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To
The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home
Department, The Chairman and Members of the Northumbria
Police Authority.

Sir,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I present this first Annual Report of the newly formed Northumbria Police, and whilst the amalgamation took place as recently as April 1974, much has been achieved in this short period. I believe these achievements are reflected in the ensuing pages of this Report.

It will be appreciated that reliable comparisons with the work of previous years are not easy because of the new geographical boundaries defining the Northumbria Police area, but every effort has been made to create some meaningful statistical guide.

Statistics within this Report, therefore, include incidents recorded in the Northumbria Police area for the whole year and, where possible, comparative figures have been obtained for the same geographical area for the year 1973.

One factor which clearly emerges is the rise in the incidence of crime, vandalism and other offences against the community. Such increases, set against the background of the shortage of manpower and our increasing involvement in other areas of policing, have been a considerable test for the new Force.

That we have been able to detect 51.7% of all reported crime is an achievement I am pleased to record, but we cannot afford to be complacent. If we are to keep pace with the increased demands on our resources we must reduce our present deficiency of manpower. This will be one of my prime objectives for 1975.

Another disturbing feature of the crime figures is the unusually high increase in homicide. Faced with the formidable task of detecting such crimes, commendable qualities of character have emerged in acts of bravery



and devotion to duty by individual members of the Force. In addition, such major enquiries have indicated the presence of excellent team work with almost every branch of the service in co-operation.

Co-operation and team work have also been the basis of the relationship between the Force and the Northumbria Police Authority and I am glad to be able to place on record my appreciation of the unstinting support provided constantly by all members of the Authority. Their first consideration at all times has been the welfare and efficiency of the Northumbria Police which, in turn, must be of benefit to the community at large.

I also pay tribute to the Officers of the Local Authorities who have assisted so willingly and to the Prosecuting Solicitor and his staff for the work they have undertaken on our behalf.

The assistance and encouragement received from outside the Police Service, coupled with the full co-operation extended by the Police Federation, the Superintendents' Association and Chief Officers from within the Force ensured the success of the April amalgamation.

I look forward to 1975 as a year of further progress and, with the same support and encouragement I am confident the Force will again give maximum service to the community.

C. H. COOKSLEY, Chief Constable.

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Assistant Chief Constable (Operations): W. Baharie Esq., Q.P.M.

Assistant Chief Constable (Administration): J. A. Marshall Esq., Q.P.M.

Assistant Chief Constable (Crime): K. G. Oxford Esq., (until 1st November 1974)

The Police Authority

Members of the Tyne and Wear County Council

Councillor W. Brown, J.P. (Chairman)	Councillor D. G. Hardy
Councillor J. D. Laws (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor S. V. Heatlie
Councillor J. H. Baglee	Councillor E. T. Hepple
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Councillor S. S. Butcher	Councillor H. K. Malcolm
Councillor M. Campbell	Councillor F. Pattison, C.B.E.
Councillor G. J. Castle	Councillor J. F. Richardson
Councillor W. Collins	Councillor W. O. Stephenson
Councillor G. W. Davidson	Councillor J. Tait
Councillor Mrs. J. Deas	Councillor A. Waistell
Councillor Mrs. E. Dolby	Councillor L. Watson
Councillor A. P. Gurd	Councillor W. Wilson

Members of Northumberland County Council

Councillor Lt. Col. A. Barnett, M.C., T.D., D.L.
Councillor Mrs. E. W. Mitchell (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor S. T. Pickup
Councillor C. O. Brewis
Councillor G. P. Hutchinson
Councillor F. N. Smith
Councillor J. E. Teasdale

Magistrates

S. Cowans, J.P.	T. McGeorge, J.P.
E. Kelly, J.P.	E. Stenton, J.P.
N. Bradshaw, J.P.	F. A. Kelly, J.P., M.B.E.
R. A. H. Chartres, J.P.	A. G. McLellan, J.P.
B. E. Smith, J.P.	J. A. T. Hanlon, J.P.
D. N. Hair, J.P.	W. Wood, J.P.
T. P. S. Prudham, J.P.	K. W. Black, C.B.E., J.P.
R. Wilson, J.P.	Mrs. S. A. Turner, J.P.
E. Bourn, J.P., F.R.I.C.S.	J. R. Wakeford, J.P.

OBITUARY

It is with Deep Regret that I have to report the death of one serving Police Officer.

On the 30th October, 1974, Police Constable Stephen Laing died suddenly at his home.

Constable Laing joined the Durham Constabulary in 1948.

Major Events

ROYAL VISITS

On Tuesday 26th February, H.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Kent visited North Shields and officially opened the Formica factory.

On Monday 1st July, Her Majesty The Queen visited Hexham to attend a Thanksgiving Service in the Abbey Church to commemorate the thirteen hundredth anniversary of the Abbey. Later in the day Her Majesty visited Newcastle where she attended a banquet at the Civic Centre and officially opened the MEA Trust House, Ellison Place.

On Tuesday 23rd July, H.R.H. The Princess Anne, Mrs. Mark Phillips, visited Washington New Town and officially opened the Town Centre.

On Thursday 17th October, H.R.H. The Princess Margaret visited Gateshead and Team Valley, to officially open the Gateshead Western-by-Pass and to present The English Industrial Estates Corporation Achievement Award to the Armstrong Cork Company Limited, Team Valley.

On Friday, 8th November, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, visited Newcastle. Prince Philip unveiled a commemorative plaque at Byker Housing Estate, and received the honorary freedom of Trinity House and as Admiral of Sea Cadet Corps reviewed the Sea Cadets at Knightsbridge T.A.V.R. Hall, Gosforth.

SERIOUS EXPLOSION

At 9.35 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th October, a severe explosion occurred at the Bishopwearmouth Automatic Telephone Exchange, Queen Alexandra Road, Sunderland. The exchange buildings, which measure approximately 107 ft. by 38 ft. were completely demolished and flames which looked like escaping gas burning were coming from the debris. This debris was scattered over a large area and some 14 houses in the vicinity were damaged, three of them fairly seriously, as were two petrol filling stations and a nearby shop.

The exchange was unoccupied at the time but one of the consequences was a loss of telephone facilities to some 4,000 subscribers. Amongst these were some hospitals, doctors and police telephones, but all those that could be classed as essential users were restored by G.P.O. Engineers as quickly as was possible.

Three people were slightly injured as a result of the explosion but fortunately no serious injuries were incurred.

Investigations following the explosion concluded that it was probably caused as a result of a build up of gas within the telephone exchange being ignited by an electric spark originating from the electrical contacts in the equipment.

Ready co-operation was given by many public services, thus reducing the possibility of more serious consequences.

Chapter I

Administration and Organisation

	Officer in Charge
Administration	Chief Superintendent W. F. Reynolds
Traffic and Communications	Chief Superintendent J. D. B. Chester
C.I.D.	Detective Chief Superintendent J. A. Bailey
Research and Development	Chief Superintendent E. B. Lauder
Policewomens' Department	Woman Superintendent P. Sigsworth
A or Rural Division	Chief Superintendent J. Stoker
B or Blyth Division	Chief Superintendent W. G. Lisle
C or North Tyneside Division	Chief Superintendent W. Carr
D or Newcastle upon Tyne East Division	Chief Superintendent S. Mason
E or Newcastle upon Tyne West Division	Chief Superintendent D. T. Proctor
F or Gateshead Division	Chief Superintendent L. A. Wright M.B.E.
G or South Tyneside Division	Chief Superintendent C. B. Hardman
H or Sunderland Division	Chief Superintendent R. Kell
K or Marine	Superintendent J. G. Doyle

Population of Force Area	1,526,686
Population per Constable	459.5
Acreage of police area	1,311,470
Acreage per constable	394.8

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE FORCE

The Annual Inspection of the Force by A. U. R. Scroggie, Esq., C.B.E., Q.P.M., B.L., H.M. Inspector of Constabulary, was held on 19th, 22nd and 26th July and 5th and 6th August, 1974.

REGULAR FORCE ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH (Appendix 'A')

The authorised establishment of the Force is 3,322 comprising 3,147 men and 175 women.

The actual strength on 31st December was 3,139 comprising 2,933 men and 150 women, plus 54 men and two women seconded.

WOMEN POLICE

The authorised establishment of the Women Police Department on 31st December was 175. The actual strength on that date was 150.

During the year 17 officers left the Force—ten for domestic reasons, six to other employment and one transfer to another force.

Nineteen women were recruited during the year—two re-joined after previous service. Seven women are employed as detectives and four on full time motor patrol duties.

A number of women constables have taken advantage of the opportunity to serve as aides in the C.I.D.

Policewomen within the Force are engaged on many and varied duties and three women work night duty covering the conurbated area.

The Policewomen's First Aid Team has taken part in a number of competitions. Lectures have been given to a wide and varied section of the community and schools have been visited.

SECONDMENTS

The following members of the Force were seconded to Central Services:

North East Regional Crime Squad

- 1 Detective Chief Superintendent
- 2 Detective Chief Inspectors
- 2 Detective Inspectors
- 12 Detective Sergeants
- 12 Detective Constables
- 1 Woman Detective Constable

Regional Training Centres

Newby Wiske

- 1 Inspector
- 6 Sergeants
- 1 Constable

Dishforth

1 Inspector
 3 Sergeants
 1 Constable

Experimental Planning Unit, Ryton-on-Dunsmore

1 Chief Superintendent

H.M. Inspector of Constabulary

1 Chief Superintendent—Staff Officer
 1 Constable as orderly/Driver

University Course

1 Detective Inspector at Durham University
 1 Woman Inspector at Kent University
 1 Sergeant at Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic
 4 Constables at Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic

North Eastern Forensic Science Laboratory

1 Sergeant

Police National Computer Unit, Durham

1 Inspector

Federation Joint Branch Board

1 Constable

WASTAGE (Appendix 'B')

Voluntary resignations for the year numbered 89.

CIVILIAN STAFF (Appendix 'C')

The actual strength of the civilian personnel at 31st December was 1,083.

PROMOTIONS

	Date of Promotion	Years of Service
To Chief Superintendent		
Superintendent C. B. Hardman	1.4.74	28
Superintendent S. Mason	30.6.74	28
To Superintendent		
Chief Inspector B. S. J. Monkhouse	13.1.74	26
Detective Chief Inspector J. B. Darling	1.4.74	23
Detective Chief Inspector C. Jamieson	1.4.74	27
Detective Chief Inspector W. T. Euington	1.4.74	28
Detective Chief Inspector E. Maughan	1.4.74	28
Chief Inspector E. Pine	1.4.74	26
Chief Inspector J. Cockerell	1.4.74	25
Chief Inspector R. Thompson	1.4.74	24
Chief Inspector W. H. Metherill	1.4.74	28
Chief Inspector D. A. Gibson	30.6.74	28
Chief Inspector I. Thynne	1.11.74	25
To Chief Inspector		
23 Inspectors		
To Inspector		
42 Sergeants		
To Woman Inspector		
3 Women Sergeants		
To Sergeant		
79 Constables		
To Woman Sergeant		
4 Women Constables		

COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE POLICE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

448 complaints were made by 382 members of the public concerning the conduct of police officers. Of these, 313 were either withdrawn, or after investigation could not be substantiated.

There are 112 cases pending leaving 23 cases which were wholly or in part substantiated. Five of these complaints lead to criminal proceedings and nine resulted in disciplinary action being taken. The remaining nine cases were dealt with by way of the officers concerned being given suitable advice.

The nature of the complaints was as follows:

(a) Assault	221
(b) Unnecessary Violence	15
(c) Threatening or aggressive attitude	24
(d) Incivility	33
(e) Victimisation	6
(f) Manner in which a police vehicle was driven	9
(g) Miscellaneous	140

In accordance with Section 49 of the Police Act, 1964, 72 complaints were referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions. In five cases, criminal proceedings were recommended and related to three alleged assaults, one alleged indecent exposure and one alleged racial discrimination. In all of these cases the officers were found not guilty at court.

In only one instance did I call on an officer from another force to investigate a public complaint.

DISCIPLINE

During the year 27 officers appeared before me on charges under the Police (Discipline) Regulations 1965, and were dealt with as follows:

Dismissed the Force	1
Required to Resign	1 (Appeal pending)
Reduced in Rank	1
Reduced in Pay	1
Fined	7
Reprimanded	6
Cautioned	6
Found Not Guilty	4

COMMENDATIONS AND OTHER APPRECIATIONS OF POLICE SERVICE

During the year 167 officers have been commended by the courts, and a further 81 have been commended by me for their good work and devotion to duty.

495 letters of appreciation for good work have been received from members of the public involving 661 officers. Twelve letters of appreciation involving 11 officers have been received from other Chief Constables.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

In December, Her Majesty the Queen was most graciously pleased to approve the award to Constable 181 Stanley B. Pearson of the British Empire Medal.

Constable 341 Michael Gatherar was awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct.

The Tony Teare Memorial Trophy was awarded to Constable 1141 W. E. Hunter and Constable 1721 K. Elliott. The Tony Teare Memorial Trophy is a sterling silver rose bowl presented annually to a member of Northumbria Police who has shown outstanding merit.

NEW APPOINTMENT

I am pleased to announce that Mr. K. G. Oxford, Assistant Chief Constable (Crime) was appointed Deputy Chief Constable of Merseyside Police on 1st November 1974.

Mr. Oxford made a valuable contribution to the reorganisation of our Force and we should record our thanks to him, and congratulations on his new appointment.

Chapter II

Crime

GENERAL REVIEW

There were 84,632 indictable offences reported to the police, compared with 73,269 in 1973.

After investigation 82,990 were recorded as crimes compared with 71,529 in 1973, an increase of 11,461 or 16.02%.

The percentage of crime detected was 51.7%.

For comparative statement of crime for 1973/74 see Appendix 'D'. For return of value of property stolen during 1974, see Appendix 'E'.

CASE LOAD

The Case Load overall per detective sergeant and constable in 1974 was 275.

OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON

Homicide

Nineteen offences of murder, two of manslaughter, ten offences of attempted murder and two threats to murder were finally recorded. This shows an increase over the 1973 figures of 13 murders, 5 attempted murders, 1 threat to murder and a decrease of 4 manslaughters.

Murder

On 1st February, Jerry Ellen Rowlinson, 42 years, was found stabbed to death at her home in Blackhall Mill. Michael Foster, 25 years, was arrested and charged with murder. He was subsequently convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

On 22nd March, Anne Scott Brown, 8 years was found dead in allotments in South Shields. She had sustained severe head injuries. Paul Henry O'Leary, 37 years was arrested and charged with murder. He was subsequently convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

On 1st April, Mary Isabella Wilkinson, 74 years was found dead at her home in Felling. She had sustained several stab wounds to the body. John Burton, 22 years was arrested and charged with murder. He was later convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

On 29th May, Peter Eddleston, 28 years was found dead in his shop in Gateshead. Death was caused by several severe head wounds. Gavin Lawton Petty, 23 years was arrested and charged with murder. He was later convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

On 4th August, Gary Shields, 6 years, was found dead on a bankside in North Shields. Death was caused by strangulation. Paul Hails, 23 years was arrested and charged with murder.

On 30th August, Angela Gray, 4 years, was admitted to Newcastle General Hospital suffering from head and abdominal injuries from which she died. David Paul Constantine, 18 years was arrested and charged with murder.

On 4th October, the bodies of two sisters, Margaret Whitfield, 21 years and Mary Elizabeth Armstrong, 19 years were found in the rear of an Optician's shop in Blaydon. Melvyn Thomas Whitfield, 26 years, husband of the deceased Whitfield, has been arrested and charged with both murders.

On 5th November, Georgina Turner, 45 years and her daughter Karen Turner, 18 years were found at their home in Cramlington suffering from severe head injuries. Both later died in hospital. Keith Turner, 21 years, the son of Georgina Turner was arrested and charged with both murders.

On 28th November, Alison Scott, 9 years was found dead in allotments in Blyth. Death had been caused by criminal asphyxia. Edward Coils, 27 years was arrested and charged with murder.

On 15th December, Monika Begita Wojciechowski, 32 years was found dead at a house in Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne. Death had been caused by gunshot wounds. Jan Wojciechowski, 41 years, husband of the deceased was arrested and charged with murder.

On 27th December, Owen Martin McDonald, 27 years died on arrival at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne. Death had been caused by a knife wound to the chest. His wife, Patricia McDonald, 25 years was arrested and charged with murder.

Of the murders committed in the Northumbria Police Area during 1974, I recount in rather more detail the facts of one which in itself revealed outstanding qualities of bravery and dedication to duty.

During the early hours of Monday, 8th April, Lt. Col. John Campbell Stevenson, 53 years, Commanding Officer of Otterburn Army Camp, Otterburn, Northumberland was shot to death at his home Doe Craig House, Otterburn, when about to investigate some disturbance outside his home. His wife, also at home at the time, heard the shooting, found her husband shot and called the Police.

Senior Police Officers arrived at the scene and a full scale investigation was commenced.

One of the many immediate enquiries to be pursued was that of checking out a porter at the Percy Arms Hotel, Otterburn, Sean O'Connell, 40 years, who resided in the Staff Quarters of the hotel. In charge of this particular enquiry was Acting Detective Inspector Burn who took with him Detective Constables Wills and Waddington and Police Constables Holmes and Cunningham.

On attempting to effect the questioning of O'Connail, the latter fired three shots from a revolver at Acting Detective Inspector Burn who fell to the floor badly wounded. Two shots were also fired at Detective Constable Wills who was badly wounded in the left arm. Despite his serious wounds Acting Detective Inspector Burn got to his feet and attempted to overpower O'Connail who was armed, assisted by Detective Constable Wills and by Detective Constable Waddington who had broken through the rear glass window of O'Connail's room after hearing the shooting.

Police Constables Holmes and Cunningham also assisted and took charge of O'Connail in addition to tending the two badly wounded officers until the arrival of assistance.

O'Connail was arrested and later charged with the murder of Lt. Col. Stevenson and also with the attempted murders of Acting Detective Inspector Burn and Detective Constable Wills.

Two other men were also later arrested and charged with the murder of Lt. Col. Stevenson. These were Raymond Robert Douglas Charles Stuart Kane, 34 years, also of the Percy Arms Hotel and a local man, Barry Reid, 25 years.

All three eventually appeared before Mr. Justice Caulfield at Durham Crown Court and were convicted and sentenced as follows:—

O'Connail	—	Life Imprisonment for the murder of Lt. Col. Stevenson. 15 years imprisonment (Concurrent) for the attempted murder of Acting Detective Inspector Burn and Detective Constable Wills.
Kane		Life Imprisonment for the murder of Lt. Col. Stevenson.
Reid		5 years imprisonment for manslaughter.

All five officers concerned were commended by Mr. Justice Caulfield as follows:—

To Acting Detective Inspector Burn

"You are a credit to your police force. It may be that from time to time there is the occasional blemish on the record of the police. But it will need a great number of blemishes to wipe out from the public memory the supreme devotion to duty and the courage you showed on that morning.

You were roused from your bed and sent out on what proved to be a dangerous mission. You were shot three times and during the shooting you still pursued the person you intended to arrest. No words of mine can really add to the actions which have been described by you with modesty when you gave your evidence. The

public should be grateful to know that men like you, and you are not a large or powerful man, should have acted with such courage and devotion. To use vulgar language, you were not on a bonus and the public I am sure should thank you."

To Detective Constable Wills—

"Inspired no doubt by the man in charge of you, you did your job brilliantly, excellently and faithfully."

