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Northumbria Coalition Against Crime

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 May 2015

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Northumbria Coalition Against Crime
Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Northumbria Coalition Against Crime	
Charity registration number	702756	
Company registration number	02480943	
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Northumbria Coalition Against Crime
Chair's statement for the year ended 31 May 2015

The Coalition was established in 1990. As we celebrate our Silver Jubilee year, it is encouraging to report on another year of growth and achievement for both our Business Crime and Youth and Community programmes.

These accounts show incoming resources of £291,940 (an increase of more than 40% on the previous year), and charitable funds carried forward of £132,763 (approximately 6 months' worth of operating expenses).

The growth in our income and our fundraising success is a tribute to the hard work and professionalism of our programme staff led by their managers, Heather Armstrong (Youth and Community) and Sarah Bird (North East Retail Crime Partnership).

Some of the new funding has come about because we are being invited to deliver our programme in new areas:-

- extending the work of the Retail Crime Partnership to Redcar and Middlesbrough
- delivering our Shopwise workshop to young people in County Durham
- providing mentoring support to young people in the secure children's unit at Newton Aycliffe

However, growth in a time of economic austerity is a two-edged sword. Demand for our services is growing because local authority and police resources are being cut back dramatically. We are rightly proud of our successes in our work with young people and in our initiatives to deter and prevent retail crime. As a Board we are also mindful that we must not over-stretch the resources of the Coalition simply to fill the gaps left by the withdrawal of public sector provision.

In addition to our staff we owe a debt of gratitude to volunteers and supporters – especially our volunteer mentors, those who support our programmes through our Steering Groups and corporate members of the Coalition.

Since our last annual report we have said goodbye to three Board members – Laura Cunningham, Phil Butler and David Gardiner. I am delighted to welcome two new members of the Board in their stead, Jennifer Robson and Helen Kay.

We also note with sincere thanks the retirement of Nigel Sherlock who has supported the Coalition as a patron for many years, and we welcome Michael Metcalf. Michael, together with a small group of Board members is helping us to shape a fitting celebration of our 25 years. The celebration will form a centrepiece of our Silver Jubilee Appeal through which we hope to raise an additional £10,000 in unrestricted income to support the Coalition's work in 2016.

A year to reflect on the changing nature of society and the changing nature of crime, to celebrate the values and achievements of the Coalition and to plan with realism and foresight for the year ahead.



Name: Philip Angier – Chair

Date: 09/02/16

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Directors Report

The directors present their annual report together with the financial statements of Northumbria Coalition Against Crime (the charitable company) for the year ended 31 May 2015. The directors confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by charities" issued in March 2005.

Structure, governance and management

• Constitution

The charitable company, which is limited by guarantee, was incorporated on 14 March 1990 and is also a registered charity number 702756.

The charitable company is governed by its memorandum and articles of association.

The Northumbria Coalition Against Crime is a multi-agency partnership working to reduce crime and the fear of crime in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland. The North East Retail Crime Partnership (previously known as Retailers Against Crime North East) operates across the three Police force areas of Northumbria, Durham and Cleveland.

The partners include all sections of the community, including the voluntary sector, Police, Probation Service and the Community Safety departments of local authorities. The Coalition's work is concentrated on some of the more disadvantaged areas of the region and often brings those from more affluent areas into greater contact with those who have fewer advantages and opportunities.

• Method of Appointment or Election of Directors

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as 'the directors'.

The selection of directors is based on an area of expertise needed to aid delivery of our programmes. Each director acts as a Project Champion and offers support, guidance, advice and challenge to the project and staff working with it. The skill of each director complements both each other and the make-up of the Board.

• Policies Adopted for the Induction and Training of Directors

Potential or new Directors are invited to attend an afternoon or morning induction session at the Coalition's offices, to obtain an overview of all the Coalition's work. They may elect to become a Project Champion for a project which matches their own area of expertise, and will undertake further meetings with managers and staff about this project.

The Coalition provides each new Director with background information which includes information on all the Coalition projects, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the last three Annual Reports and minutes of the last year's Board meetings. Directors are encouraged to take part in strategic planning meetings and to attend Coalition/NERCP (formerly RACNE) events, where they will meet members, staff and other Directors.

