catherine / Open**

13. Policies and Procedures

- Once Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status is obtained, the group will need to put the required governance policies in place.

Action 23	**Prepare a policy matrix identifying the policies required for when FoCP becomes a (CIO). Highlighting the Policy and Procedure priority and review dates.**	**Ian Open**

14. Matters Arising

- No other matter arising from the last set of minutes.

Action 24	**Identify a volunteer led and develop a simple programme of children's planting, litter-picking and park-care activities with local schools and community groups**	**Iris / schools Open**
Action 25	**Strengthen links with the local community hubs and invite a representative to a future FoCP meetings to explore joint projects.**	**Ray / Val Open**

15. Any Other Business

- Karla Coswig spoke at the meeting regarding an action plan by Carlisle Network Youth Church for work with young people at Chances Park. A copy of the plan was requested by the Secretary via email to allow us to review.
- Cumberland Council confirmed that individual memorial plaques on trees are not permitted on Council sites. Existing options are limited, including memorial bench plaques and arrangements managed through the crematorium.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 28 January 2027 at 6.30pm in St Lukes Hall. The meeting will combine the FoCP Quarterly Review with the FoCP AGM.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Friends of Chances Park - Lloyds Bank Account 30-54-66 3420 9560

Ref	Date	Type	Sort Code	Account Number	Transaction Description	IN	OUT	Balance	PO Number
216	13-Oct-26				Bank Balance - Current	30,872.87	(28,474.35)	2,398.52	
217									
218					Bank Balance - Saving			10,028.94	
219									
220					Float				53.00
221									
222					Bank Balance - Total			12,427.46	12,480.46
223									
224	13-Oct-26				Year - 2026 / Committed Funds	12,427.46		12,427.46	
225				Labyrinth	BSG - Labyrinth Information Board, Misc No 2		(1,542.00)	10,885.46	
226				Labyrinth	Plants		(500.00)	10,385.46	
227				Labyrinth	Cumberland Council - Labyrinth Payment FOUR /10% Retention		(5,228.00)	5,157.46	
228	31-Dec-26				TOTAL - Community Funds		(7,270.00)	5,157.46	
229									
230	13-Oct-26				Year - 2026 / Small Project Spend	5,157.46		5,157.46	
231	In Yr Exp			Projects	Repairs to Georgian Garden Information Board		(978.00)	4,179.46	
232	In Yr Exp			Projects	Repairs to Nature Trail		(721.00)	3,458.46	
233	In Yr Exp			Projects	Tree Sculpture - Owl		(417.00)	3,041.46	
234	In Yr Exp			Projects	Fairy Trail / £113@1		(113.00)	2,928.46	
235	In Yr Exp			Xmas Concert	Murray Printers - Xmas Raffle Concert		(30.00)	2,898.46	
236	In Yr Exp			Xmas Concert	Mull wine, use of hall, programme		(120.00)	2,778.46	
237	17-Sep-26			Xmas Concert	ST LUKES CHURCH - Donation		(50.00)	2,728.46	
238	31-Dec-26				TOTAL - Small Project Spend		(2,429.00)	2,728.46	
239									
240	13-Oct-26				Year - 2026 / Monthly Accruals	2,728.46		2,728.46	
241	In Yr Exp			Admin	Licences - Small Events		(40.00)	2,688.46	
242	In Yr Exp			Website	Website Hosting Charges inc VAT / £24.00@2		(48.00)	2,640.46	
243	19-Oct-26			Banking	Lloyds Service Charges		(4.25)	2,394.27	
244	In Yr Exp			Banking	Lloyds Service Charges / £4.95@2		(9.90)	2,630.56	
245	In Yr Exp			Insurance	Insurance - PREMIUM CREDIT LTD / £8.96@2		(17.92)	2,612.64	
246	31-Dec-26				TOTALS		(120.07)	2,608.39	
247									
248	13-Oct-26				Year - 2026 / Grant Funding Not Received	0.00		2,608.39	
249									
250	31-Dec-26				TOTALS		0.00	2,612.64	
251									
252	13-Oct-26				Year - 2026 / Miscellaneous	2,608.39		2,608.39	
253	04-Apr-26			Easter Event	Float	53.00		2,661.39	
254	14-Sep-26			BMS - May 2027	LESS BMS - May 2027 Funds / Ringfenced		(585.00)	2,076.39	
255	31-Dec-26				TOTALS	53.00	(585.00)	2,076.39	
256									Free Funds
257	31-Dec-26				TOTAL Funds	53.00	(10,404.07)	2,076.39	76.39
								Threshold £2k	

Friends of Chances Park - Bank account 2026 30-54-66 3420 9562

Ref	Date	Type	Sort Code	Account Number	Transaction Description	IN	OUT	Balance	Code
8	13-Oct-26		Electronic Transfer	Admin	Lloyds Transfer to Current to Savings	3,000.00		10,028.94	Bank
7	13-Oct-26		Electronic Transfer	Admin	Lloyds Transfer to Current to Savings	225.00		7,028.94	Bank
6	13-Oct-26		Electronic Transfer	Admin	Lloyds Transfer to Current to Savings	1,442.00		6,803.94	Bank
3	09-Sep-26		Electronic Transfer	Bank	Interest	1.93		5,361.94	Bank
5	14-Sep-26		Electronic Transfer	Admin	Lloyds Transfer to Current to Savings	5,000.00		5,360.01	Bank
4	10-Sep-26		Electronic Transfer	Admin	Lloyds Transfer to Current to Savings	45.00		360.01	Bank
3	09-Sep-26		Electronic Transfer	Bank	Interest	0.01		315.01	Bank
2	07-Sep-26		Electronic Transfer	Admin	Lloyds Transfer to Current to Savings	314.00		315.00	Bank
1	04-Sep-26		Electronic Transfer	Admin	Lloyds Transfer to Current to Savings / OPEN savings Account	1.00		1.00	Bank