To Detective Constable Waddington—

"Everybody knows you had a truncheon outside the window. You could have delayed your entry through that window and nobody would have known and nobody would have criticised you. But you went into the fray, unarmed, to the help of your very brave leader."

Police Constables Holmes and Cunningham were also complimented by the Judge.

I am very pleased to associate myself with the remarks of Mr. Justice Caulfield and highly commend the action of the officers concerned for the gallantry they displayed at this time. These officers showed a complete disregard for their own personal safety in subduing an armed criminal and their conduct on this occasion was in the highest traditions of the police service.

Manslaughter

On 22nd April, George Henry Armstrong, 29 years was manually strangled at a house in Kenton, Newcastle upon Tyne. Douglas Charlton, 24 years was arrested and charged with murder. He was eventually convicted at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court of Manslaughter.

On 28th May, Maureen Wilson, 20 years was found dead at her home in South Shields. Death was caused by strangulation. Colin Watson, 23 years was arrested and charged with murder. He was eventually convicted at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court of Manslaughter and sentenced to life imprisonment.

On 1st June, Ralph Maudling, 44 years was found at his home in Hebburn suffering from severe burns to the body. On 10th July, he died in hospital as a result of his injuries. His wife Mary Maudling, 36 years was arrested and charged with murder. She was eventually convicted at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court of Manslaughter and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment.

On 7th August, Maurice Lampport, 31 years was found dead at his home in South Shields. Death was caused through a stab wound, to the chest. Walter Davis, 27 years was arrested and charged with murder. He was eventually convicted at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court of Manslaughter and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment.

On 9th June, Evelyn McLachlan, 80 years was found at her home in Sunderland suffering from severe burns from which she later died in hospital. A 16 years old relative was arrested and charged with murder. She was convicted at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court of Manslaughter and sentenced to life imprisonment.

On 2nd August, Victor Pearce, 35 years was found unconscious at the foot of cellar steps in a public house in Newcastle upon Tyne and subsequently died from a fractured skull. Ian Nesbitt Anderson, 30 years was convicted at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court of Manslaughter and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment.

On 2nd April, Kalique Miah, 20 years, sustained a fracture of the skull and brain damage after being struck with a length of wood during a disturbance in a street in South Shields. He died in hospital on 30th May. A 22 years old man was charged with Manslaughter, but subsequently at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court he was found not guilty and discharged.

Wounding and Serious Assaults

The figures for this type of crime reveal a decrease of 17. A slight reduction of 3.15% was also seen in the overall figure for all offences against the person.

Robbery

The number of offences reported increased by 63 to 260 or 31.98% while the percentage detected rose from 49.24% to 54.62%.

Offences Against Property (with Violence)

Burglary offences, which include unlawfully entering dwellinghouses and other premises, have increased to 24,338, a percentage increase of 13.94. Of these committed one is particularly outstanding. About 4 a.m. on Wednesday, 18th December, the West Chirton Filling Station, Front Street, Chirton was entered by a man wearing a stocking mask and carrying a shotgun. The intruder demanded money from the till from the two elderly garage forecourt attendants. Both attendants refused to give up their firm's takings and set their alsatian watchdog onto the intruder. The intruder made off across the garage forecourt, closely pursued by the dog and one of the attendants. Their combined efforts succeeded in knocking the intruder to the ground but he managed to break free and fired a shot from the gun which killed the alsatian. The intruder then escaped. The police were immediately informed and a full scale search of the area was made. Later that same day a house in North Shields was searched by a team of armed officers following information that the occupant had recently come into possession of a 12 bore shotgun. As a result a 17 year old man was arrested and charged with the offence.

Offences Against Property (without violence)

The main increases in this classification were:—

Steal in dwellings	474
Steal as employee	126
Stealing cycles	404
Steal from vehicles	493
Steal from shops	312
Steal motor vehicles	3,830
Other stealings	1,664

Other Offences

There was an increase in fraud offences of 699 or 20.62%. 3,944 compared with 3,245.

Arson offences decreased by 38, yet such offences occurred often in series, e.g. Blyth Sub-Division was plagued with such a series of arson offences against various properties—schools, sports pavilions and pigeon crees with damage value varying from £10 to £40,000. Two brothers aged 21 years and 16 years were arrested in connection with the theft of milk tokens, but when their home was searched, property connected with arson offences was found. The brothers, in addition to other offences, admitted responsibility for 25 arson offences involving damage to the value of £53,078.

In another incident, following a serious fire which completely gutted a Nursery in Newcastle upon Tyne and valued at £20,000, two 10 year old boys were arrested and charged with arson.

Monthly Average of Crimes Committed

The average monthly number of crimes committed during the year was 6,916.

Value of Property Stolen and Recovered

The value of property stolen and recovered during the past two years is as follows:—

Year	Value of Property Stolen	Value of Property Recovered
1973	£4,198,780	£2,608,578
1974	£6,050,101	£3,710,455

Handling Stolen Property (Receiving)

The number of handling offences increased by 293 from 2,091 in 1973 to 2,384.

Persons Proceeded Against

Indictable Offences	1973	1974
Convicted summarily	11,262	11,848
Committed for trial	1,320	1,797
Withdrawn or dismissed	754	815
Total Persons Proceeded against	13,336	14,460

(See Appendix 'F')

Of the 14,460 persons prosecuted, 4,341 or 30% were under the age of 17 years. In 1973, the corresponding figures were 13,336 proceeded against, 2,363 or 17.7% of them being under the age of seventeen years.

Cautions

142 adults and 3,841 juveniles were cautioned for indictable offences.

Non-Indictable Offences

The number of persons proceeded against for non-indictable offences was 32,795 compared with 36,525 in 1973, a decrease of 3,730. The figures included 2,116 juveniles. 3,054 adults and juveniles were cautioned for non-indictable offences, 2,640 of these being cautioned for motoring offences. 83 females were cautioned for prostitution and of this figure three were juveniles.

Forensic Science Laboratory

The number of cases where the services of the Home Office Forensic Science Laboratory, Gosforth were obtained are as follows:—

Crime	915
Other Cases	2,427
Totals	<u>3,342</u>

Fraud Squad

The Fraud Squad comprises one Detective Chief Inspector, one Detective Inspector, four Detective Sergeants and five Detective Constables. There are at present vacancies for three Detective Constables.

Work undertaken by this squad continues to expand with the growth of fraudulent activities in the field of business and commerce. More emphasis is being placed on the time consuming work of investigating involved company frauds. This aspect of Fraud Squad work is increasing but the overall expertise built up by the more experienced members of the squad is enabling these enquiries to be brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

A number of examples typify the current trend in the type of offence now being dealt with: (a) Charity Fraud—the organiser of which obtained cash in goods valued at £6,000, resulting in offences of theft, criminal deception and pecuniary advantage being disclosed. After an involved enquiry, the organiser was convicted and sentenced to three years imprisonment. (b) Fraud by company director—after a company went into voluntary liquidation, liabilities of £40,000 were discovered by the Official Receiver. This case was referred to the Squad by the Director of Public Prosecutions and following a protracted enquiry the company director was convicted of 12 offences of theft and fraud with other offences taken into consideration. The total value involved in the charges and other offences was £17,000. (c) Fraud by bank official—the bank official had been misappropriating money from various accounts and due to his position in the bank he had been able to evade detection for a number of years. He was finally convicted of offences involving £13,700 and sentenced to two years imprisonment.

Northumbria Crime Squad

This Squad which now includes the former Stolen Vehicle and Scrap Metal Squads is manned by one Detective Inspector, six Detective Sergeants, eight Detective Constables and there are current vacancies for six Detective Constables.

The primary function of the Squad is fast becoming the manning of Incident Rooms in connection with major crimes especially homicide. During the year a total of 11 such rooms were brought into operation. In this direction, the Squad fulfill a major role, that of a Murder Squad and much experience has been gained this year owing to the unusually high number of murder investigations initiated.

When not dealing with any specific major enquiry, all officers are continually engaged in the surveillance of activities by organised criminals and resulting from this a large number of arrests were made for general crime. In addition, enquiries for other forces are undertaken, and a considerable time was spent by members of the Squad in taking statements and interviewing people who had been affected by the collapse of a travel company in Essex.

Antiques

Antique theft enquiries are another responsibility of the Squad and appear to be increasing. To facilitate good intelligence, a regular liaison is maintained with the growing number of antique dealers in this area.

Counterfeit currency

It is pleasing to note that this type of crime is decreasing. However, the Squad is responsible for collating and forwarding counterfeit currency enquiries to the Metropolitan Police.

Suspect Motor Vehicle Section

This is an integral part of the Squad's duties and officers concerned undertook examination of vehicles and premises as follows:—

	1973	1974
Total or potential write-offs	152	136
Assembled vehicles	33	38
Ex. W.D. vehicles	29	31
Duplicate log book enquiries	74	65
Trade Licence enquiries	58	39
Imported vehicles examinations	114	136
Requested examination of vehicles	47	68

Requested examinations increased in number but those subsequently found to be stolen decreased from 23 to 14.

A total of 873 forms HOTL1 giving notice of total or potential loss were submitted.

Large scale enquiries were undertaken as a result of an explosion at the National Defence College when 89 Audi motor cars registered in this Force area were checked and eliminated. Also in connection with offences of arson at Blyth when it was necessary to physically check the records of all Local Taxation Offices in the Force area in a search for a moped.

Stolen Metals

During the year, the number of scrapyards in the Force area increased from 71 to 226. Regular visits to these yards are maintained resulting in a good liaison system.

Of the 23 arrests made in the year, one was that of a prominent scrap metal dealer for handling stolen property valued at £1,300.

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Eleven enquiries were made on behalf of Local Authorities regarding application for licences and assistance was given to divisions in scrap metal enquiries.

A comprehensive index of stolen metals, dealers, suspect persons and vehicles is maintained with assistance from Crime Intelligence and Divisional Collators.

Scientific Aids Department

The department consists of one Chief Inspector, one Inspector, six Sergeants, twenty three Constables, seven Civilian Scenes of Crime Officers and six Dark Room Technicians.

Six depots have been established, geographically situated to best serve the needs for Scientific Aids in the Force area. These depots each have a sergeant in charge and are situated at Morpeth, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tynemouth, Gateshead, Sunderland and South Shields. They are all self sufficient, equipped with dark rooms and each have fully equipped vehicles at their disposal.

New equipment for off-set plate making was installed at the Morpeth depot and has resulted in a more efficient liaison with the Printing Department of the Force. Also installed at the Morpeth depot is a new colour photographic printing analyser together with hot air control units. This sophisticated system enables officers to produce colour prints and negatives more speedily and efficiently.

During the year three civilian scenes of crime officers and two police officers attended the Scientific Aids Training Courses run by Durham Constabulary. Eight officers from the department have attended an Explosives Training Course with Durham Constabulary in liaison with the Army Bomb Disposal Unit.

The following table illustrates the work carried out by the department over the past year:—

	1974
Scenes of crime visited	15,349
Scenes of crime from which fingerprints were forwarded to Bureau	2,478
Identifications made	485
Fingerprint evidence used at Court to secure conviction	33
Number of persons fingerprinted	10,369
Photo-Fit Pictures made up	288
Photographs of accidents, assaults and other incidents	1,683

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Aliens

The number of conditionally landed aliens registered in the Northumbria Police area during the year was as follows:—

Europeans	871 (includes 90 E.E.C. nationals)
Africans	215
Americans	236
Asiatics	516
Stateless	12

The largest groups of aliens were:—

Americans (U.S.A.)	178	French	55
Norwegians	221	Iraq	80
Greek	284	Turkish	52
Chinese (N.D.)	94	Iranians	154

577 aliens registration certificates were issued.

581 aliens were granted extensions of permitted stay.

122 aliens transferred to other police areas.

79 aliens exempted from registration.

20 aliens were granted British nationality.

Drug Squad

The strength of the Squad consists of one Detective Chief Inspector, one Detective Inspector, eight Detective Sergeants, six Detective Constables and two Detective Policewomen.

During the year, a total of 270 persons were arrested as having committed varying offences. Of those arrested, 162 were for 233 offences against the Misuse of Drugs Act. Thirty seven were arrested for 43 offences concerning non-controlled drugs and 30 were arrested for non drugs offences, such as murder, theft, arson, burglary, possessing offensive weapons and taking vehicles.

Seven arrests were made on behalf of divisions and other forces.

Burglaries at pharmacies have greatly increased from 15 to 26 plus 6 attempted burglaries. To date, 15 burglaries and the 6 attempted burglaries have been detected resulting in the arrests of 30 persons. All of the arrested persons reside in the Force area, the majority domiciled at South Shields. Some are notified addicts receiving medical treatment. In some instances their activities have spread to West Northumberland and the Cleveland Police area.

The amounts of Cannabis and L.S.D. recovered by the Squad compared with 1973 was:—

Cannabis	Cannabis Plants	L.S.D.
1973 256.824 grammes	5	89 tablets
1974 1,341.163 grammes	100	193 tablets

This indicates a disturbing increase in the misuse of the more popular non-therapeutic drugs. The seizures of 100 growing cannabis plants creates great concern as the unlawful cultivation is a most difficult offence to detect.

So far as addicts are concerned, 51 notified addicts are currently receiving treatment either as in or out patients at the Addiction Unit, St. Nicholas Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne and at Cherry Knowle Hospital, Sunderland.

Nineteen new addicts have been notified to the Home Office. It is indicative of the problem areas that of the 19 persons recently notified, 12 are from South Shields, 4 from Newcastle upon Tyne area and 3 from Sunderland.

Two notified addicts died during the year. The causes of death were (1) Aspiration of gastric contents due to methadone and alcoholic poisoning. (2) Cardiac failure due to drug abuse.

588 persons were searched during the year under Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971, and resulted in 167 arrests.

The Drugs Intelligence Form continues to be used and in 1974, 1,248 items were recorded. Where necessary, all intelligence is transposed onto a comprehensive card index system held by the Squad and liaison with Crime Intelligence and Divisional Collators is maintained.

A second Detective Sergeant has been appointed to the Squad with specific responsibility for inspection of the drugs registers of both retail and wholesale pharmacies which are located in the Force area South of the Tyne.

All pharmacies have been visited at least twice in the year. As a result, 79 reports have been submitted to the Home Office Drugs Branch in connection with the prescribing habits of doctors.

One doctor has been arrested in connection with misuse of drugs offences. One resident doctor has been arrested by another force concerning the sale of drugs and two doctors were reported for obtaining drugs by deception.

In the year, 6 nurses have been convicted for misuse of controlled drugs.

Detective Chief Inspector Beattie of the Squad has attended four meetings of the Newcastle Drug Liaison Committee held under the auspices of the Medical Officer of Health.

47 lectures and talks were given by members of the Squad to members of the medical profession, students and police officers undergoing internal training.

Crime Prevention

The Department consists of one Chief Inspector, one Inspector, one Sergeant (explosives liaison officer), one constable and two Civilian Clerks at Headquarters. In addition, there is one sergeant and one constable in each of five divisions, with vacancies for a similar establishment in three divisions.

Courses

Initial Crime Prevention courses at Stafford have been attended by one Chief Inspector and one Sergeant, while one other Sergeant completed the refresher course.

Surveys of Premises

The surveying of premises still remains one of the more important tasks of the department and because of the present climate of terrorist activity, many firms have requested advice. This has been readily given throughout the year.

Crime Prevention Panels

A total of eight panels are now in being within the Force area and the inauguration of another is expected shortly at Morpeth.

Intruder Alarms

Premises within Northumbria have a total of 7,615 alarm systems installed, growing at the rate of 22 per week.

Every effort has been made to reduce the number of false calls from alarm systems, but nevertheless 18,117 false calls were received in the year. However, 139 arrests were made from genuine calls.

Explosives

Northumbria Police have a total of 103 premises where explosives are stored. Every effort has been made to bring all stores up to Home Office recommended standard and now only one store remains below this standard.

During the year, 30 new applications were received for explosives storage licences, 21 of which were granted and the remainder either refused or withdrawn.

60 "immediate use" explosives certificates were granted compared to 142 in 1973.

One appeal is pending relative to a refusal of an application for the renewal of an explosives store licence.

One case of unlawful storage of explosives was heard by Belford Magistrates' Court resulting in conviction and fines totalling £400.

Crime Intelligence

The section comprises one Inspector, one Sergeant, three Constables, four civilian clerks and one typist.

During the year, 35,000 items of crime intelligence information were received from 14 Force collators stations. Of 5,908 persons reported missing, 5,823 were traced.

Details of 680 motor vehicles used by local criminals are maintained on Police National Computer records and these vehicles are subject to frequent review. All stolen vehicles are also on computer record and documentative supervision is carried out by the section.

Research and Planning

In June, following the retirement of Chief Superintendent Bishop, Chief Superintendent Lauder assumed responsibility for the Research and Planning Department and the many disparate tasks which, in a large, modern Force, require in-depth research to enable decisions to be made advisedly and to facilitate planning.

During the year, papers have been prepared in the department on the following projects:

1. Civilian Establishment Review.
2. The Reorganisation of Sunderland Division.
 - (a) The cessation of Houghton and Washington to form a separate Division.
 - (b) The separation of the present Sunderland West Sub-Division into two Sub-Divisions.
3. The Reorganisation of the Marine Division.
4. The extension and reorganisation of the bridewell and charge office at Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne and the accommodation of the Central Ticket Office elsewhere.
5. The setting up of a Central Aliens Reporting Office at Market Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.
6. The centralised control and administration of all courses.

Minor projects have included:

- The provision of clothing for prisoners whose garments have been taken for examination.
- The use of facsimile equipment.
- Metal detector equipment.
- The destruction of confidential waste.
- Equipment to be carried on Police vehicles.

Delegation of Chief Constable's authority under various Acts of Parliament. Co-operation with the staff of the Department of Architecture at Tyne and Wear, and architects and planning officers in districts, has ensured progression in the Police building programme. Divisional and Sub-Divisional Headquarters buildings have been completed at Cramlington and Newcastle East during the year under review. Scheduled for completion in 1975 are the Divisional and Sub-Divisional Headquarters at Gateshead (March) and Tynemouth (April), also the Sub-Divisional Headquarters at Washington (August).

The following are planned to begin in 1975:

- Erection of canteen and hostel at The Kylins.
- Extension to Clothing Store at The Kylins.
- Erection of garage for large vehicles at Killingworth.
- Conversion of Felling and Jarrow Courts for Police use.
- Erection of new Section Station at Hebburn.

A site has been obtained for a Divisional Headquarters building at Washington and sites are being sought, or negotiations are in progress, for the following:—

- Divisional and Sub-Divisional Headquarters at Newburn.
- Sub-Divisional Headquarters at Wallsend.
- Sub-Divisional Headquarters at Ashington.
- Divisional and Sub-Divisional Headquarters at South Shields.
- Single men's Hostel at Gateshead.

In liaison with the Tyne Wear Central Purchasing Officer's staff, schedules are being prepared detailing the scale of issue of furniture and fittings in new Police Stations and the style and type of desks, chairs, tables, etc., appropriate to the various ranks and functions.

The Department has worked with Communications Branch in ensuring the efficient use by the Force of the Police National Computer. The first of the many systems for which the computer is to be used—the stolen vehicle system—became operative in the year.

The Department is working closely with officers of the Tyne Wear Authority responsible for the utilisation of the Metropolitan computer, which is expected to be in use in January, 1976, to ensure that the most efficient use is made of the facilities offered to the Force.

The Suggestions and Ideas Scheme, under which members of the Force are invited to put forward suggestions to improve efficiency, the best of which are acknowledged by a small monetary reward, has been well supported: 29 suggestions have been received and those with merit adopted.