The Coalition holds a central file of information relating to Director's responsibilities.

The Coalition rotates presentations on each major project prior to the main business of each Board meeting, where appropriate inviting young people who have taken part, thereby giving each Director an update on all elements of the Coalition's work.

• Organisation Structure and Decision Making

The Board of Directors consists of up to 20 members, representing the public, private, voluntary, statutory and community sectors. The Directors are selected so their expertise complements not only the activities of the Coalition, but the expertise of the other Directors.

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The Board meets quarterly, and where necessary, sub-committees are convened to cover finance and remuneration and various aspects of fund-raising and strategic review.

The North East Retail Crime Partnership (previously known as Retailers Against Crime North East) has its own Steering Group which meets four times annually, plus a forum in October each year.

• Risk Management

The Directors have a Risk Management Strategy which is reviewed annually, which examines:

- The risks the charity might face (as a whole organisation, then for each individual project) and their potential impact; and
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate the risks identified.

Whilst the Risk Management Strategy is a lengthy document, identifying all potential risks, the Directors consider the main risks to be:

Business Crime Group: Injudicious disclosure of data (breach of data protection). The NERCP (formerly RACNE) is governed by strict Codes of Practice and Data Protection Guidelines; monitored by the NERCP Steering Group. We have implemented procedures to minimise those risks; our members are subject to strict sanctions (over and above any resulting criminal or civil liability) and have taken out Public Liability Insurance to cover this eventuality; and

Youth and Community Programmes: Risk of member of staff/volunteer worker/the Coalition being sued by mentee/mentor/parent or guardian of mentee, should Child Protection and Data Protection policies and guidelines be breached. The Coalition has appointed a Child Protection Officer, and has a Child Protection Policy which is updated on an annual basis. The Coalition has taken out professional liability insurance of £5,000,000 to cover staff and volunteers.

The Coalition is currently working to improve its Business Continuity Management and Emergency Planning Procedures.

Objectives and Activities

• Policies and Objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

The primary objective of the charitable company is to reduce crime, fear of crime, anti-social and unacceptable behaviour in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland.

The North East Retail Crime Partnership (formerly Retailers Against Crime North East) covers the three Police force areas of Durham, Northumbria and Cleveland and has wider a partnership working with partners and Police forces across the UK.

Achievements and performance

• Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

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• Reserves Policy

The charitable company aims to match its income with ongoing projects in the period. However, it seeks to build sufficient reserves to allow it to cover one year of indirect and support costs should new funding not be available. It is the aim of the directors and managements to continue to build on reserves.

The Coalition continues to seek additional monies from Trust funds and other business organisations where the Coalition can provide services, such as those currently provided to NERCP members.

Review of Activities

North East Retail Crime Partnership (NERCP)

The business crime reduction department of NCAC is designed to work with businesses and agencies to identify threats to safety and reduce financial losses by deterring and detecting crime. The main project of the department is the North East Retail Crime Partnership which has been in operation since 1998. The other project now operating under the department is Redcar Businesses Against Crime which NCAC took over in January 2015. The following is a summary of activities, achievements and future plans for the projects.

Introduction

The NERCP is a Not for Profit organisation managed by Northumbria Coalition Against Crime and provides a highly efficient information sharing and support network for retail businesses and police. It provides a specialised regional service aimed at preventing prolific, organised and travelling offenders targeting the North East business community, in a bid to protect profits and the safety of staff and customers.

The NERCP operates by using offender led intelligence, researching all criminal targets, identifying their motivation to committing crime (which may include drug and alcohol dependency), their associates and previous criminal history. This enables the partnership to predict future patterns of offending and forewarn members of associated risks.

Emphasis is on prevention as the main remedy for retail crime and tailored initiatives and campaigns are run aimed at targeting trending issues and future criminality. This includes working in partnership to educate and deter young people from crime, investing in their futures.

Who is involved?

The NERCP share information with over 2000 Retail Businesses in the region ranging from national retailers with many outlets to small local shops with only a few members of staff. We rely on the information and intelligence we receive from our local and regional members to build a quality and reliable crime prevention network.