From: Milligan, Laura <Laura.Milligan@cumbria.police.uk>
Sent: 21 October 2026 13:53
To: 'Ray McCreadie' <ray_mccreadie@msn.com>
Subject: RE: Friends of Chances Park FoCP) - Attendance at Community Meeting and Dalston Surgery Event

Hi Mr McCreadie,

Please find two written statements below – one from Police and one from the Commissioner. Thank you for confirming your attendance for the Dalston surgery – we will see you there.

Cumbria's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, David Allen

Dear Friends of Chances Park,

Thank you for inviting me along to your meeting tonight, I am sorry I could not be there in person.

I am also sorry to hear about your experiences with ASB in Chances Park, which as a former panda car driver and beat officer for what used to be called XA05 or Area 5 many years ago, I know well. I have been, over the years, to many events in the park and its surrounding area, and like you, do appreciate it as one of the City of Carlisle's special green places.

ASB is the crime type we are all most likely to experience and it can have such a negative effect on communities if not tackled appropriately. It is also number one in my list of priorities for the police to deal with in my Police, Fire and Crime Plan, based on consultation with the public following my election in May 2024.

I have spoken to and been assured by the Inspector of the Carlisle Neighbourhood Policing Team, that the Morton Park area, including Chances Park, is included in local patrols and that the local officers are dedicated to combatting anti-social behaviour, not only in the park but in the surrounding areas.

Anti-social behaviour and police visibility are issues that are raised with me regularly by members of the public therefore these are priorities for me. We have invested in our Neighbourhood Policing increasing our number of Community Beat Officer from 58 officers to 84 officers, an increase of 26 officers. That's a 44.8% increase in neighbourhood policing capacity across the county. Carlisle and Wigton have received five additional officers as part of this, two of which are dedicated to your area in the west of the city. ASB has also reduced by 30.9% across the county between 1 April 2026 and 31 August 2026 compared to the same period in 2024/25, this is due to pro-active initiatives such as Operation Enhance that sees extra patrols in our hotspot areas.

A lot of work has been done to make our communities safer for everyone. However, we know there is more work to do and I will continue to work with the Constabulary to help further reduce crime and ASB where I can.

The police can only deal with issues that they know about of course, and whilst there is much discussion on social media, this is not reporting what is happening to the police as they do not, and cannot routinely monitor the many hundreds of individual social media pages and groups. I would, therefore, encourage everyone to continue to report any suspicious or criminal behaviour to the Police on 101, or 999 in an emergency. Your reports help build Police intelligence data and assist with identifying where officers are most needed and when. In short, if the police are informed, they can direct officers and staff to the areas affected at the time when ASB or such matters are occurring.

I hope this update has helped and I look forward to meeting Mr McCreadie at my surgery in Dalston on Wednesday 4 November.

Kind Regards,
David Allen

Carlisle Neighbourhood Policing Team Update: Morton Area

Current policing activity within the Morton area

The City West Neighbourhood Policing Team, based at Shadygrove Road, has benefited from the recent uplift in neighbourhood policing resources. Over the past 12 months, the team has increased by two full-time police officers dedicated to policing the west of the city.

As part of this enhanced neighbourhood policing presence, Morton currently has two dedicated neighbourhood officers supported by PCSO Ryley McDowell. These officers are focused on addressing local issues, engaging with residents, and maintaining a visible presence within the community.

The team continues to identify and review local policing priorities through a combination of community engagement, PACT (Police and Communities Together) surveys, and analysis of incident reports and intelligence received from residents. Concerns raised by the community directly influence patrol plans and policing activity.

Officers remain aware of ongoing concerns regarding antisocial behaviour and other issues within Morton, and Morton Park continues to feature on the local patrol plan. Regular patrols are conducted to provide reassurance, gather intelligence, and deter criminality and antisocial behaviour.

Enforcement relating to the misuse of e-bikes, e-scooters and associated issues

The misuse of e-bikes, e-scooters and other motorised bikes continues to be a priority for neighbourhood officers across Carlisle.

Over the last six months, officers from across the Neighbourhood Policing Team have carried out targeted and proactive patrols in identified hotspot locations throughout the city.

As a result of this activity, numerous bikes of various types have been seized where they were being used illegally or in an anti-social manner.

These enforcement actions are intelligence-led and are based on reports from the public, calls for service, and information provided by local communities. A number of these seizures have taken place within the City West area, demonstrating the team's ongoing commitment to tackling the issue where residents are experiencing the greatest impact.

Officers will continue to proactively target antisocial and illegal bike use, while working with partner agencies and the community to identify offenders and locations of concern.

Residents are encouraged to continue reporting incidents, as community information plays a vital role in directing police activity and securing positive outcomes.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team will also continue to provide updates on enforcement activity and results through Cumbria Police social media channels to ensure residents are kept informed of the work being undertaken on their behalf.

Thanks,
Laura

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