Public Relations Department

Early in 1974 a civilian Public Relations Officer was recruited to develop public relations activity by the Force, responsible to the Chief Constable for liaising with the public and press and to undertake the responsibility of preparing and disseminating news releases, the promotion of exhibitions and campaigns and the preparation and editing of various Force publications including a Force newspaper. In addition, the Inspector in the department was promoted to Chief Inspector and the present establishment is complete with one civilian Clerk Typist.

The main campaign of the year was launched in April on the Formulation of the new Force. This was the "Dial Right" campaign which had two specific aims:—

- (1) At the time of major re-organisation of Local Authorities and their services, to promote the telephone numbers of 'local' Police Stations in an effort to remind the public where police service was available.
- (2) To encourage the public to telephone their local police on 'non-urgent' matters, e.g. those which were not sufficiently serious to warrant a 999 call but which needed an answer.

Press Office service was maintained not only on a 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. basis but a duty press officer was always on call at night and at weekends. In a year in which there was an unusually high number of major incidents, e.g. murder investigations, the press office service coped with intense pressure from the national and sometimes international media during the day and night.

I record my appreciation to the Press, Radio and Television for their encouragement and assistance in 1974.

The Department liaised closely with the Central Office of Information in arranging press points for non-accredited photographers and newsmen on the Royal Visits in the year.

The department was involved in discussions with Senior Foreign Government Information Service Personnel during the visit by them to the U.K. which was organised by the Central Office of Information.

Throughout the year material was prepared and submitted for broadcast on both Tyne Tees Television's "Police Call" and B.B.C. Radio Newcastle's "Police Alert" programmes. The public response to police for information included in these programmes continued to make the effort involved very worthwhile.

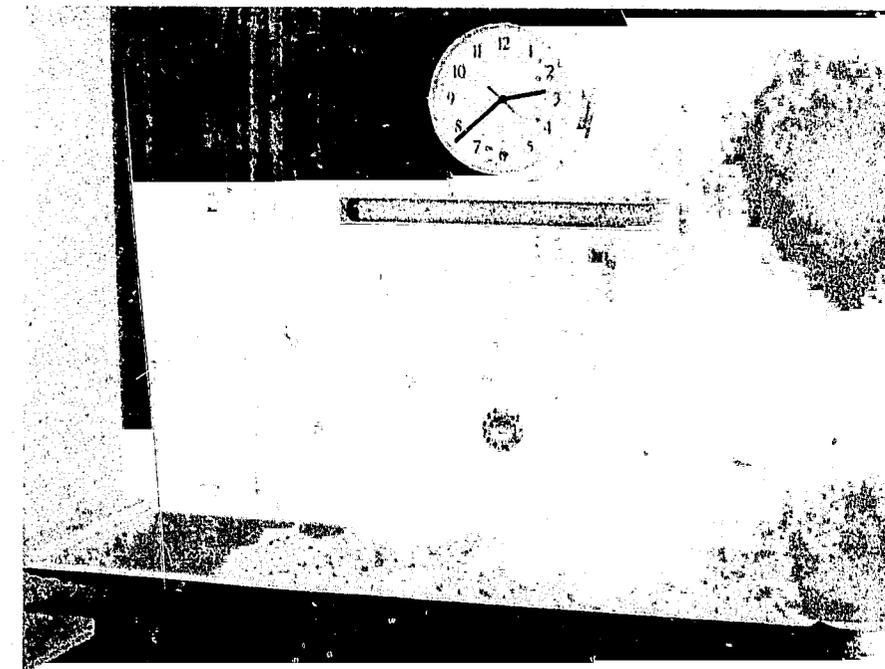
The department was closely involved in the planning and design of recruitment advertising and in the production of a high-quality exhibition stand for the Force Recruiting Department. This exhibition stand

received its biggest single audience at the Tyneside Summer Exhibition in August. Results from its use during the year have been encouraging.

Many requests from societies and groups for speakers for meetings were referred to the department. The range of subject matter for talks was extremely varied and on a number of occasions involved the co-operation of speakers from some of the Force's Specialist departments.

Chapter III

Traffic, Communications and Road Safety



ROAD TRAFFIC

As road traffic continues to build up in volume, many improvements have been made on road networks within this police area. The section of the Central Motorway East between New Bridge Street and the Tyne Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne was opened on 16th December.

At Gateshead the Western By-Pass was officially opened to traffic by H.R.H. The Princess Margaret on 17th October and is already proving its worth. The West Central By-Pass at Gateshead was opened on 15th December.

At Sunderland the A.108 By-Pass was opened in stages in September and October and has provided a very important link from the A.19 to the Tyne Tunnel.

Work has also begun on the Corbridge/Hexham By-Pass as well as other re-alignments and improvement schemes.

The Tyneside Rapid Transit Scheme has begun and the Tyneside Sewerage Scheme continues. All of these schemes have resulted in traffic diversions and the police and traffic wardens have given every assistance to reduce hold-ups to a minimum.

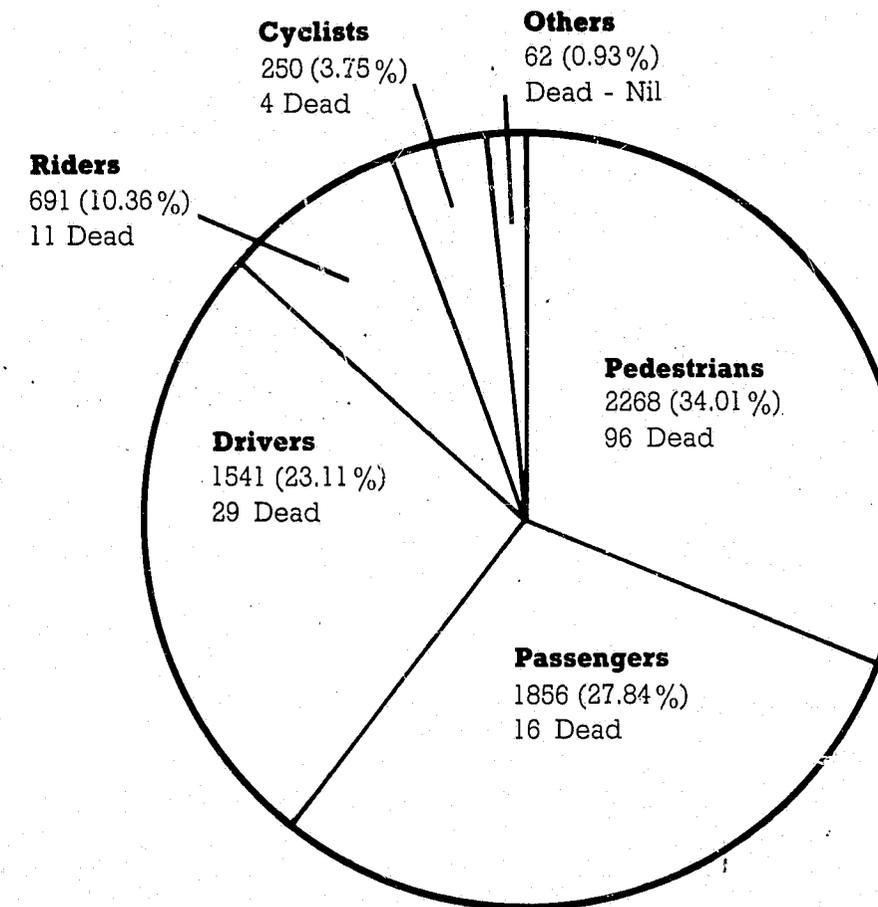
ROAD ACCIDENTS

There were 5,137 injury accidents involving 6,668 casualties reported on the roads in the Force area during 1974. Included in these injury figures are six persons who died more than 30 days after an accident and are not included in the number shown as killed.

Further accident statistical data is given in:

Appendix 'H'	Return of persons killed and injured in road accidents.
Appendix 'I'	Ages of road users killed and injured.
Appendix 'J'	Child casualties per month killed and injured.
Appendix 'K'	Injury accidents and casualties in Local Authority Areas.
Appendix 'L'	Accident rates for certain roads.

Road Accident Chart



Total Casualties — 6,668 (156 Dead)

CASUALTIES OF ALL AGES

ACCIDENTS INVOLVING POLICE VEHICLES

During 1974, Force vehicles travelled 15,780,660 miles and were involved in 418 accidents. The accident rate was one per 37,752 miles. Seventeen officers were injured in these accidents.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION

The section has continued to carry out a comprehensive programme and has maintained a close liaison with Highway Authorities, Engineers, Road Safety Officers and Organisations. Local senior police officers have been kept fully informed of all developments and their views have been sought at the consultative stage of all proposals.

This co-operation has especially proved effective when the problems of traffic congestion have arisen due to large road building schemes such as the Central Motorway East in Newcastle upon Tyne and the West Central By-Pass at Gateshead.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION

The number of Accident Prevention Teams was increased to six with the formation of a unit in each territorial division south of the River Tyne. These new teams have established a close liaison with their District Education Authority and there has been a very encouraging response to the police effort in providing an Accident Prevention Talks Service.

The Accident Prevention Officers have completed a very full programme throughout the year. Their aim to impart Accident Prevention information to all children between the ages of 5 and 11 once a year has proved difficult to achieve but it is pleasing to note that they will be able to do so at least every 15 months.

Whilst the main subject taught is the 'Green Cross Code' the opportunity is taken to include the important subject of home and water safety. Young children are also entreated not to go away with strangers and this Crime Prevention advice seems to meet with strong teacher and parental approval.

An aspect of this work which cannot be measured but is manifestly apparent, is the good police/public relations which are resulting. Teachers are at one in expressing the opinion that the police officer in uniform is a very persuasive advocate and the response from children is most encouraging.

The following is a brief resume of the programme undertaken by the Accident Prevention Teams:—

Number of schools visited	422
Number of children	69,500 approximately
Talks to other organisations	153

In addition, a full programme was undertaken in pre-driver training, cycle proficiency and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Several exhibitions were mounted and the teams participated at the Tyne-side Summer Exhibition, Whitley Bay Flower Show, Seaburn Show and the Matfen Hall Fete. The Department also assisted civilian Road Safety Officers in many safe driving events, acting as stewards, marshalls and observers.

Finally, members have adjudicated at Road Safety Quizzes throughout the Force area and in so doing have assisted civilian Road Safety Officers who have reciprocated willingly whenever asked.

MOBILE PATROLS

Motor Patrol officers reported 22,644 summary offences, detected 1,090 indictable offences and made 2,175 arrests for crime and traffic offences.

Since 1st April, Motor Patrols have been organised into two traffic areas; one operating to the North and one to the South of the River Tyne, each being under the command of a Superintendent.

The Northern Traffic Area, comprises a section at Rosehill and one at Morpeth, while small sections at Hexham and Berwick serve those two areas which are remote from the Urban Connurbation of the Force area. The Southern Traffic Area comprises a section at Jarrow and one at Houghton-le-Spring.

On 3rd June, a new police station was opened at Cramlington, which provided vastly improved facilities for motor patrols and with effect from that date the patrols were reorganised to centralise the administration of the Northern Traffic Area at Cramlington and the Southern Traffic Area at Jarrow. This has facilitated a more extensive cover of primary traffic routes and divisional areas throughout the Force and achieved an increased degree of mobility. Patrol officers are in consequence gaining wider experience of larger areas of the Force territory with the aim of increasing their overall effectiveness.

MOTOR CYCLE PATROLS

The Northern and Southern Traffic Areas each include a unit of Motor Cycle Patrol officers who are effectively deployed in escorting the large number of abnormal loads which, of necessity, in such a heavily industrialised area, must be moved expeditiously within or through the area to avoid undue delays and frustration to traffic generally. This is particularly essential in the Newcastle upon Tyne City Area where major traffic, engineering projects and motorway developments currently add to the problems involved in ensuring the maximum possible free traffic flow.

The motor cycles are, in addition, a speedy and effective means of penetrating dense traffic to reach accidents and incidents occurring at peak traffic times and are fully and strategically used to this end.

ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICE VEHICLES

The authorised vehicle establishment of the Force is as follows:—

Cars	Vans	Personnel Carriers	Motor Cycles	Total
414	93	32	27	566

The actual establishment is:—

Cars	Vans	Personnel Carriers	Motor Cycles	Total
319	170	15	22	526

MOVEMENT OF ABNORMAL LOADS

There were 6,890 notifications of the movement of abnormal loads or vehicles within the Force area. Police escorts were provided in appropriate cases to safeguard other road users and keep to a minimum interference with other traffic movement.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT VEHICLE CHECKS

Examiners of the Department of the Environment carried out 35 roadside checks on the mechanical condition of vehicles at which police officers who were authorised vehicle examiners assisted.

POLICE VEHICLE EXAMINERS

Training was given to 52 Divisional and Motor Patrol officers during the year. They were authorised by the Chief Constable as Vehicle Examiners for the purposes of Section 53 of the Road Traffic Act, 1972, to examine motor vehicles.

FORCE DRIVING SCHOOL

On June 3rd the Force Driving School was moved from Seaton Burn to the new police buildings at Cramlington where improved facilities have been provided in relation to accommodation, equipment and driver training.

During the course of the year, a total of 70 regular police officers, cadets and civilian employees successfully completed learner driving courses. A total of 64 regular officers and civilian personnel attended intermediate driving courses.

ADDITIONAL DRIVER AND TRAFFIC TRAINING

Officers have attended the Home Office Approved Driving School, Aykley Heads, Durham where they undertook many training and traffic law courses.

'VASCAR' SPEED DETECTOR COURSES

One traffic inspector and one sergeant attended a course of training with the Essex Police in the use of Vascar Equipment (Visual Average Speed Computer and Recorder). A number of Force cars are already fitted with this equipment which enables the detection of speeding offences in a number of ways either with the police vehicle in motion or stationary.

Two supervisory officers will train selected patrol officers of the Department in the efficient use of this equipment and in the next few months, after adequate publicity, it is intended to bring the equipment into full operational use to supplement the current methods of pursuit and radar speed checks in the enforcement of the speeding laws.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COURSES

One inspector and four sergeants have been trained at the Metropolitan Police Driving School, Hendon, in specialised deep investigation of road accidents.

AIR RECONNAISSANCE COURSES

Two inspectors of the Traffic Department attended Air Reconnaissance Courses at R.A.F. Station, Ouston.

FORCE WORKSHOPS

Workshops at South Shields, Sunderland and Gateshead together with those at Morpeth and Hexham were brought under the control of Fleet Management at Killingworth.

Fleet Management are responsible for servicing and maintaining 526 vehicles based at various stations throughout the Force area.

The Authorised Establishment for the six Workshops within the Force is: one Fleet Manager, one Deputy Fleet Manager, three Clerks, one Technician, four Foremen/Chargehands, 29 Mechanics, one semi-skilled Mechanic, two Apprentices, four Storekeepers and fourteen Garage/driver handymen.

MOUNTED SECTION

The strength of the Department is one inspector, two sergeants, eleven constables and two civilian grooms. There are eleven patrol horses of which six are stabled at Jesmond Dene, Newcastle upon Tyne and five at Sunderland Police Headquarters.

On April 1st five of these horses were transferred from the previous Durham Constabulary and three were almost immediately recommended for casting by the Force Veterinary Surgeon because of age.

In November, police horse "Phoenix", was destroyed because of a back injury sustained earlier in the year and also in November police horse "Backhouse" went into retirement to Ex. Detective Sergeant J. Lough at Ulgham, Morpeth.

Replacements for these horses are at present in training at the Jesmond Dene Stables.

During the year the department attended five Horse Shows throughout the country gaining twenty one awards.

Apart from their normal patrol duties, they have attended all Football League Matches at the Newcastle upon Tyne and Sunderland Football Grounds performing crowd control duties.

Their services have also been given to local shows, coastal resorts in the summer season and visits to schools. Parties of school children and other organisations also visit both stables and members of the department have given talks to local Pony Clubs. After a visit by the "Pendower School" for the disabled, a new remount was named after their school at the request of the children and assistance is being given in the design of a saddle capable of carrying a disabled child.

Members of the department have assisted in searches over rough ground for missing persons and in addition have reported 148 Motoring Offences. Thirty arrests were made under the Public Order Act, 1936 and 128 crimes were detected as a result of other arrests by two members of the Mounted Department.

DOG SECTION

The strength of the section is:

	Chief Inspector	Inspector	Sergeant	Constable Handler
Authorised	1	1	5	43
Actual	—	1	5	42

There are 54 dogs in the section of which 45 are fully operational with seven young dogs that are undergoing training. Three operational dogs are also trained to detect Cannabis in addition to their normal work.

Two specialist dogs, both Labradors are being trained and used solely to search for explosives.

A summary of the work carried out by the Dog Section during the year is as follows:—

Visits to scenes of crime and other incidents	4,867
Arrests made	415
Arrests made with assistance of Dog Section	567
Stolen property recovered	97
Missing Persons found	16
Searches for drugs	26
Drugs found	5
Searches for explosives	44
Explosives found	—
Demonstrations given	61
Talks to organisations	38

In May, Constable Taylor of this section competed in the National Police Dog Trials and was placed 4th.

From April 1st Initial and Continuation Training has been carried out at Durham and several handlers have attended Initial and two weekly Refresher Training Courses at Harperley Hall.

CENTRAL TICKET OFFICE — TRAFFIC WARDENS' DEPARTMENT

The staff administering this department is one Chief Inspector, one sergeant and 27 clerical staff. There are vacancies for two clerks (Clerical Grade 2) and one clerk (Clerical Grade 1 Supervisor).

The Central Ticket Office is responsible for the administration of the Fixed Penalty System which operates in the Metropolitan County of Tyne and Wear.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in the following Divisions:—

- 'C' or North Tyneside Division
- 'D' or Newcastle upon Tyne East Division
- 'E' or Newcastle upon Tyne West Division
- 'F' or Gateshead Division
- 'G' or South Tyneside Division
- 'H' or Sunderland Division

Payments of Fixed Penalties are made to six separate Fixed Penalty Offices.

- (a) Notices issued in Newcastle upon Tyne City to the Clerk to the Justices, Market Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.
- (b) Notices issued in North Tyneside to the Clerk to the Justices, Laburnum Avenue, Whitley Bay.
- (c) Notices issued in Gateshead to the Clerk to the Justices, Swinburne Place, Gateshead.
- (d) Notices issued in South Tyneside to the Clerk to the Justices, Keppel Street South Shields.
- (e) Notices issued in Sunderland to the Clerk to the Justices, Gill Bridge Avenue, Sunderland.
- (f) Notices issued in Houghton-le-Spring to the Clerk to the Justices, Court Buildings, Houghton-le-Spring

In addition to the responsibility for Fixed Penalty Notices, the Central Ticket Office deals with all matters relating to excess charges and "on street" parking within the parking meter zone in the city centre of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Where Fixed Penalty Notices and excess charge tickets remain unpaid after the stipulated time, enquiries are made to trace the offenders and institute Court proceedings.

Although the receipt of money is not the responsibility of the department, £17,100.00 for fixed penalties and £1,911.00 for excess charges was received at this office and redirected to the Clerk to the Justices and the City Treasurer respectively. This represents 25% of all monies received for fixed penalties and 52% of all monies received for excess charges.

PARKING METER ZONE

The Parking Meter Zone is in the Newcastle upon Tyne area and is divided into four sections radiating from the city centre comprising of half hour, one hour, two hour and five hour meter zones. The charge at meters in the half hour zone is 2p, in the one hour, two hour and five hour zones it is 5p. The excess period in the half hour and one hour zones is half an hour and one hour respectively and in the two hour and five hour zones it is two hours. The excess charge in the half hour zones is 25p and in the remaining zones it is 50p.

9,126 excess charge tickets were issued of which 644 were cancelled for various reasons, cautions were issued in respect of 91 and Court proceedings for non-payment were taken in respect of 217 and 787 tickets were still outstanding on 31st December.

The sum of £3,702 for excess charges was received at the office of the City Treasurer.

Parking fees for meters situated on the carriageway amounted to £51,263.

ISSUE OF FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

53,289 were issued of which 34,247 were paid, 4,275 were cancelled for various reasons, cautions were issued in 3,258 cases, Court proceedings were taken in 2,129 cases and 9,380 were outstanding at 31st December.

The scope and volume of work by this department greatly increased following the amalgamation of Forces on April 1st. Prior to this date there were three separate Fixed Penalty Departments operating in the new Force area south of the River Tyne—at Gateshead, South Shields and Sunderland. These departments were transferred to the Central Ticket Office, Newcastle upon Tyne on the following dates:—Gateshead on June 10th, South Shields on July 8th and Sunderland on October 1st.

One clerk and one typist transferred from the Gateshead Office to the Central Ticket Office but new staff had to be recruited to cope with the work of the South Shields and Sunderland offices as the staff of these offices did not wish to transfer to Newcastle upon Tyne because of additional travelling involved. As a result of the transfers of these offices, three Police Sergeants and two Police Constables were released for other police duties.

A programme of civilianisation was carried out and civilian clerks were appointed to replace two Police Sergeants and one Police Constable at the Central Ticket Office. It is pleasing to report that these posts were filled by the ex police officers who were serving in the department at this time, but were due for retirement on pension. This reorganisation has now released a total of five Police Sergeants and two Police Constables from Fixed Penalty work to other police duties.

VEHICLE EXCISE LICENCES

The offence of "Failing to display a current Vehicle Excise Licence in the prescribed manner" is one which lends itself to easy enforcement by means of the Fixed Penalty System and 12,440 were issued for this offence alone. The Local Taxation Offices at Northumberland, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tynemouth, Gateshead, South Shields, Sunderland and Durham were notified of each notice issued in their respective areas and as a result of this notification, the Taxation Offices took proceedings by way of caution, mitigated penalty or summons.

TRAFFIC WARDENS

The total authorised establishment is 18 Senior Wardens and 251 Traffic Wardens. However the actual strength is 17 Senior Wardens and 151 Traffic Wardens who are based throughout the Force area as follows:—

FORCE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAFFIC WARDENS at 31st December, 1974

	AUTHORISED		ACTUAL		VACANCIES	
	Senior Warden	Traffic Warden	Senior Warden	Traffic Warden	Senior Warden	Traffic Warden
'A' DIVISION	0	12	0	10	0	2
'B' DIVISION	0	5	0	5	0	0
'C' DIVISION	3	24	3	12	0	12
'D' DIVISION	6	83	6	53	0	30
'E' DIVISION	3	32	2	17	1	15
'F' DIVISION	2	28	2	16	0	12
'G' DIVISION	2	22	2	13	0	9
'H' DIVISION	2	45	2	25	0	20
	18	251	17	151	1	100

The difficulty experienced in the recruitment of Traffic Wardens would appear to have been the result of a poor commencement salary prior to the most recent pay award in July. We were until then unable to recruit a sufficient number of Wardens of a satisfactory standard to fill the vacancies.

Five Senior Wardens and 72 Wardens attached to Newcastle upon Tyne City Central Sub Division and twelve Wardens attached to West Tyne Division operate from the Central Ticket Office, Newcastle upon Tyne. These Wardens administer the Parking Meter Scheme and also control traffic within the city centre. Their work is confined to the Parking Meter Zone and the Corporation of Newcastle upon Tyne is responsible for a cost apportionment of their salary for administering the parking meter scheme. The remainder work in sub-divisions. Wardens carry out the full duties under the functions of Traffic Wardens Order 1970.

TRAFFIC WARDENS TRAINING

On July 15th a Pilot Initial Training Course of one week's duration was held at the Force Training Branch, Morpeth under the direction of the Force Training Officer. Six newly promoted Senior Wardens and fourteen recruit Traffic Wardens attended. This first course proved very successful and a further course was held on 4th November attended by four newly promoted Senior Wardens and fourteen recruit Traffic Wardens. The Initial Training Course is in addition to the four weeks' local training given to recruits at Sub-Divisional level by Senior Wardens.

The standard of discipline and morale in the Wardens service is very high. They have carried out the extra duties thrust upon them by road works and building operations in a competent and efficient manner. During the year 36 letters of appreciation have been received at the department from members of the public grateful for assistance given to them by Traffic Wardens.

As a direct result of enquiries initiated by Traffic Wardens 48 stolen vehicles were recovered in Newcastle upon Tyne city centre.

Nine complaints were made by members of the public against Traffic Wardens. Enquiries were made and it was not necessary to take disciplinary action in any of the cases.

Fourteen Wardens were promoted to Senior Wardens, two Wardens died, 26 resigned and 26 were recruited leaving 101 vacancies on the current establishment.

COMMUNICATIONS

Police National Computer

The introduction into service of the first application of the Police National Computer project took place in July.

The object of this scheme is to provide all Police Forces in England, Scotland and Wales with a means of rapid access to National records similar to those at present held in Police Criminal Record Files and Local Authority Indexes. The computer installation is housed in a specially designed building at Hendon from where it is connected to terminals installed at selected main Police Stations in all Forces. From these terminals computer records may be read, added to or amended. A response time to an enquiry of only a few seconds is usual. It would take up to three years to complete the transfer of all police records to computer files. During 1974 the Suspect Stolen Vehicle application became fully operational and the first stage of the Vehicle Owners file was introduced catering for new vehicle registration. Other police records will be put on the computer files progressively during the next three years.

Seven visual display unit terminals and one data printer terminal have been installed in this Force area. At present the terminals at Divisional Stations have an enquiry facility only with all computer file entries being carried out at the Force Control Room, Morpeth. From July until December, 36,060 computer transactions were carried out at Morpeth and the value of the system has been proved conclusively, even at this early stage of its development.

The following examples are typical and illustrate the operational advantages which have been gained:

A vehicle with three sleeping occupants was found near Berwick. A computer check, after a request by radio, showed the vehicle to have been stolen from Darlington. Assistance was sent before the occupants were awakened and they were subsequently arrested.

A vehicle check in the Low Fell area revealed that the driver was wanted for obtaining by deception, theft and many other offences throughout the country.

Vehicles with false number plates were correctly identified by use of the chassis/engine number file of the stolen vehicle index.

Numerous vehicles stolen from various parts of the country were almost immediately identified on being checked in this Police area.

Terminal operators require special training and during 1974, 56 members of staff of Headquarters and Divisional Control Rooms attended a five day residential course at the Home Office Training School, Aykley Heads, Durham.

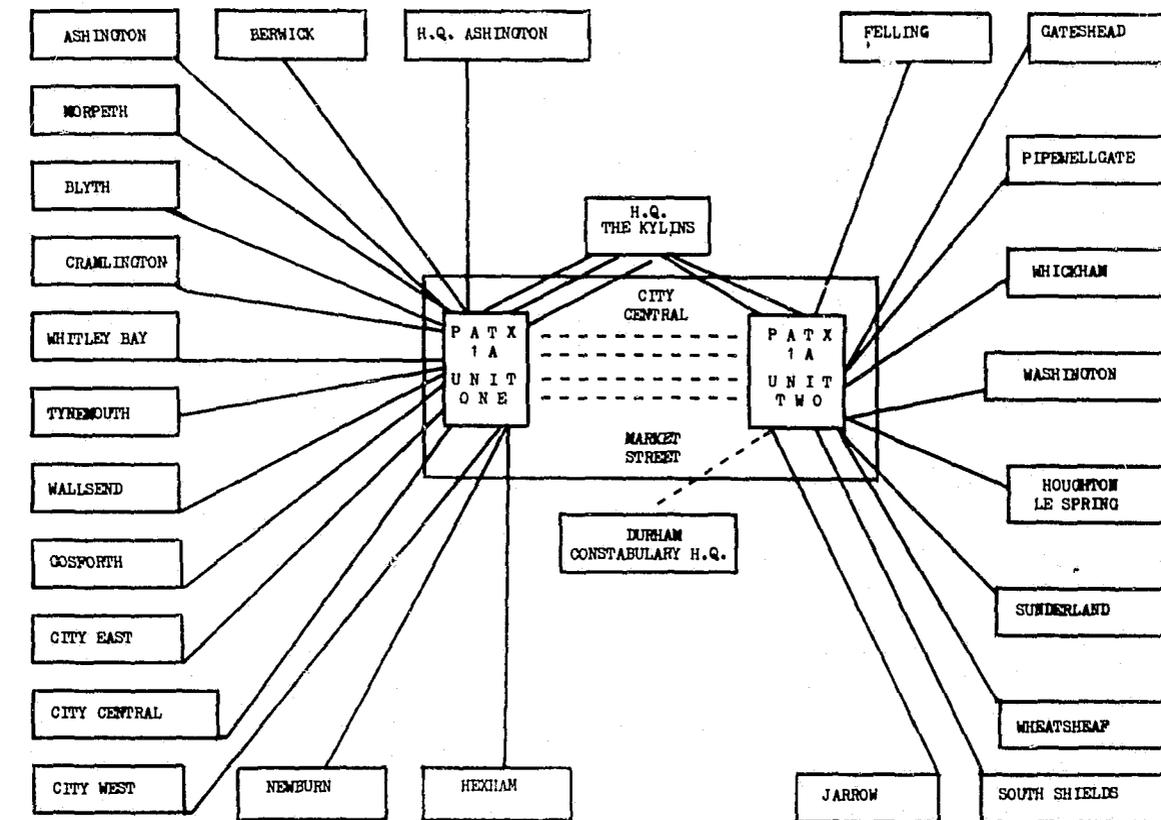
Teleprinter Network

A new Police private automatic telegraph exchange (PATX) system was taken into use to cater for the increased teleprinter traffic resulting from this recent amalgamation.

The PATX scheme replaced the previous teleprinter tape relay system and provides a more efficient and flexible means of circulating information throughout the Northumbria Force area and to Durham Police Headquarters.

The system has at its centre two automatic switching units into which all Stations in the network are connected. At each outstation a modern teleprinter with tape perforation and automatic transmission facilities has been installed to provide direct inter-communication with other Stations, or a group of Stations by the use of dialed code digits. The Force Control Room installation consists of five teleprinters also connected into the switching centre for the reception and transmission of messages and the broadcasting of "all Stations" information.

PATX System



Radio Paging Units

A number of radio personal paging units have been obtained for the use of senior officers who perform "on call" duties and must be contactable when required. These units operate on the main Force VHF channels and each has its own in-built address code. The user is alerted by an audible tone which is generated when the appropriate address code is transmitted from Headquarters Control Room.

Force VHF Wireless Network

A third VHF wireless channel was brought into operation for the 1st April as a result of a survey carried out under the auspices of the Directorate of Communications, Home Office. This survey showed that because of the enlargement of the Force area, additional wireless cover would be required and that a new main transmitter and receiving site was necessary to cater for the Metropolitan area South of the Tyne.

A site at Beaconlough, Gateshead was finally selected and a temporary aerial mast with its associated radio equipment was installed in time for the inauguration of the new Force.

This project has proved to be very successful operationally and consideration is now being given to its development as a permanent station.

The Force scheme now provides wireless communication facilities for 330 mobiles and fixed transceivers at all main Police Stations.

Wireless coverage in the north was also approved during the year by the installation of a main VHF transmitter/receiver station at Camphill, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

The Police launches of the Marine Division have been fitted with VHF/UHF repeater equipment. This facility allows VHF main scheme communication to be maintained by the use of personal radio when members of crew leave their launch.

Mountain Rescue Communications

Special portable radio equipment has been obtained from the Home Office for use in the co-ordination of rescue operations in difficult radio areas, e.g. hilly moorland districts. This equipment operates within the National Mountain Rescue channel and provides liaison facilities with radio equipped civilian mountain rescue teams when required.

UHF Personal Radio

During the year a systematic survey of all personal radio schemes was carried out on our behalf by Home Office technicians and maps were prepared showing quality and extent of coverage. Improvement in performance within existing schemes was achieved by the introduction of additional radio based stations at Newburn (Scotswood Area), Gateshead (Felling area) and South Shields (Cleadon area).

The existing single channel two unit personal radio equipment, which has been in service since 1967, is being phased out and replaced by single unit three channel sets. Two hundred of these are already in use and giving very good service. It is planned to obtain a further six hundred units during 1975/76.

Mobile Office/Communications Vehicle

The Force mobile office/communications vehicle has already proved its worth and been in regular use at major incidents, Royal visits, searches and other special occasions.

This vehicle was developed from a 22 foot twin axle caravan shell and designed to provide a completely self-contained communications centre which can be taken quickly to the scene of an incident and brought immediately into use. Accommodation includes an office/conference area, separate communications room and kitchen. Enclosed awnings, each with a toilet annex, can be fitted to treble this accommodation.

The vehicle is equipped with VHF radio operating on all Force frequencies, those of adjoining forces and local Fire Brigade channels. Radio monitors are fitted in the conference room.

UHF radio equipment has also been installed in order that a special personal radio scheme can be set up either within an existing scheme or elsewhere. Forty pairs of personal radios operating on the Force emergency channel are held for issue in this respect.

Other equipment includes a portable generator for power supply and battery charging, public address facilities, two compressor operated telescopic masts which carry supplementary radio aerials, floodlighting equipment and a blue flashing lamp. A G.P.O. Telephone Switchboard has also been fitted which can accommodate three exchange lines with five extensions. Reels of telephone cable with additional hand sets are carried for external telephone extensions, e.g. to adjoining buildings if required.

Emergency Calls

The number of emergency calls dealt with in the Force Control Room was very substantially increased over the previous year.

In all 90,292 calls were received, of which 76,602 were originated via the "999" system and 13,690 by other means. 1,543 persons were arrested for various criminal offences as a result of these calls.

Chapter IV
Training



The Training, Recruiting and War Duties Department occupies rented accommodation at the former Civil Defence Headquarters, Southgate, Morpeth. In addition, office and lecture room facilities are used at Sunderland Divisional Headquarters.

STAFF

This consists of one Superintendent, one Chief Inspector, four Inspectors, fourteen Sergeants, four Constables and eight Civilian Clerks. Eight of the Sergeants are engaged as Divisional Training Officers, one in each of the eight territorial divisions. One Sergeant operates from Sunderland and is responsible to the Force Training Officer for the courses which are held at Sunderland Divisional Headquarters. Two Constables are engaged as Firearms Instructors, one Constable is engaged in Cadet Training at Southgate and one in administrative duties.

PROBATIONER TRAINING

Force Probationer Training continued to be conducted in accordance with Home Office Circular No. 94/1973. The system of Courses has been modified during the year to provide greater continuity of training. Following acceptance in the Force, a Probationer Constable attends consecutively the following courses:

- Induction Course—one week.
- Initial Training Course—ten weeks
- Local Procedure Course—two weeks

CONTINUATION TRAINING

Between his Local Procedure Course and before completing eighteen months service, each officer also attends three one week Force Probationer Training Courses.

The courses are arranged so all are completed before Probationer Constables attend their Continuation Course at eighteen months service.

Final Continuation Courses are held at the District Police Training Centre, Dishforth, and were of four weeks duration until 2nd September, 1974 when they were reduced to two weeks. During the final six months of their probationary period, Constables are attached to—Control Room, Motor Patrols, C.I.D., and Divisional Administration. The majority also attend a Driving Course.

REFRESHER COURSES

Sergeants and Senior Constables undergo periodic Refresher Training and during the current year, due to accommodation and staff problems at Southgate, courses have been held for 60 Sergeants and 400 Constables at Harperley Hall Police Training School, Durham.

It is envisaged that these Courses will be held within this Force when residential facilities are available.

ADVANCED TRAINING

Courses in specialist subjects of varying duration are arranged at:

- (a) Solberg Hall, Northallerton.
- (b) Central Planning and Training Unit, Ryton-on-Dunsmore.
- (c) Bishopsgarth Police Academy, Wakefield.
- (d) Harperley Hall, Durham.

During the year 25 Sergeants and 57 Constables attended these courses.

HIGHER TRAINING

During the year the following officers attended the Police College at Bramshill:

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|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Intermediate Command Course | | Two Chief Inspectors |
| Junior Command Course | | Nine Inspectors |
| Special Course | | One Police Constable |

COMPUTER APPRECIATION

Early in the year, in anticipation of the introduction of the Police National Computer Programme all Sergeants and Constables received operational instruction on its use and the necessary Force procedure involved. This has enabled the changeover to computer application to be carried out smoothly and efficiently.

TRAINING FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Following a pilot course in 1973, a further three courses were held for newly appointed Civilian Employees. The course was designed to give the Civilian Employees a wider understanding of the Police Service; the way in which it is organised; its objectives and role in modern society.

Some forty employees attended the courses which proved to be very successful.

OVERSEAS POLICE STUDENTS

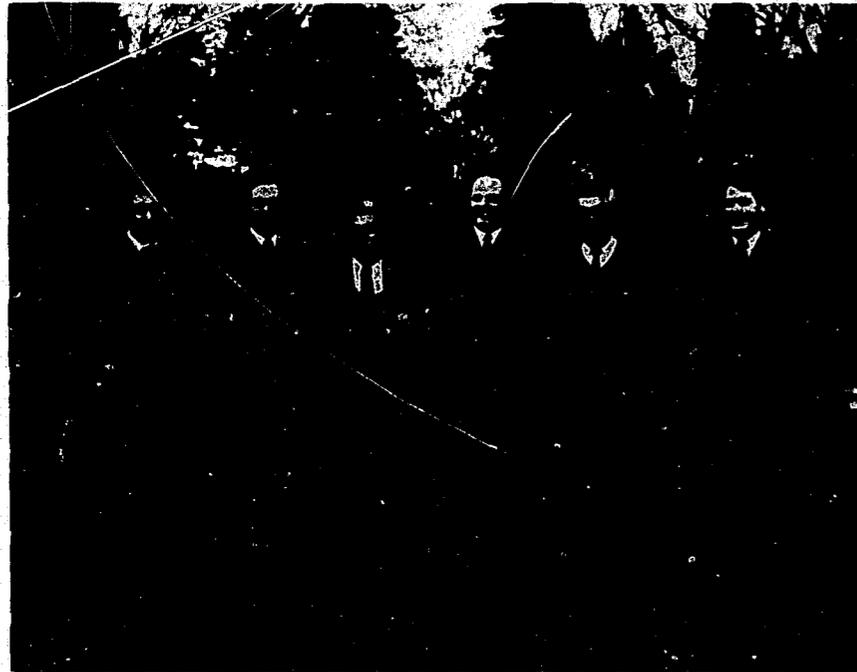
Under the auspices of the British Council, Police Constables G. F. Henry and R. G. Stevens of the Royal St. Helena Police, attended a Basic Initial Recruit Course at the Metropolitan Police Recruit Training School.

At the completion of their course they were attached to Northumbria Police from 6th to 20th November, to gain knowledge of the general duties of Police Constables in a Provincial Force.

TRAFFIC WARDENS INITIAL TRAINING

Following the considerable increase in numbers of Traffic Wardens in the Force, brought about by amalgamation, it was found necessary to run initial training courses for newly appointed members.

Newly appointed Senior Traffic Wardens also attended the two courses arranged during 1974. They assisted with practical exercises and were given additional instruction related to their supervisory duties.



Police Constables G. F. Henry and R. G. Stevens of the Royal St. Helena Police with Supt. A. T. Ritson, Northumbria Training Officer and Staff.

SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

The authorised establishment of the Special Constabulary is 1,661 males and 87 females. The actual establishment is 729 males and 58 females.

Induction Courses

In April and December, Induction Courses were held at the Training Branch, Southgate, for newly appointed members of the Special Constabulary.

Each Course consisted of two full days instruction in law and police procedures.

Both courses had maximum attendance and proved to be worthwhile.

During the year seven weekend residential courses were held at the Durham Police Training School, Harperley Hall.

A total of 70 members of the Northumbria Special Constabulary attended these courses which embraced all ranks. The courses are designed for the more long serving members of the Constabulary to acquaint them with recent legislation.

Compliments

During the year one officer was commended and another two complimented for their good police work.

Letters of appreciation were received from several organisations for the assistance given to them by members of the Special Constabulary.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

Once again interest has been shown by schoolchildren and various youth organisations in the Police service as part of their endeavours under the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

The Force Training Branch continues to take an active part in the instructing and assessment of such candidates.

Two hundred and sixty one schoolchildren were successful in their examinations as follows:

219 at Bronze Level

38 at Silver Level

4 at Gold Level

POLICE CADETS

The authorised establishment is 102 males and 18 females. The actual establishment is 73 males and 19 females.

TRAINING

1. Junior Cadets

All Junior Cadets follow a full time training course at the Cadet Training School, Aykley Heads, Durham. They attend the Durham Technical College for five days weekly and during the year obtained 28 passes at 'O' level and 7 passes at 'A' level in the G.C.E. Examinations.

Whilst at the Cadet Training School all cadets receive instruction in physical activities, swimming, life-saving, judo and gymnastics.

On 30th July, an Open Day for parents was held at the school when Northumbria Cadets took part in all displays which included drill, P.T., gymnastics and trampolining.

Girl Cadet C. A. Roberts was presented with the 'Sue Tomlinson Memorial Trophy' for the Girl Cadet who showed greatest pride in her appearance and living quarters.

Cadet D. Duncan was presented with the 'Charles Saunders Bowl' awarded to the cadet who had contributed most to the extra-curricula activities of the Technical College.

2. Senior Cadets

In their final year, Senior Cadets complete attachments within this Force at Divisions, Traffic Department, Crime Department and Headquarters Administration, which includes the Force Control Room, Crime Intelligence, Horses, Dogs and Photography Sections; Accident Prevention, Crime Prevention, Coroner's Office and Marine Division.

During this period they complete a five week Learner Driving Course at the Force Driving School and those who have not received "adventure training" at Durham attend an Outward Bound Course which lasts 26 days.

Towards the end of Cadetship each cadet is seconded to community service for three months.

Locally, cadets have assisted with camps for physically handicapped children at the Junior Red Cross Centre, Glanton, also with the Garden Fete at the Cheshire Home, Matfen Hall; the Polio Society Garden Fete, Blagdon and the Fenton and Corbridge Horse Trials.

Cadets are expected to take part in some form of service to the community and they have assisted other organisations with voluntary service at children's homes, hospitals and other institutions in the North East area. They have also taken part in such projects as riding for the disabled and at British Polio weekend outings.

Encouragement was given to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and during 1974 cadets gained seven Gold Awards and six Silver Awards.

During the summer, 28 cadets both junior and senior attended a two week camp in Snowdonia, North Wales, culminating in the 'Snowdonia Seven' Cadet Endurance Walk.

Two Northumbria Cadet teams took part. The A team were placed 22nd out of the 46 teams participating and the B team was forced to withdraw because of injuries sustained by one of the party. The mere fact that the route was completed in atrocious weather conditions was an achievement in itself.

A week long sailing course was again held in July at Newton-by-the-Sea in Northumberland when all Senior Cadets experienced some good sailing which at times was made very exciting by the strong winds.



Safety Instruction
in Canoeing and Sailing

All cadets enrol for First Aid Training and obtain an adult First Aid Certificate. They also receive instruction in swimming and life-saving and the following awards were obtained:

Award of Merit	1
Bronze Cross	2
Bronze Medallion	10
Bar to Bronze Cross	1
Bar to Bronze Medallion	2
Teacher's Certificate	1

Northumbria cadets competed in the Cadets' Annual Athletic Championships held at Newby Wiske, Northallerton. The long jump, triple jump, shot and javelin were the events in which Northumbria provided champions. Two girl cadets dominated the P.A.A. Cadet Badminton Championships at Wakefield winning the Ladies' Singles and Doubles titles.

Nineteen cadets completed the 'Lyke Wake Walk' (an arduous walk of 40 miles across the North York Moors). One cadet took part in the 'Cleveland Navigator,' six cadets took part in the 'Three Peaks Walk' and one cadet completed the 100 mile Canoe Test.

The Cadets Life Saving Team took part in the Regional P.A.A. Team Championships at Blackpool earlier in the year and was placed second. In the National Finals the team came fifth.

Outstanding Achievements

Cadet David Aylwin won the Royal Life Saving Society Regional Championships at Teesside in October and took second place in the Individual Life Saving Championships of Great Britain held at Coventry in November. Due to Cadet Aylwin's achievements he was selected to represent Great Britain in an international life saving competition against Spain at Coventry in November. Cadet David Aylwin also showed an aptitude for trampolining when he won the North East Junior Trampolining at Gateshead in February.

Cadet Philip Scott has received national recognition in the hammer throwing field. He became the Northern Area Junior Champion at Blackburn in June and the National A.A.A. under 20 years Champion at Crystal Palace in August when he won convincingly. He was selected to represent the British Police, throwing the hammer at a number of meetings during the year. At one such meeting against the R.A.F. and Loughborough College at Loughborough, he was placed third, beating the National P.A.A. Champion. Cadet Scott's efforts during the year were recognised when he was selected to represent Great Britain in an Under 20's Athletics Meeting against Spain and Portugal held in Madrid in August.

FIRST AID Force Policy

All recruits are trained up to Certificate Standard whilst undergoing initial training at a Police Training Centre.

First Aid Group

Those showing a further interest in First Aid may receive additional instruction and training by attending courses and training sessions organised by Training Branch.

The amalgamation in April brought about an increase in trained personnel and the Force now has one female and four male First Aid teams.

Certain members of the Force First Aid Group have attended meetings in the Force area and have given talks and demonstrations to various organisations during the year.

Members of the Force First Aid Team have competed in competitions during the year with the following successes:

Competitions	Place	Award
Buxton Area Open	First in Diagnosis	Mitchell Vase
	First in Team Test	Elizabeth Birch Trophy
	First in Overall	Newcastle Shield
Buxton National Final	Third	
Regional Police	Third	
Mid-Durham Open	Third	Committee Shield
Durham Vase Open	First	Durham Vase
Durham Police Open	First	Nancy Hallett Memorial Trophy
Coroners Graham Open	Third	Dawdon Colliery Trophy
Gateshead (Western Area) Open	First	Ultraplast Trophy
Gateshead (Western Area) Individual	First	Bakelite Trophy
Bolton (Lancashire) Open	First	Norcross Shield

Brigade

The Morpeth Police Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade disbanded in April because of numerous changes of station and the consequent changes of First Aid personnel.

Southgate Centre

The Morpeth (Southgate) Centre of St. John Ambulance conducted the following courses during the year.

Course	No.	Organisations	Passes
First Aid Requalifying	13	Northumbria Police	13
First Aid Requalifying	14	Northumberland Fire Service	14
First Aid Requalifying	13	Northumberland County Council	13
First Aid Certificates	1	Northumberland County Council	1

RECRUITMENT

Applications were received from 791 men and 179 women representing an increase over 1973 of 14.4% in male applicants and 50.4% female applicants making 19.75% overall.

From these applications, 146 men and 25 women were appointed. This number, although an increase on 1973, was less than anticipated.

APPOINTMENTS

	Male	Female
New Appointments	93	14
Ex Cadets	27	9
Transferred from other Forces	18	1
Rejoined	8	1
	<hr/> 146	<hr/> 25

REJECTIONS

	Male	Female
Below Physical Requirements		
Height	11	8
Eyesight	24	2
Medical	1	—
Over Age	6	3
	<hr/> 42	<hr/> 13

Failed Education Tests	31	3
Unsuitable	59	9
	<hr/> 132	<hr/> 25
Sub-Total	132	25
Withdrew or failed to pursue application	351	98
Pending	162	31
	<hr/> 791	<hr/> 179
Grand Total	791	179

POLICE ENTRANTS' TESTS

1st April, 1974 saw the introduction of a National Entrants' Examination for the Police Forces of England and Wales, which has to be taken by candidates for the regular and cadet force who are not in possession of certain educational qualifications.

Out of 250 candidates tested, 46 (18.4%) failed to obtain the minimum pass mark.

ADVERTISING

Recruitment advertising is conducted from the Home Office, mostly in national publications and by this Force in local press and certain armed forces publications. The number of persons making applications to this Force directly in response to both types of advertising is as follows:

Local Papers	72
Army	6
Navy	6
R.A.F.	2
	<hr/> 86
Total	86
Home Office Advertisements	108

GRADUATE APPLICANTS

The Graduate Entry Scheme

One male candidate was offered a place under the scheme but later withdrew his application prior to appointment. Two other candidates, one male and one female, were unsuccessful and later declined the offer of appointment to the Force as normal entrants.

Applications were received from 12 persons either holding degrees or in their last year of degree courses. These were as follows:

Applicant	Degree	Comment
Female Under Graduate	B.Sc.(HONS) Physiology	Below Physical Requirement (eyesight).
Female Graduate	B.Sc.(Jt. HONS) Geography and Surveying	Failed to pursue after initial enquiry.
Female Under Graduate	B.Sc.(HONS) Geography	Not offered a place—withdrew application
Female Under Graduate	B.A.(HONS) English	Withdrew application
Female Under Graduate	—	Pending
Male Under Graduate	B.Sc.(HONS) Economics	Withdrew application
Male Graduate	B.Sc.(HONS) Geography and Geology	Failed to pursue after initial enquiry
Male Graduate	B.A.(HONS) Social Sciences	Not offered place—withdrew application
Male Graduate	B.A.(HONS) Philosophy, Politics and Economics	Offered a place—withdrew application
Male Graduate	B.Sc.(HONS) Philosophy and Mathematics	Failed to pursue after initial enquiry
Male Under Graduate	B.A.(HONS) Economics	Pending
Male Graduate	B.Sc. (HONS) Physical Electronics	Below physical requirements (eyesight)

Coloured Applicants

In December one coloured male made application to join the Force. His application is under consideration.

CADETS

Recruitment Analysis

A total of 620 young persons applied to join the Cadet Force during the year, out of which 57 were appointed.

Appointments

	Male	Female
Juniors (16-18 years)	40	12
Seniors (18 yrs. - 18 yrs. 6 mths.)	3	2
Total	43	14

Rejections

Below Physical Requirements:		
Height	21	16
Eyesight	1	4
Medical	1	1
Over Age	49	52
Failed Education Tests	72	73
Unsuitable	20	8
No vacancies	33	15
No vacancies	—	39
Failed to pursue or withdrew application	128	81
Pending	54	40
Grand Total	350	270

Coloured Applicants

There were no applications from coloured members of the community to join the Cadet Force.

POLICE PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

The qualifying examination to Sergeant held in November 1973 was the first police promotion examination to be held under rules requiring a successful candidate to obtain at least 50% in each of the three papers instead of, as in previous years, at least 40% in each paper with an aggregate mark of 150-300 or more.

Commencing with that examination, candidates who achieve a pass mark in two papers are permitted to re-sit the paper in which they were unsuccessful on one further occasion, should they fail they have to sit the entire examination again.

Qualification to Sergeant—November 1973

Number qualified—11 (5.47%)
 Number passing in two papers—16

Qualification to Inspector—January 1974

Number of Sergeants qualified	4
Number of Constables qualified	2
Total	<u>6 (5.2%)</u>
Number of Sergeants passing in two papers	4
Number of Constables passing in two papers	6
Total	<u>10</u>

WAR DUTIES

During the year the work of the War Duties Department continued as follows:

Training

- (a) The Home Defence Senior Officers' Course at the Ministry of Defence School for Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare, Wiltshire, was attended by an Assistant Chief Constable.
- (b) National Police War Duties Courses at the Home Defence College, Easingwold, have been attended by two Chief Inspectors and four Inspectors.
- (c) A Regional Police War Duties Course held at Aykley Heads, Durham, was attended by one Chief Inspector and seven Inspectors.
- (d) A Regional Police War Duties Instructors' Course was held at Aykley Heads, Durham, and attended by three Sergeants and one Constable.

War Duties—Force Training

One day War Duties Courses for Sergeants and Constables were held during October and November at Force Training Branches at Southgate and Sunderland.

The Annual Air Reconnaissance Course was held at R.A.F. Ouston for the last time, the station being closed with effect from December. Two Inspectors attended the initial course and one Inspector the Refresher Course. In future these courses will be held at R.A.F. Leaming.

Major Disasters

A one day symposium on aircraft disasters held at Teesside Airport was attended by ten Superintendents and fifteen Chief Inspectors. Inspectors attended half day courses on this subject. A symposium at Wakefield was attended by the Force Training Officer.

APPRECIATION

Once again I should like to express my gratitude to all those who have so readily assisted the Training Branch of this Force during the past year.

Chapter V
Licensing

CLUBS

The Club Squad and Special Patrol Group has an authorised establishment of: one Chief Inspector, one Inspector, five Sergeants, 25 Constables and one Clerk/Typist.

There are at present nine vacancies for Constables within the unit.

In order to derive the best advantage from the local knowledge and previous experience of the staff, they have been deployed in four sections which are centred on the main areas of population.

With the exception of the South section which is based at Gateshead Police Station, all now operate from Market Street Police Station, Newcastle upon Tyne, East Section having moved from Wallsend Police Station in September and the West Section having moved from the Newcastle West Police Station in October.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Double patrols are maintained between 9 a.m. and 1 a.m. for the purposes of:

- (a) Supervision of licensed premises and registered clubs (Licensing Act 1964) (up to 2 a.m. as necessary).
- (b) Supervision of licensed Casinos and Bingo Clubs (Gaming Act 1968) (up to 4 a.m. as necessary).
- (c) Observations and enquiries in respect of obscene publications.
- (d) Prostitution and Brothel Patrols (including checks on kerb crawlers).
- (e) Homosexual Patrols.

In addition, routine enquiries and observations are carried out as and when necessary in respect of all Gaming Board for Great Britain enquiries, unauthorised trading in gaming machines, unlawful betting, accosting and molestings, indecent exposures, indecency with and towards children, indecent and annoying telephone calls, indecent and annoying letter writing and threatening behaviour.

GAMING ACT 1968

Casinos

Newcastle upon Tyne and Sunderland are the only places in the Force Area designated for licensed Casinos.

Four Casinos operated throughout the year in Newcastle upon Tyne, but there were none in Sunderland. Three of these remain licensed under the Licensing Act, 1964 for the supply of intoxicating liquor. One application for a Casino licence in Newcastle upon Tyne was refused by the Gaming Licensing Authority and the same applicant has now applied for a Certificate of Consent from the Gaming Board for Great Britain to apply for a Casino licence in respect of other premises.

One application has been made for a Certificate of Consent from the Board to apply for a Casino licence in respect of premises in Sunderland and one application for a Casino Licence stands adjourned sine die in respect of other premises in Sunderland.

Enquiries are being made into allegations that a Croupier at one Casino fraudulently dealt to the advantage of an outside accomplice to the extent of several thousands of pounds and this will be the subject of a report to the Director of Public Prosecutions in due course. Otherwise the Casinos appear to be well conducted within the Law.

MEMBERS CLUBS REGISTERED FOR HARD GAMING

There were three members' clubs registered under Part II of the Act for Hard Gaming at the beginning of the year but a further members' club was granted registration in May and at the end of the year four clubs remained registered.

BINGO CLUBS

There were 47 licensed bingo clubs operating in the Force area on 1st January and this number had increased to 57 by 31st March, to a total of 92 such clubs and at the end of the year 91 clubs remained licensed.

GAMING MACHINES

Enquiries concerning gaming machines distributors have resulted in proceedings being instituted against three men and two companies for infringements of the Law. These enquiries are usually protracted and many police hours are spent on them, but it is considered necessary and worthwhile to prevent and detect unlawful and criminal practices in the gaming machine industry.

THE GAMING BOARD FOR GREAT BRITAIN

Co-operation between the Police and the Board continues to be very good at every level.

LICENSING ACT, 1964

Licensed Clubs

There were 75 licensed clubs in the Force area at the end of the year.

Special Hours Certificates and Extended Hours Orders

There were 65 premises with a special hours certificate or extended hours order in force in respect of them at the beginning of the year and this increased to 85 by the 31st March. On April 1st this figure increased to 130 in the newly enlarged Force area and at the end of the year the figure had further increased 1 to 37.

Police application in November for the revocation of the special hours certificate in respect of one licensed premises in Blyth was successful and a similar application in respect of a licensed club for the revocation of the special hours certificate and extended hours order stands adjourned until 1975.

LICENSED PREMISES

Justices' Licences in force at 31st December, compared with those in 1973, were:—

	1973	1974
'On' Licences—		
Full	1391	1362
Full Licence with conditions	22	3
Beer only	5	5
Restaurant and Residential	35	28
Residential	27	38
Restaurant	130	137
Licensed Clubs	68	75
	1678	1648
'Off' Licences	1133	1155
Total	2811	2803

Registered Clubs

The number of registered clubs in the Force Area at the end of the year was 814.

In addition to prosecutions a total of four such clubs were cautioned about various breaches of the Law throughout the year.

A Police application for the cancellation of a club's certificate was successful and the premises were disqualified for a period of 5 years. Another similar application is pending.

Violence in Licensed Premises

The Managements of licensed Club premises have co-operated well with the police in reporting threats of intimidation to both management and staffs and the threat of an increase in this type of nuisance has receded. There is no evidence of any demands for the payments of protection money.

OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS ACTS 1959 AND 1964

All sections of the Special Patrol Group have been most active during the year resulting in 21 shop premises, 6 business premises and a number of houses and vehicles being searched and articles seized under warrants.

There has been a great increase in the number of British produced obscene articles displayed for sale. The obvious high profit margins involved in the selling of obscene articles has apparently been the cause of a number of established newsagents and booksellers stocking and displaying such articles in their premises on a sale or return basis.

Liaison with the staff of the Director of Public Prosecutions has been good throughout the year.

STREET OFFENCES ACT 1959 AND SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT 1956

Prostitutes

Regular patrols and observations in the Newcastle upon Tyne West Division have contained this problem the number of females prosecuted and cautioned showing an increase of 45% over the previous year which in turn showed a 20% increase over the 1972 figures. This is due to an increase in the number of prostitutes operating as well as to increased vigilance by the Special Patrol Group at the material times coupled with increased efficiency in detecting the offences.

Almost all the cautions and arrests occurred in the recognised vice area of the Newcastle upon Tyne West Division and similar patrols in other likely areas of the Force show that there was not any street problem apparent.

Kerb Crawlers

Men kerb crawling in vehicles looking for prostitutes continues to be a problem, but they are prosecuted wherever the evidence justifies this. This is also confined to Newcastle upon Tyne West Division.

SEXUAL OFFENCES ACTS 1956 AND 1967

Brothels and Living on Immoral Earnings

Observations on a number of suspected brothels resulted in proceedings being successfully taken in one case and one other case is pending. One man was proceeded against for living on the immoral earnings of two prostitutes.

Homosexuals—Offences

Homosexual activity in public toilets has dropped and fewer patrols were carried out than in 1973. The position must be carefully watched however, to prevent a return to the deplorable conditions prevailing prior to 1973.

PROSECUTIONS (LICENSING ACT 1964)

Clubs (Proprietary Registered)

Two clubs were prosecuted for offences of selling intoxicating liquor without a Justices Licence. On conviction, fines totalling £620 were imposed. Police application for cancellation of the Registration Certificate in respect of one of these clubs was successful and the premises are not to be used as a club for five years.

Prosecution is pending against a further three clubs for similar offences.

Clubs (Proprietary Licensed)

The Proprietors of two clubs were prosecuted for offences of supplying intoxicating liquor contrary to the conditions of their Justices Licences. Fines totalling £400 were imposed. An application for the revocation of the special hours certificate and extended hours order in respect of one club was adjourned until 1975, as was one offence of aiding and abetting against the Manager of the other club.

Prosecution is pending against one other club for similar offences.

Clubs (Members)

One club was prosecuted for offences of selling and supplying intoxicating liquor without a Justices Licence. Fines totalling £285 were imposed.

Licensed Premises

Prosecution is pending against the Licensee, Managers and Directors of two such premises for offences of supplying intoxicating liquor out of permitted hours.

Individuals

Nine persons were prosecuted to conviction for 14 offences of purchasing/consuming intoxicating liquor in licensed premises when under 18 years of age.

GAMING ACT 1968

Clubs

The Proprietor and Licensee of one club, and 14 Committee Members of another club were fined a total of £295 on conviction for offences of using a gaming machine on each of the respective premises when the public had access. Similar prosecution against two other clubs is pending.

Prosecution is also pending against a Proprietary Licensed Bingo Club for permitting an employee to participate in gaming in a licensed Bingo Club.

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Companies

Prosecution is pending against one company and a Director for offences of unlawful sharing agreements in respect of gaming machines, while prosecution against another company for aiding and abetting such offences is also pending.

Individuals

Two persons were prosecuted to conviction for offences of:

- (a) Unlawful sharing agreements in respect of gaming machines
- (b) Unlawful supply of maintenance of gaming machines.

Total fines of £120 were imposed.

Other pending prosecutions relate to two people for making a false declaration for the purpose of obtaining an operator's certificate from the Gaming Board for Great Britain, and to a further four people for contravening the law in respect of the conduct of Prize Bingo by giving cash prizes.

OTHER LICENSING OFFENCES

Offence	Persons
Sell intoxicating liquor without a licence	7
Consuming in or taking from licensed premises except during permitted hours	16
Violent, quarrelsome or disorderly person refusing to quit licensed premises on request	4
Person under 18 buying or consuming intoxicating liquor on licensed premises	479
Purchasing intoxicating liquor for consumption by person under 18 on licensed premises	40
Sell to member or guest at club not registered or licensed	7
Send person under 18 to purchase intoxicating liquor	1
Total	<hr/> 554 <hr/>

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The following proceedings were instituted against Licensees or their servants :

Offence	Persons
Sell intoxicating liquor to persons under 18 for consumption on premises	10
Sell or supply intoxicating liquor on or off premises except during permitted hours	14
Sell intoxicating liquor to persons not permitted by conditions of Licence	7
Total	31

CAUTIONS

During the year the following cautions were given by Senior Police Officers in respect of licensing offences :

Offence	Persons
Licensee selling intoxicating liquor to persons under 18 for consumption on premises	6
Purchase or consume intoxicating liquor on licensed premises under 18 years	22
Purchase intoxicating liquor on licensed premises for consumption by person under 18 years	1

DRUNKENNESS (Appendix M)

There were 4,539 persons proceeded against for drunkenness compared with 4,253 in 1973.

Five persons were prosecuted for being drunk in charge of a child under the age of seven years and one male person was proceeded against for being drunk in charge of a loaded fire arm.

Twelve juveniles were cautioned for drunkenness.

DRINKING BY YOUNG PERSONS

304 persons under the age of 18 years were prosecuted for drunkenness during 1974. Of this number 82 were juveniles as compared with 144 in 1973.

The age groups for juveniles so prosecuted are as follows :

14 years	3 males	
15 years	15 males	— 3 females
16 years	56 males	— 5 females

The figures shown reveal an obvious decrease in this type of offence by young people.

OFFENCES RELATING TO DRINK AND DRIVING

2,051 persons were prosecuted for offences relating to drink and driving, compared with 2,081 in 1973. This is a decrease of 30 persons.

Of the total of 2,051 proceeded against, 1,902 were convicted summarily, 43 were dismissed and 106 elected trial at the Crown Court.

The following is a summary of proceedings in connection with drinking and driving :

Drive with excess alcohol in blood (second offence within 10 years)	117
Drive with excess alcohol in blood (impairment—first offence)	13
Drive with excess alcohol in blood (first offence)	1765
Drive and refuse specimen for laboratory test	82
In charge—excess alcohol in blood.	23
In charge—excess alcohol in blood (impairment)	4
In charge—refuse specimen for laboratory test	11
Refuse specimen of breath	36

OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS ACTS, 1959 AND 1964

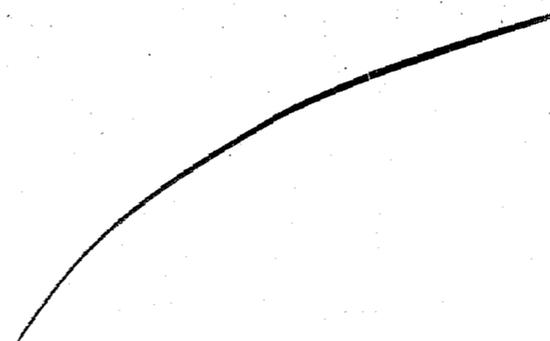
Two persons on conviction each for two offences of possessing obscene articles for gain were each sentenced to 9 months and 9 months imprisonment concurrent suspended for two years.

Other similar prosecutions resulted in one person being fined a total of £75 for three such offences ; another £90 for three offences and two more were made subject of probation orders for two years and conditionally discharged for two years in respect of two indictments each.

A number of similar prosecutions are pending.

Chapter VI

Accommodation and Welfare



HOUSING

The tenancies of four rented houses were terminated during 1974 and eleven houses were sold.
The current housing position is:

Type of House	Police Authority		Rented by Occupier	Owned by Occupier
	Owned	Rented		
Number of Houses	964	49	175	1,671

HEALTH IN THE FORCE

The number of days lost through sickness by all ranks was 32,479 and the number of days lost as a result of injuries on duty was 3,998.

WELFARE

The Welfare Officer has reported a slight decrease in the number of cases in which his assistance has been sought. The reason for the decrease is that considerably less pensioners died during the year and naturally this is very pleasing.

In November the staff of the Welfare Department was increased by the addition of an Assistant Welfare Officer, Mr. R. W. Hudson who had previously served as a constable in the east of Newcastle upon Tyne.

The following is a summary of the cases which have been dealt with:—

Pensioners and Widows	43
Serving Officers	72
Civilian Staff	4
Death of Serving Officer	1
Deaths of Pensioners	29
Death of Civilian Employee	1
Police Dependants' Trust	5
Other forces	11
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Additionally, visits to sick personnel, either in hospital or at home have been made to 40 serving officers, eight pensioners and two civilian staff.

PENSIONERS

The Annual Garden Party, under the auspices of the Force Benevolent Fund, was held at Southgate on Sunday, 7th July. Once again nearly 400 attended and entertainment was provided by the Police Band.

A second newsletter was sent out in December and it is apparent that this is appreciated by recipients. The Benevolent Fund was able once again to send a gift at Christmas to pensioners over 80 years of age and we still have 100 in this category.

SOCIAL

All Divisions and indeed some Sub Divisions are now holding Dinner Dances or social functions. They were well attended and it is hoped that members will continue to take these opportunities of meeting their colleagues socially.

OFFICERS' DINING CLUB

The Officers' Mess ceased to exist on April 1st and has since been replaced by an officers' dining club. A dinner and a dinner dance were held earlier in the year under the auspices of the Mess and a dinner in October was organised by the Dining Club. Attendance was satisfactory in all cases. Membership of the Dining Club is in excess of 200.

CHOIR

The Male Voice Choir gave a number of concerts in the Tyneside area and completed another successful season. More members are being encouraged to join this popular section.

POLICE BAND

The Northumbria Police Band was inaugurated in April and consists of members of two former police bands—Northumberland Constabulary Band and Durham Constabulary Band.

New instruments valued at £6,000 were provided by the Northumbria Police Authority and a new Band Room was allocated at Jarrow Police Station.

In July, Sunderland Police Headquarters was selected as a centre for the Band's first engagement, where an enjoyable evening's musical entertainment was given to members of the Police Authority and officers of the Force.

Throughout the remainder of the year a number of varied engagements were fulfilled at functions in the new Force area, including a performance for B.B.C. television.

A Christmas concert at Sunderland was the final engagement for the year. This proved tremendously popular and as this excellent band gathers stature, a far busier season is envisaged for 1975.

GARDENING

In August the Force "Best Kept Garden" Competition was won by Detective Sergeant Selkirk of South Shields and he was awarded the Pickering Rose Bowl.

The Force Annual Flower and Vegetable Show was held at Cramlington Police Station. A total of 278 entries were staged resulting in a magnificent display of fruit, flowers, vegetables, handicrafts and cookery. Of many trophies competed for, Sergeant Landles of Morpeth won the Challenge Cup for providing the best leeks in the show: while once again the Mac Smith Bowl awarded to the competitor having gained most points in the show, was won by Ex P.C. Lambert (Retired).

MOTOR CLUB

A curtailment of events was seen during the year as a result of the fuel crisis and costs. Major motor rallies took place on a reduced mileage basis and in four of these, R.A.C., Lindisfarne, Border and Jim Clark Memorial Rallies, the Northumbria Police Section assisted.

Constables Raine and Robertson comprising the Northumbria Police Team have obtained good results in events for the Gahan Trophy, and ended the year in second position in the National Championship for the Jauncey Trophy.

Other successes were gained in the Northumbria Rally, a Federation national event: and once again we provided P.C. Emmerson for the "Circuit des Pyrenees" in Pau, France. Selected by the F.B.P.M.C., P.C. Emmerson rode a Norton motorcycle in the event and finished 23rd in a field of 140 competitors. On one of the major stages he obtained the fastest time of the day. This was a six mile section which comprised 80 corners or bends and a climb of 1,000 feet.

SPORT Athletics

Although the new Northumbria Force was only inaugurated in April, the Athletic Section have enjoyed a highly successful season, particularly in field events and Ladies' Track events. We were well represented at both the P.A.A. Regional and National Athletic Championships and probably the most outstanding achievements were gained at these two meetings.

The Plawsworth Bowl was won at the regional championships for gaining most points at the meeting. At the National Championships, three cups were won. One of these, in the Hammer event, was won by P.C. Gordon, while the other two were won by policewomen athletes. P.W. Janet Spence broke the national record in winning the 100 metres flat race and the 4 x 100 relay was won by the Northumbria Team of Policewomen Janet Spence, Jean Dean, Linda Murley and Sandra Carroll.

Further successes were gained in other events including the Duns, Scotland, Town Sports, the Tyne-side Track League and the Northern Police Cross Country League.

ANGLING Sea Fishing

Weather conditions made the going difficult at the Force Sea Fishing Competition held at Eyemouth in July. Competitors fished in strong winds but in spite of this, landed over 207 pounds of fish. P.C. Robertson of Traffic North won the competition with a weight of 14 lbs. 7 ozs.

In August, the P.A.A. Regional Competition was held at Filey and more than 200 anglers from police forces in the region took part. The event was won by the Northumbria Police 'C' Team with a weight of 24 lbs. 7 ozs., while the 'A' Team took third place. Both teams went forward to the P.A.A. National Sea Fishing Finals held at Shoreham, Sussex, in October but unfortunately did not qualify for the top team placings.

Fresh Water Fishing

The annual match with the Duns Angling Association was held on the River Whiteadder, at Duns in June, and six of our trout anglers took part.

A number of inter force matches took place during the season including one with Durham and Cleveland at Sockburn: and one with Staffordshire Police on Rudyard Lake near Leek, Staffordshire.

In the P.A.A. Regional Competition on the River Wharf at Ulerskelf near Tadcaster in June, twelve Northumbria Anglers participated. Amongst the winners was Detective Sergeant W. Brown of Berwick with a catch of dace and roach weighing 2 lbs. 4 ozs.



Force representatives line up for the Season's Sporting Activities

I record my appreciation once again to Sir Francis W. Festing, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., D.L., D.C.L., who kindly permitted our anglers to fish the River North Tyne at Tarsset, in September, and to the Special Constabulary Deputy Commandant Mr. Bates for permitting the section to fish the River South Tyne at Haydon Bridge.

Badminton

The Force badminton competition was held at the Lightfoot Stadium, Newcastle, in December.

The winner of the competition was Det. Sgt. Purvis. The mixed doubles was won by Det. Sgt. Purvis and Policewoman Rosemurgey and in the mens' doubles Det. Sgt. Purvis completed his hat trick, this time assisted by P.C. Thompson.

The Force entered three competitors for each event at the North East Regional Championships at Bishopsgarth, Wakefield in January, but unfortunately all competitors from the Northumbria Police were eliminated in the early rounds.

Basketball

This section has continued to compete in the Tyne and Wear Amateur Basketball League. A disappointing finish to last season resulted in the team being relegated to the third division, however, this has not deterred them from playing good, competitive basketball in the current season.

Bowls

An extremely successful season was enjoyed by this section who lost only four games.

In the P.A.A. Competitions, Sergeant Inskip and P.C. Little of South Shields Division won the North East Region Pairs Competition and went on to compete in the National Championships hosted by Northumbria Police at Newcastle upon Tyne. I express my appreciation to the Committee and members of the Summerhill Bowling Club for the facilities they extended at this event.

At Force events, the Goulding Trophy was won by 'F' Division and the League Trophy by 'E' Division.

Chess

The section has continued to thrive and the popularity of the game is reflected in the increased membership and general interest shown throughout the Force.

The club is divided into two sections. The North team meets every Thursday evening at the Morpeth Police Club and the South team at Whickham Police Station on Tuesday evenings. Both teams have done well in the Northumberland Chess League and although the final placings have not yet been published they finished in the upper half of their respective divisions.

We have been fortunate in having had a splendid silver trophy presented by the Scottish and Newcastle Breweries for the winner of the Force Individual Championship and we appreciate this gesture towards promoting further interest.

The present holder is P.C. E. T. Stone. P.C. A. Thompson was runner up in the competition. At present the Force is participating in the North Eastern Regional P.A.A. Chess League and the section looks forward to an even better year in 1975 when we hope to be able to form another branch in either the Sunderland or South Shields area to meet the need of the players in these divisions.

Clay Pigeon Shooting

The Force Championships were held at Tranwell in July and these were followed by the Annual Shoot at Sadberge for the Vaux Tankard. In this event the Northumbria competitors shot against a combined team from Durham and Cleveland Constabularies and won comfortably.

In August, the North East Regional Championships were held at Sadberge. The Northumbria Team won both the Down the Line and Sporting Bird Team Events. Sergeant Glendinning won the Individual Sporting Event.

At the National Championships the Section Chairman, Superintendent D. Moody was selected as Captain of the English International Team.

Cricket

A highlight of the season was the Prudential Sponsored National Company Cup in which the Northumbria Team did well to reach the final against London Transport, which was to be held at the Oval. This event, however, was dogged with ill-fortune. The final, which should have been a tremendous climax to the season, became a disappointment when the ground was found to be unfit for play. The sponsors generously agreed that a reception would still be held at the Oval and a decision was then made to play the final on a small ground in Chiswick. The game ended with London Transport as worthy winners.

Northumbria was again beaten by Cleveland in the P.A.A. Knockout Competition, but success did eventually come in the Regional six a side Competition at Jesmond. In this competition, the 'B' team emerged as winners.

Golf

At the P.A.A. National Championships played at Brancepeth Castle, Co. Durham, P.C. J. Naisby finished third in the Individual Gross Championship and both he and P.C. D. Johnston were selected to represent England in the National Competition which was won by Northern Ireland.

During the season a total of 14 inter force friendly matches were played and eleven were won by the section.

Netball

A team was entered in the Policewomen's National Competition and acquitted itself well. Convincing wins were scored against Cleveland and Durham in the first and second rounds, but the team narrowly lost to Durham in the third round after extra time.

Rifle and Pistol

During April, the Force Annual Pistol Competitions were held at Ponteland Ranges and 43 officers competed. P.C. T. Brown shot consistently well in four competitions and is the Force shooting champion. Newcastle East Division won the team championships.

At the National Police Pistol Event at Bisley in July, the Northumbria 'A' Team were placed second after a one point defeat by the Metropolitan Police Special Branch. However, a number of successes were achieved at Bisley in September at the P.A.A. National Pistol Competitions, both by teams and individuals.

A further highlight at Bisley was the selection of three Northumbria officers, P.C.'s W. Scott, G. Challis and Detective Constable D. Adams, to represent the British Police Shooting Team in a shoulder to shoulder competition against the French National Police. This resulted in a good win by the British Team and Detective Constable Adams achieved the highest individual score.

Rugby

Some good wins were achieved by this section particularly against D.H.S.S., North Shields and Morpeth clubs and the Thames Valley Police.

P.C. W. Robson who set a points scoring record in 1972/73, topped this by three points and amassed a total of 151 points for the season. He set a good example as captain of the side.

In the P.A.A. competition, the side defeated Durham then travelled to Edinburgh to face defeat yet again in that city.

The team was entered in the Northumberland Junior Shield Competition and reached the second round only to be beaten by Gosforth Falcons after extra time and in darkness.

Soccer

This is the section's third season in competition football and some good results were seen.

The team progressed to the semi-finals in the Northumberland Amateur Cup and the Northern Amateur League Challenge Cup. Games were played without defeat from September to March, but this record was broken at the semi-finals and league championship games.

For the 1974/75 season the team successfully applied to the Northern Combination League and are currently league leaders.

Sailing

The sailing section was formed in April and has been operating from the compound at North Dock, Sunderland with one Force Mirror Class Dinghy and the free use of Mirror and Enterprise Class Dinghies of Durham Constabulary's sailing section.

The season began in May with a "sailing week for beginners" but owing to the number of interested members far exceeding the committee's estimates it proved difficult to arrange adequate training for all.

During the season 300 hours of sailing were recorded in the "Sailing Log Book" and dinghies were entered in four regional regattas and one national regatta.

Chief Inspector Briggs took second place in the Mirror Class National Competition whilst Sergeant Dodd took first place in the North East Regional Mirror Class P.A.A. Championship.

This sport is not only highly competitive but is also a very relaxing pastime which is becoming increasingly popular.

Swimming

The Force was represented in the P.A.A. National Championships by six representatives at Wales Empire Pool, Cardiff in September. Three officers reached the finals in the diving, 100 metres back stroke and 100 metres freestyle events attaining two second places. Other successes were achieved by Cadet Aylwin who was placed first at the Royal Life Saving Individual National Championship finals at Coventry, and P.C. Park who was selected to represent Great Britain in the 1974 World Life Saving Championships in Barcelona. His team was placed fourth overall.

In addition, the section took part in a number of other competitions including the West Riding Cup, the Regional P.A.A. Swimming Championships and the Force Inter Divisional Life Saving Competition.

Tennis

During an active season, the Force team had fixtures with Durham Constabulary and Humberside Police. The match against Durham was won by Northumbria but unfortunately the Humberside match was abandoned.

P.C.'s Reynolds and King went forward to represent the Force at the Regional Championships held at Sandal but after several close games they were both eliminated.

However both won the men's doubles at the Force Tennis Championships, with P.C. Reynolds also winning the men's singles and P.C. King as runner up.

Tug of War

The Tug of War Team took part in several competitions throughout the country. Despite pulling well against top opposition they only managed to win one competition, the North East Police Championships, but came through quite well as runners up in the North of England Championships and as semi finalists in the Police National Championships.

Wrestling

In August, Inspector Hepworth travelled to Rothesay, Isle of Bute and took second place at the Cumberland Westmorland Heavy Weight British Open Championships.

During October, the Wrestling Team entered the Police National Championships at Bruche. In the heavy weight class, Inspector Hepworth and P.C. Willins took first and fourth places respectively while Sergeant Peart took second place in the middle weight class. Further success was gained in the light weight class when Detective Constable Reynolds took first place and Police Constable Smith second place.

Police Federation

The Joint Branch Board held four statutory meetings during the year on 25th January and, after re-organisation, on 3rd May, 26th July and 11th October.

Executive meetings were held on 17th May, 26th July and a special open meeting was held at the Mayfair Ballroom, Newcastle upon Tyne on Sunday, 12th May.

A meeting of conference delegates was held on 16th July to consider annual conference motions. Twenty five delegates attended the conference with nine observers and the conference was held at Scarborough from the 22nd to 24th October.

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Chapter VII

Miscellaneous

PEDLARS

Sixty two Pedlars' Certificates were issued to suitable applicants.

FOUND PROPERTY

17,069 items of found property were reported and in 13,629 cases the property was returned to the owners, or, if they were not traced, returned to the finders. The remaining items not claimed were either sold and the proceeds of sale paid into the Police Fund, or, where of no value, destroyed.

FIREARMS

Six hundred and sixty three new Firearms Certificates were issued and 1,363 renewals and variations effected. There were 6,899 current Firearms Certificates and 12,702 Shotgun Certificates in force at the end of the year.

There are 41 firearms dealers registered with this Force.

SUDDEN DEATHS

A total of 2,940 sudden deaths were reported to H.M. Coroners, and inquests were held in 725 cases.

STRAY DOGS

The number of stray dogs dealt with by police in the year totalled 4,338.

STREET AND HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTIONS

Authorisation was given for 170 House-to-House collections and 338 Street collections.

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE HORSE SHOW AND DOG COMPETITION

The Horse Show was once again included in the Tyneside Summer Exhibition, held on 1st and 2nd August. The Exhibition attracted 181,000 visitors.

Thirty one horses and riders from nine forces competed in the events which were judged by Lt. Col. J. H. F. Collingwood, M.B.E., D.L., and John O'Leary Esq.

The results were:—

Class 1 — Best Turned Out Police Horse and Rider

Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Challenge Cup

First	—	Pele	—	P.C. Waller (Northumbria)
Second	—	Chieftan	—	P.C. Fisher (West Midlands)
Third	—	Ediscombe	—	Sgt. Hedley (Durham)
Fourth	—	Pegasus	—	P.C. Gibson (Northumbria)

Class 2 — Best Trained Horse

Alick Barnett Challenge Cup

First	—	Pegasus	—	P.C. Gibson (Northumbria)
Second	—	Grey Sky	—	Sgt. Cooke (West Midlands)
Third	—	Whitbread	—	P.C. McLean (City of London)
Fourth	—	Vindicator	—	P.C. Grunill (Merseyside)

Class 3 — Individual Tent Pegging with Lance

Tom Waters Challenge Cup

First	—	Grey Loch	—	P.C. Hughes (West Midlands)
Second	—	Argosy	—	Sgt. Hogg (Glasgow)
Third	—	Connaught	—	P.C. Ellis (Staffordshire)
Fourth	—	Kim	—	P.C. MacMillan (Glasgow)

Class 4 — Novice Competition

The Novice Challenge Cup

First	—	Admiral	—	Sgt. Shurman (West Yorkshire)
Second	—	Argosy	—	Sgt. Hogg (Glasgow)
Third	—	Sandboy	—	P.C. Faulkner (Merseyside)
Fourth	—	Cavalier	—	P.C. Machin (Staffordshire)

Constable Gibson, Northumbria, riding Pegasus won the Victor Ludorum Award as the rider gaining the highest number of points in the three open events. The presentation was made by Councillor W. Brown J.P., Chairman of the Northumbria Police Authority.

The Spring Cup, awarded to the team of two horses and riders from an individual force who attained the highest number of points in the three open events, was awarded to Constables Gibson and Dickman (Northumbria) and was presented by Mr. Paul Dickman.

POLICE DOG COMPETITION

The Police Dog Competition attracted 34 entries from 12 Police Forces, and was judged by Inspector Livey, Glasgow City Police.

First	—	Westyorkan Kimba	—	P.C. Foster (North Yorkshire)
Second	—	Lopez of Jacknel	—	P.C. McKenzie (West Yorkshire)
Third	—	Benn of Aycliffe	—	P.C. Dewhurst (Cleveland)
Joint Fourth	—	Tanfield Wytan	—	P.C. Buckle (City of London)
		Montagu of Denton Burn		P.C. Hennessey (Northumbria)

The Newcastle upon Tyne Watch Committee Trophy was presented to the winner by Councillor W. Brown, J.P., Chairman of the Northumbria Police Authority.

The "Elizabeth Trotter Cup" was presented by Neville Trotter Esq., M.P., to P.C. Brown, who together with his dog Duke of Northumbria obtained the highest marks of the Northumbria competitors for criminal work.

Excellent accommodation was once again provided for both horses and competitors at Gosforth Park Racecourse, by kind permission of the Racecourse Authorities.

RACE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Force Community Relations Liaison Officer, Chief Inspector J. Dawson is based with a Constable assistant at Newcastle upon Tyne West Divisional Headquarters. In addition, 17 part-time Liaison Officers were appointed. These comprise one Inspector and one Policewoman Sergeant in each territorial division except Newcastle upon Tyne West Division where it was found necessary to appoint two Inspectors and one Policewoman Sergeant because of the high density of immigrants within the Divisional Area.

Close liaison is maintained with all sections of the immigrant community mainly through the Northumbria Police and Communities Relation Group which meets monthly at the West Tyne Police Station. The group consisting of two members from each community has been responsible to a large extent for the harmonious and desirable relationship which exists between the immigrants and the police. Acting as Secretary for this group, the Force Community Relations Liaison Officer is in close contact with the appointed leaders of the various communities and associations.

Formal and informal talks have been given by members of the group to police officers from Constable to Inspector rank at Regional Police Training Schools and as a result contact has been established between the group members and officers working in areas predominantly housing the immigrant communities.

The Force Community Relations Liaison Officer and Superintendent J. Dobson, Deputy Divisional Commander are members of the Executive and Finance Committees of the Newcastle and District Community Relations Council. Daily liaison is kept by these officers with the Council Community Relations Officer Mr. Hari Shukla, resulting in better communications.

In October, Chief Inspector Dawson paid a return visit to India, renewing old friendships and gaining many new ones. His two visits to India in two years have done much to maintain good will and to promote the growth of a better understanding between races of their respective beliefs and customs.

There is no doubt that police community relations are recognised as excellent in Northumbria and this has been adequately summed up by the Tyneside Community Relations Officer, Mr. Hari Shukla when he recently stated "We have a model structure from which other areas may benefit".

POLICE/CLERGY LIAISON

Reverend R. L. Kedge, who was appointed as Force/Church Co-ordinator in 1972, has resigned. Having regard to the area of the amalgamated Force, the Working Sub-Committee has been considering:—

- (i) In liaison with the Bishops of the Newcastle and Durham Diocese, the role of a Force/Church Co-ordinator and the appointment of a replacement.
- (ii) Together with the role of the Co-ordinator, how best he can be assisted by other clergy at local level in having close affinity with all the social agencies.
- (iii) Increasing its membership to include representatives from areas south of the Tyne.

MARINE DIVISION

The Division commanded by Superintendent J. Doyle and staffed by one Chief Inspector, six Inspectors, 18 Sergeants and 56 Constables, operates six boats. Five are diesel engined single screw boats and the sixth a 34 foot twin screw diesel engined boat capable of work in rough sea conditions.

Divisional Headquarters are at Pipewellgate, Gateshead and there are section stations at the Mill Dam, South Shields and North Dock, Sunderland. Each station has adjacent moorings and facilities for fuelling boats.

An area of responsibility for the division is the policing of the River Tyne from Sparhawke-in-the-Sea to Hedwin Streams and the River Wear from the harbour entrance to Fatfield Bridge. Patrols of inshore coastal waters are made as necessary.

During the year patrols have been maintained on both rivers and assistance given to Port Authorities, H.M. Customs and Excise, H.M. Immigration Officers, Fire Brigades, H.M. Coastguards, Lifeboat and Rescue Services. On 36 occasions assistance was rendered to small boats, the crews of which were in danger or difficulty.

Crimes reported to officers of the division totalled 387 and a further 26 detected crimes were handed over to adjoining land divisions. Twenty two prosecutions were undertaken for the Port of Tyne Authority in respect of offences against their by-laws and four offences against the Salmon and Fresh Water Fisheries Act were reported to the Northumbrian Water Authority for prosecution. In addition 16 enquiries were made into circumstances involving oil pollution resulting in seven prosecutions.

UNDERWATER UNIT

This unit based at the North Dock, Sunderland consists of one Sergeant and six Constables supervised by an Inspector. A purpose built vehicle provides the unit with mobility in the Force area and enables them to operate with full facilities at the scene of any incident. Training exercises are carried out regularly with units from other forces in the region. Diver training is given by Northumbria Police to other forces.

During the year the unit carried out 159 operations resulting in the recovery of 15 bodies, 21 vehicles and miscellaneous property to an estimated value of £9,670.

Of the many incidents dealt with by the division one in particular attracted unusual interest. On 1st April, the body of a professional diver working on the "Ekofisk" North Sea Oil Field" was brought to the Tyne. At this time no legislation covering diving operations on oil rigs and installations around the United Kingdom coast existed. Officers of the division boarded the diving vessel and took possession of the diving equipment and logs appertaining to the deceased diver. This equipment was forwarded to the Royal Navy Experimental Diving Unit for examination.

The Coroner's enquiry into this death was attended by representatives of the medical profession, the Royal and U.S. Navies and the Department of Energy. Cause of death in this case was attributed to a chest cold which had resulted in a burst lung during the fatal diving operation.

Since this date, the Off Shore Installations (Diving Operations) Regulations, 1974 have been formulated.

NORTHUMBERLAND MINERS' PICNIC

This annual event was again held at Bedlington in June, the principal guest speakers being Mr. A. Lyon, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Home Office and Mr. J. Gormley, President of the National Union of Mineworkers.

A total of 97 officers of the regular Force and Special Constabulary were engaged on duty throughout the events.

SEARCHES AND RESCUES

The number of searches for missing persons and rescues carried out during the year are too numerous to refer to in depth within this Report, but two in particular are highlighted.

At 1100 hours on Tuesday, 7th May, a search was commenced in the Cheviot Hills for a missing Fire Officer from Sunderland after his car was found in the Langleyford Valley. The man concerned had been missing since 10.00 a.m. the previous day.

A mobile control unit was established at Langleyford and by 1545 hrs. rescue teams and volunteers, including fire officers of the Tyne and Wear Brigade, had assembled in sufficient numbers for a full scale search to be launched. The search, at first confined to normal walks, paths of streams and burns, was discontinued when the light faded.

Control was reactivated at 0700 hrs. the following day and the search commenced at 0800 hrs., the parties being augmented by additional members of the Fire Service.

At 0943 hrs. the missing man was found alive but unconscious by a search party led by P.C. Mew of this Force who requested the services of a helicopter.

By 1015 hrs. the air lift was completed and the casualty taken to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne for treatment and an eventual recovery.

This incident was a first class example of total co-operation by various detachments, and I record my appreciation to all those involved.

On 28th August a most commendable rescue was accomplished at Blyth. The circumstances were that two young brothers aged 6 and 11 were fishing from the Quayside, having been left there temporarily by their father. The younger boy over balanced while casting his line and fell into the river. At this place the water was approximately 44 ft. deep and highly polluted.

The plight of the boy, a non-swimmer, was seen by Mr. G. O'Donnell of Newcastle upon Tyne. This gentleman, despite the fact that he suffered from arthritis and required a stick to walk, jumped into the water fully clothed and swam with the boy for a distance of 25 yds. to a metal ladder at the quayside. After being assisted up the ladder, the boy and his brother ran away from the scene and contacted their father, who by then was returning.

On returning to the scene, it was found that the rescuer had left. In an effort to trace Mr. O'Donnell, the incident was reported in a local newspaper and eventually Mr. O'Donnell contacted the boy's father.

The effort of this rescuer became even more commendable when it was ascertained that a number of younger men in normal health were on the quay side at the time and were reluctant to enter the water.

CHIEF PROSECUTING SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

In April 1974, the staff of the Chief Prosecuting Solicitor's Office consisted of those persons who had formerly comprised the Prosecuting Solicitor's Office, Northumberland Police Authority, together with one Solicitor who had formerly been employed by Durham Police Authority. Such a staff was clearly insufficient in number to provide for the needs of the new Authority and during the year steps were taken to bring the office up to establishment. The position is that three professional vacancies and one non-admitted vacancy (excluding shorthand typists) remain to be filled.

Experience during the year has been that persons with previous experience in a Chief Prosecuting Solicitor's Office have not been available, with the result that new entrants have generally speaking required training in this field.

Nevertheless, considerable progress has been achieved. During the Summer of 1974, arrangements were made for staff Solicitors to conduct occasional cases in both Sunderland and South Tyneside. The availability of staff Solicitors to conduct cases in Northumberland and Newcastle upon Tyne has been maintained, and in October, branch offices were established at Sunderland and South Tyneside. More recently, the branch office at Gateshead has been strengthened and arrangements put in hand to establish a branch office in North Tyneside as soon as accommodation there becomes available.

Appendix 'A'

REGULAR FORCE AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1974

		Chief Constable	Assistant Chief Constable	Chief Superintendent	Superintendent	Chief Inspector	Inspector	Sergeants	Constables	TOTAL	Police Women	GRAND TOTAL
'A' or RURAL	Authorised	—	—	1	3	5	12	38	202	261	10	271
	Actual	—	—	1	3	5	10	37	170	226	9	235
'B' or BLYTH	Authorised	—	—	1	3	4	11	24	138	181	9	190
	Actual	—	—	1	3	4	11	25	120	164	8	172
'C' or NORTH TYNESIDE	Authorised	—	—	1	4	5	18	47	248	323	22	345
	Actual	—	—	1	4	5	19	45	221	295	20	315
'D' or NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE EAST.	Authorised	—	—	1	4	4	13	50	241	313	29	342
	Actual	—	—	1	4	4	14	49	212	284	22	306
'E' or NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE WEST.	Authorised	—	—	1	5	5	18	59	269	357	29	386
	Actual	—	—	1	5	5	17	54	251	333	24	357
'F' or GATESHEAD	Authorised	—	—	1	4	5	14	38	257	319	19	338
	Actual	—	—	1	4	5	14	39	234	297	17	314
'G' or SOUTH TYNESIDE	Authorised	—	—	1	3	4	13	33	222	276	21	297
	Actual	—	—	1	3	4	13	33	208	262	15	277
'H' or SUNDERLAND DIVISION	Authorised	—	—	1	5	5	21	50	309	391	23	414
	Actual	—	—	1	5	5	20	54	311	396	22	418
'K' or MARINE	Authorised	—	—	—	1	1	6	18	56	82	—	82
	Actual	—	—	—	1	1	6	17	41	66	—	66
'L' or HQ ADMIN	Authorised	1	2	1	4	4	8	20	13	53	1	54
	Actual	1	2	1	4	4	9	21	21	63	—	63
H.Q. CRIME	Authorised	—	1	2	3	8	8	43	89	154	4	158
	Actual	—	—	2	3	9	8	40	72	134	4	138
H.Q. TRAFFIC	Authorised	—	1	1	4	9	18	59	345	437	8	445
	Actual	—	1	1	4	8	18	57	299	388	5	393
RECRUITS TO TRAINING		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	25	4	29
TOTALS	Authorised	1	4	12	43	59	160	479	2389	3147	175	3322
	Actual	1	3	12	43	59	159	471	2185	2933	150	3083
SECONDMENTS		—	—	3	—	2	6	23	20	54	2	56
GRAND TOTALS	Actual	1	3	15	43	61	165	494	2205	2987	162	3139

Appendix 'B'

SUMMARY OF WASTAGE FOR 1974

Year	RETIREMENT ON PENSION OR GRATUITY		Died	Dismissed or Required to Resign	RESIGNATIONS				Total	Transfer to Other Forces	Total Wastage
	Ordinary Pension	Medical Pension or Gratuity			Years' Service						
					10 - 25	5 - 10	2 - 5	Under 2			
1974	48	11	1	2	10	25	25	29	89	12	163

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Appendix 'C'

CIVILIAN STAFF AT 31st DECEMBER, 1974

	Actual Strength	Authorised Strength	Deficiency		Actual Strength	Authorised Strength	Deficiency
Full Time				Full Time			
Cadets	92	120	28	Matrons	5	5	—
Finance Officer	1	1	—	Driver Handymen	41	45	4
Deputy Finance Officer	1	1	—	Drivers	4	7	3
Personnel Officer	1	1	—	Tailors	2	2	—
Senior Administrative Officer	—	1	1	Grooms	2	2	—
Administrative Officer	1	1	—	Handyman	1	1	—
Press & Public Relations Officer	1	1	—	Boilerman	1	1	—
Housing Officer	1	1	—	Housekeepers	9	9	—
Welfare Officer	1	1	—	Caretakers	10	10	—
Deputy Welfare Officer	1	1	—	Station Orderlies	7	7	—
Monitoring Officer	1	1	—	Janitors	3	3	—
Fleet Manager	1	1	—	Cooks	8	8	—
Deputy Fleet Manager	1	1	—	Cleaners	67	67	—
Statistical Officer	1	1	—	Gardeners	2	2	—
Administrative Officer (C.I.D.)	1	1	—	Kennelmen	2	2	—
Supplies Officer	1	1	—	Assistant Cooks	5	5	—
Senior Supplies Assistant	1	1	—	Canteen Manageress	1	1	—
Traffic Wardens	168	269	101	Canteen Assistants	3	3	—
Process Servers	1	4	3	Kitchenmaids	3	3	—
Security Officers	5	8	3	Hostel Orderly	1	1	—
Printers	5	6	1	Kitchen Assistant	1	1	—
Clerks and Typists	345	387	42				
Administrative Assistants	2	2	—		972	1207	235
Technician (Training)	—	1	1				
General Office Assistants	61	73	12	Part Time			
Control Room Assistants	16	26	10	Cleaners	101	109	8
Telephone Operators	30	35	5	Assistant Housekeepers	3	3	—
Storekeepers	10	10	—	Kitchenmaids	3	3	—
Comp. Operators	1	1	—	Assistant Cooks	2	2	—
Assistant Communications Officer	1	1	—	Kitchen Assistants	1	1	—
Driving Instructors	3	10	7	Cook	1	1	—
Mechanics	25	29	4				
Apprentice Mechanics	2	2	—		111	119	8
Photography—							
Scenes of Crime Officers	7	15	8				
Technicians	5	7	2				

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Appendix 'D'

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CRIME FOR 1973-74

	1973 Crimes		1974 Crimes		1974 Variations on 1973 Crimes Recorded	
	Rec'd.	Det'd.	Rec'd.	Det'd.	Inc.	Dec.
OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON						
Murder	6	5	19	19	13	—
Attempted Murder	5	5	10	10	5	—
Threats to Murder	1	—	2	2	1	—
Manslaughter	6	6	2	2	—	4
Death by dangerous driving	21	21	8	8	—	13
Wounding	111	96	167	148	56	—
Malicious wounding	2161	1618	2065	1601	—	96
Assault	4	4	27	25	23	—
Abandoning Child under 2	1	1	—	—	—	1
Abortion	—	—	—	—	—	—
Child Stealing	—	—	1	1	1	—
Buggery	33	25	32	31	—	1
Attempted Buggery	73	59	82	68	9	—
Indecency between males	184	183	90	89	—	94
Rape	31	26	36	32	5	—
Indecent assault on females	462	269	456	286	—	6
U.S.I. under 13	5	5	5	5	—	—
U.S.I. 13 - 16	115	111	116	110	1	—
Incest	7	7	7	7	—	—
Abduction	1	—	2	2	1	—
Endangering railway passengers	—	—	2	2	2	—
Concealment of birth	1	1	—	—	—	1
Procuration	3	3	—	—	—	3
Bigamy	3	2	3	4	—	—
OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITH VIOLENCE						
Burglary in dwelling	9663	3775	10870	3739	1207	—
Agg. Burglary in dwelling	3	1	8	3	5	—
Burglary in other than dwelling	11694	4304	13454	4961	1760	—
Agg. Burglary other premises	—	—	6	4	6	—
Equipped for stealing	1396	1396	1416	1416	20	—
Robbery	197	97	260	142	63	—
Blackmail	25	24	8	7	—	17

Appendix 'D'

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CRIME FOR 1973-74—continued

	1973 Crimes		1974 Crimes		1974 Variations on 1973 Crimes Recorded	
	Rec'd.	Det'd.	Rec'd.	Det'd.	Inc.	Dec.
OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITHOUT VIOLENCE						
Steal from person	270	102	387	117	117	—
Steal in dwelling	938	548	1412	950	474	—
Steal employee	920	901	1046	1023	126	—
Steal mail bags	155	116	82	51	—	73
Steal cycles	1499	354	1903	378	404	—
Steal from vehicles	7554	2733	8047	3070	493	—
Steal from shops	5420	4989	5732	5212	312	—
Steal from machines	844	461	848	412	4	—
Steal motor vehicles	8443	3659	12273	417	3830	—
Other stealings	10475	5019	12139	5913	1664	—
Frauds by directors	—	—	1	1	1	—
False accounting	169	168	319	317	150	—
Other Frauds	3076	2913	3624	3483	548	—
Handling stolen goods	2091	2090	2384	2384	293	—
FORGERY AND OTHER OFFENCES						
Offences against public order	—	—	9	9	9	—
Arson	377	155	339	174	—	38
Malicious damage	2233	803	2431	951	198	—
Forgery	558	545	563	558	5	—
Conspiracy	9	9	—	—	—	9
Perjury	6	6	4	2	—	2
Miscellaneous offences	280	279	293	289	13	—
	71529	37894	82990	42895	11819	358

NET INCREASE — 11,461

Appendix 'E'

RETURN OF VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN DURING 1974
NUMBER OF OFFENCES IN EACH CATEGORY

Type of Crime	Nil	Under £5	£5 and under £25	£25 and under £100	£100 and under £500	£500 and under £1,000	£1,000 and over	Total No. of offences
Burglary in dwelling	2192	1795	3319	2304	1101	113	46	10870
Aggravated Burglary in dwelling	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	8
Burglary other than in dwelling	3571	2545	3067	2602	1392	177	100	13454
Aggravated Burglary other than in dwelling	3	2	—	—	—	—	1	6
Total	5770	4346	6386	4906	2493	290	147	24338
Robbery	39	105	72	27	12	2	3	260
Stealing and taking motor vehicles	1306	15	222	1778	6651	1967	334	12273
Stealing from person	29	165	140	42	9	—	2	387
Stealing in a dwelling	5	612	503	235	53	3	1	1412
Stealing by an employee	3	337	353	210	114	11	18	1046
Stealing mailbags etc.	5	65	10	2	—	—	—	82
Stealing pedal cycles	12	230	1123	535	3	—	—	1903
Stealing from vehicles	718	2189	2673	2042	377	39	9	8047
Stealing from shops and stalls	33	4146	1082	387	73	7	4	5732
Stealing from automatic machines and Meters	81	386	305	73	3	—	—	848
Other stealings	373	5168	3802	1984	697	84	31	12139
Total	2604	13418	10285	7315	7992	2113	402	44129

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Appendix 'F'

INDICTABLE OFFENCES — PERSONS PROCEEDED AGAINST

Offence	Proceeded Against	Convicted	For Trial	Dismissed
Murder	19	—	19	—
Attempted Murder	1	—	1	—
Threats, etc.	1	—	1	—
Manslaughter	2	—	2	—
Wounding with Intent	126	3	112	11
Malicious Wounding	1491	1090	202	199
Buggery	5	—	5	—
Attempted Buggery etc.	22	14	6	2
Indecency between Males	100	94	3	3
Rape	21	—	19	2
Indecent Assault on Female	106	80	14	12
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse (Under 13)	1	—	1	—
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse (Under 16)	22	1	20	1
Incest	2	—	2	—
Abduction	2	—	2	—
Burglary (Dwelling house)	1205	827	337	41
Burglary (Other than dwelling)	2246	1822	335	89
Going Equipped for Theft	158	121	13	24
Robbery	133	40	78	15
Blackmail	7	7	—	—
Theft from Person	50	38	5	7
Theft from Dwelling	228	207	13	8
Theft as Employee	491	449	30	12
Theft of Postal Packets	13	13	—	—
Theft of Pedal Cycles	68	65	—	3
Theft from Motor Vehicles	553	464	38	51
Theft from Shops	1976	1803	71	102
Theft from Meters	154	146	5	3
Thefts—Other	1952	1734	92	126
False Accounting	15	11	2	2
Other Frauds (Deception)	363	303	46	14
Handling Stolen Goods	820	676	119	25
Arson	89	62	22	5
Threat and Possession with intent to commit Criminal Damage	21	15	4	2
Forgery of Prescriptions	12	11	—	1
Forgery (Other)	112	85	25	2
Public Order	6	—	6	—
Perjury	1	—	1	—
Other Indictable Offences	230	221	6	3
Theft or Unauthorised taking	1625	1446	129	50
Death or Injury to any Person	11	—	11	—
TOTALS	14460	11848	1797	815

Appendix 'G'

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES — PERSONS PROCEEDED AGAINST

Offence	Proceeded Against	Convicted	for Trial	Dismissed
Adulteration of foods	50	44	—	6
Aliens Restriction Acts	1	1	—	—
Assault or obstruct constable	330	265	39	26
Common Assault	103	39	—	64
Betting, Gaming and Lotteries	4	4	—	—
Brothel Keeping	1	1	—	—
Cruelty to Animals	20	18	—	2
Cruelty or Neglect of Children	2	2	—	—
Offences Relating to Dogs	56	43	—	13
Education Acts	113	105	—	8
Explosives Acts	4	3	1	—
Firearms Acts	280	263	4	13
Fishery Laws	28	28	—	—
Friendly Societies Acts	6	6	—	—
Day Poaching	53	53	—	—
Unlawful Possession of Game	6	4	—	2
Game Laws—Other Offences	7	6	—	1
Highways Acts	528	507	—	21
Pedal Cycle Offences	35	34	—	1
Indecent Exposure	75	67	—	8
Simple Drunk	1098	1082	—	16
Drunk with Aggravations	3441	3328	—	113
Offences by Licensed Persons	31	26	—	5
Other Licensing Offences	554	540	6	8
Juvenile Smoking	3	3	—	—
Shops Acts	2	2	—	—
Labour Laws	49	48	—	1
Merchant Shipping Acts	2	2	—	—
Social Security Offences	187	184	—	3
National Insurance Acts	167	166	—	1

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Appendix 'G'

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES — PERSONS PROCEEDED AGAINST—continued

Offence	Proceeded Against	Convicted	for Trial	Dismissed
Army Acts	40	40	—	—
Navy Acts	3	3	—	—
Disorder, etc.	77	60	—	17
Byelaw Offences	75	70	—	5
Prevention of Crimes Acts	240	183	26	31
Prostitution	55	50	—	5
Public Health Acts	57	45	—	12
Railway Offences	459	448	—	11
Excise (Motor Vehicle) Licences	880	858	—	22
Dog Licences	102	93	—	9
Other Revenue Offences	7	6	1	—
Stage Carriage & Public Service Vehicle Offences	73	59	—	14
Sunday Trading	5	5	—	—
Begging	7	7	—	—
Sleeping out	4	4	—	—
Found on Enclosed Premises	21	12	—	9
Loitering with Intent	19	11	—	8
Living on Immoral Earnings	2	—	—	2
Weights & Measures Acts	20	18	—	2
Wild Birds Protection Acts	8	8	—	—
Wireless Telegraphy Acts	628	622	—	6
Indecency with Children	11	9	1	1
Misuse of Drugs	169	140	24	5
Immigration Acts	2	1	1	—
Other Non-Indictable Offences	947	818	29	100
Motoring Offences	21648	20861	161	626
TOTALS	32795	31305	293	1197

one hundred and eleven

Appendix 'H'

RETURN OF PERSONS KILLED AND INJURED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS IN THE FORCE AREA DURING THE YEAR 1974

CLASSES OF ROAD USER	ON ROADS SUBJECT TO SPEED LIMITS OF 30, 40 AND 50 m.p.h.									ON ROADS SUBJECT TO SPEED LIMIT OF 70 m.p.h.									ALL ROADS ALL HOURS		
	During Darkness			During Daylight			TOTAL			During Darkness			During Daylight			TOTAL					
	Killed	Injured		Killed	Injured		Killed	Injured		Killed	Injured		Killed	Injured		Killed	Injured				
		Serious	Slight		Serious	Slight		Serious	Slight		Serious	Slight		Serious	Slight		Serious	Slight			
Pedestrians																					
Under 15 years.	2	52	92	11	231	619	13	283	711	—	3	1	1	7	15	1	10	16	14	293	727
15 years and over	37	193	328	34	148	441	71	341	769	9	12	10	2	6	14	11	18	24	82	359	793
Drivers of																					
Private motor cars	5	106	318	3	67	307	8	173	625	8	55	153	8	60	205	16	115	358	24	288	983
Public service vehicles	—	—	4	—	—	14	—	—	18	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	20
Goods vehicles.	2	8	21	1	13	81	3	21	102	—	7	29	2	13	49	2	20	78	5	41	180
Passengers in																					
Private motor cars	5	93	299	1	58	285	6	151	584	3	58	138	5	67	216	8	125	353	14	276	937
Public Service vehicles	—	6	53	1	27	258	1	33	311	—	1	4	—	1	46	—	2	50	1	35	361
Goods vehicles.	1	5	26	—	7	33	1	12	59	—	3	20	—	7	31	—	10	51	1	22	109
Scoters and Mopeds																					
Motor cycles	—	10	33	—	20	67	—	30	100	—	3	3	—	5	6	—	8	9	—	38	100
Pillion Passengers on																					
Scoters	—	—	2	—	1	3	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5
Motor cycles	—	12	18	—	11	26	—	23	44	—	2	8	—	4	12	—	6	20	—	29	64
Pedal Cyclists																					
Under 15 years.	—	5	8	2	18	101	2	23	109	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	2	4	2	25	113
15 years and over	—	6	27	—	10	56	—	16	83	1	1	1	1	2	5	2	3	6	2	19	89
Others																					
Others	—	—	8	—	5	28	—	5	36	—	3	7	—	6	5	—	9	12	—	14	48
Totals	55	539	1334	57	695	2537	112	1234	3871	23	164	391	21	209	643	44	373	1034	156	1607	4905

one hundred and twelve

Appendix 'I'

AGES OF ROAD USERS

AGES	Pedestrians		DRIVERS						RIDERS			
	K	I	Motor Cars		P.S.V.'s		Goods Vehicles		Scoters and Mopeds		Motor Cycles	
			K	I	K	I	K	I	K	I	K	I
0 — 5	7	215	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 — 10	5	473	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 — 15	2	332	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
15 — 20	4	215	1	127	—	—	—	—	—	—	64	6
20 — 30	5	190	5	494	—	12	—	—	—	—	33	2
30 — 40	6	102	3	246	—	5	—	—	—	—	16	2
40 — 50	7	123	3	180	—	1	—	—	—	—	11	1
50 — 60	12	141	6	131	—	2	—	—	—	—	17	—
60 — 70	18	191	3	71	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—
70 — 80	21	143	3	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
80 — 90	9	43	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Over 90	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	96	2172	24	1271	—	20	5	221	—	147	11	533

one hundred and thirteen

Appendix 'J'

CHILD CASUALTIES (0-15) YEARS PER MONTH KILLED AND INJURED — 1974

	Under 5 years						5 — 15 years					
	Pedestrians		Pedal Cyclists		Others*		Pedestrians		Pedal Cyclists		Others†	
	K	I	K	I	K	I	K	I	K	I	K	I
January	1	17	—	—	—	5	—	75	—	3	—	10
February	1	13	—	1	—	4	1	47	—	11	—	12
March	—	9	—	—	—	1	—	64	—	3	—	6
April	—	27	—	—	—	5	—	63	—	8	—	7
May	—	20	—	—	—	8	2	58	—	19	—	12
June	—	20	—	—	—	5	—	70	—	11	—	5
July	—	25	—	2	—	3	1	62	2	23	—	21
August	1	27	—	—	—	10	—	57	—	17	1	28
September	2	18	—	—	—	2	—	72	—	17	—	13
October	—	14	—	—	—	7	1	90	—	13	—	13
November	1	14	—	—	—	1	1	65	—	3	—	21
December	1	11	—	—	—	9	1	82	—	5	—	17
Totals	7	215	—	3	—	60	7	805	2	135	1	170

'OTHER CHILD' CASUALTIES INCLUDE:—

*
42 Passengers in Motor Cars.
13 Passengers in P.S.V.'s
5 Passengers in Goods Vehicles.

†
106 Passengers in Motor Cars
(including 1 Killed).
32 Passengers in P.S.V.'s.
20 Passengers in Goods Vehicles.

†
1 Rider of Motor Scooter
1 Driver of Toy Go-Cart.
1 Passenger of Toy Go-Cart.
5 Passengers of Pedal Cycles.
1 Rider of Horse.
1 Driver of Motor Car.
3 Pillion Passengers on Motor Cycles.

Appendix 'K'

INJURY ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES IN LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS, 1974

	Accidents	TOTAL CASUALTIES			CHILD CASUALTIES		
		Fatal	Serious	Slight	Fatal	Serious	Slight
Northumberland County							
Alnwick	138	4	47	169	—	3	12
Berwick	116	7	43	141	—	3	15
Blyth	186	9	45	199	1	6	45
Castle Morpeth	194	—	66	227	—	6	28
Tynedale	287	11	116	373	—	12	42
Wansbeck	164	5	38	164	1	3	40
Totals	1,085	36	355	1,273	2	33	182
Tyne and Wear Metropolitan County							
Newcastle M.D.C.	1,308	25	382	1,205	2	72	245
North Tyneside M.D.C.	597	16	115	595	1	39	157
Gateshead M.D.C.	686	28	246	595	4	62	127
South Tyneside M.D.C.	601	21	175	520	3	39	138
Sunderland M.D.C.	860	30	334	717	5	93	201
Totals	4,052	120	1,252	3,632	15	305	868
GRAND TOTALS	5,137	156	1,607	4,905	17	338	1,050

Appendix 'L'

ACCIDENT RATES FOR CERTAIN ROADS — 1974

Road	Location	Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
A.1	Eighton Lodge, Low Eighton to Tyne Bridge, Gateshead	52	1	80
"	Tyne Bridge, Newcastle to Three Mile Inn, Gosforth	99	2	124
A.184	From junction with A.1 Gateshead to White Mare Pool Roundabout	31	2	34
A.69	Westgate Road, Newcastle to Hexham Road, Throckley	119	6	156
A.696	Blackett Street, Newcastle at its junction with Pilgrim Street to Kenton Bank Foot	76	—	85
A.695	Mosley Street, Newcastle to Scotswood Bridge	50	—	65
A.193	New Bridge Street, Newcastle to Newcastle/North Tyneside Boundary	65	1	85
"	Newcastle/North Tyneside Boundary to Links Road, Whitley Bay	88	7	95
A.1058	Jesmond Road, Newcastle to Newcastle/North Tyneside Boundary	23	2	27
"	Newcastle/North Tyneside Boundary to Beach Road, North Shields	35	—	50
A.183	Ocean Road, South Shields to Chester Road, Shiney Row	93	4	112
A.19	King Street, South Shields to Stockton Road, Ryhope	154	8	175
A.185	Dean Road, South Shields to Victoria Road West Hebburn	34	4	43
A.194	Newcastle Road, South Shields to junction of A.1(M) Birtley-by-pass	75	2	81
A.1300	Prince Edward Road, South Shields to John Reid Street, South Shields	22	3	26
A.690	Holmeside, Sunderland to East Rainton	68	2	98
A.1290	Southwick Road, Sunderland to Front Street, Washington	32	5	37
A.182	South Hetton Road, Easington Lane to Heworth Road, Washington	54	1	68

Appendix 'M'

DRUNKENNESS — 1974 (ADULT AND JUVENILE)

Month	Proceeded Against	Ages								Convicted	
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21+		
January	M	279	1	—	9	15	28	31	24	171	268
	F	14	—	—	1	—	1	2	1	9	14
February	M	228	—	3	2	12	24	30	13	144	216
	F	10	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	6	10
March	M	206	1	2	4	13	15	17	21	133	198
	F	20	—	—	—	1	2	—	3	14	18
April	M	352	—	—	6	18	32	23	30	243	342
	F	25	—	—	1	1	1	5	1	16	25
May	M	381	—	2	5	16	24	29	29	276	374
	F	27	—	—	—	1	5	2	4	15	27
June	M	355	1	—	5	16	30	23	21	159	343
	F	28	—	—	1	2	3	—	1	21	26
July	M	423	—	2	4	21	42	27	26	301	411
	F	23	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	18	21
August	M	373	—	1	4	17	43	35	21	252	366
	F	28	—	—	1	1	4	4	—	18	28
September	M	361	—	—	3	21	34	28	21	254	353
	F	33	—	2	—	2	4	1	3	21	32
October	M	382	—	—	6	27	27	27	37	258	367
	F	25	—	1	1	2	1	1	—	19	24
November	M	349	—	2	5	19	33	29	17	244	341
	F	11	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	6	10
December	M	371	—	3	3	13	39	29	18	253	361
	F	22	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	17	21
TOTALS	M	4060	3	15	56	208	371	328	291	2788	3940
	F	266	—	3	5	12	30	20	16	180	256
		213*	—	—	—	2	1	3	7	200	212*
		4326	3	18	61	220	401	348	307	2968	4196
Totals (Male and Female)		4539	3	18	61	222	402	351	314	3168	4408

N.B.—The figures shown in Asterisk are those appertaining to that part of Durham County, which was amalgamated with Northumberland on 1.4.74, from 1.1.74 to 31.3.74.

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