The partnership works alongside and is supported by the 4 Police Forces in the region; Northumbria, Durham, Cleveland and North Yorkshire. We link in with police intelligence units to tackle force wide and cross border criminality and with neighbourhood policing teams to disrupt activity at a local level.

It also supports all and manages many Local Crime Reduction Partnerships in the region overseeing the Association of Shopwatch Partnerships.

We also work with our sister Youth & Community Programme to ensure a holistic approach is taken when tackling retail crime.

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Review of Activities

The NERCP continues to operate with income generated through membership to the scheme from retailers and police. Over the past 12 months we have signed up new member premises; Byron Place, Castle Dene Shopping Centre, Durham City Shopwatch and 2 M&S stores. We lost 1 store member. This was seen as a success compared to last year's loss of JD Sports and a Debenhams store. We continued to sustain membership from all 4 police forces.

By working in partnership with retail members and police the NERCP network was able to identify local and travelling offenders, leading to a considerable amount of deterrents and arrests. Cost analysis indicated a saving of £1,983,975 to the North East retail sector as a result of partnership working:

Level of Success	No. Arrests/Deters	Cost Saving Applied
Direct NERCP Intervention	36	£1,701,060
Working in Partnership (Local Offenders)	948	£255,786
Working in Partnership (Travelling Offenders)	123	£27,029
TOTALS	1107	£1,983,875

The NERCP said goodbye to the Admin Apprentice in September 2014 and employed an Operations Assistant in January 2015. This new position enabled the NERCP to:

- Identify more traveling offenders and produce a considerably higher amount of intelligence packages
- Deliver more training and support sessions
- Engage more effectively and regularly with clients
- Develop the overall strategy of the partnership

Achievements

Heightened Level of Engagement - More resource has enabled the NERCP to support more police and retailers on a local basis in the region. This has resulted in a 23% increase of engagement from police partners and retail members.

Development of the new Retail Crime secure website where members and police can view all NERCP circulations including offender forewarnings, training material and other advice.

To view the website, visit: www.nercp.org.uk to get into the member's area, please contact the NERCP for your login details.

Counterfeit Currency Initiative - The NERCP identified an increase in counterfeit currency in the region which prompted an initiative aimed at raising the awareness of North East retailers and police officers by highlighting how to identify counterfeit money and what to do with it if it is received.

Over 900 retail staff and police officers were trained by the NERCP in how to spot a fake note.

Over 4000 Bank of England training products were circulated to retailers and police in the region.

Change Ringing Initiative - The NERCP identified the increase in the 'Change Ringing' scam throughout the region, whereby offenders will enter a retail store/other business, select items and proceed to pay with cash and use distraction methods to confuse staff into taking less cash than the items cost. This is also used in post offices, travel agents and other businesses where one can change cash.

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From January – June 2014 the NERCP trained over 800 North East retailers and over 70 police officers in relation to the Change Ringing Scam.

Over 1500 Pocket sized information cards were generated by the NERCP and distributed by the partnership and local PCSO's to North East retail businesses.

The NERCP has seen a substantial reduction of incidents reported of this nature.

The 2014 **Christmas Card Initiative** saw the top 100 retail crime offenders in participating force areas receive a Christmas card from the partnership with a criminality notice warning them not to take part in crime over the festive season. The cards were donated by retail members and in many cases hand delivered to offenders by local police.

Overall 81% of offenders who received the cards were not identified as taking part in further retail crime in the region over the festive period.

Promotion of Restorative Approach within the retail industry to encourage co-operation from retailers to engage in restorative approaches.

NERCP produced a RJ information leaflet circulated to over 4000 retailers, provided a presentation to over 500 retailers and added a Restorative Approach area to the website for police to share case studies for information. Some retail members are taking a more restorative approach within their own businesses, choosing not to report the offence as a crime.

Unknown offenders identified by the NERCP network increased by 8% in the past 12 months with 132 people being named - 40 cases being from the Durham force area, many of which went on to be convicted.

Increased Intelligence packages produced by the NERCP to tackle force wide travelling and cross border targets. 168 targets including teams and individuals were investigated by the NERCP over the past 12 months with all relevant information being passed to the relevant force intelligence departments for disruption and appropriate action.

Development of **1 Information Sharing Agreement** for all North East Shopwatch schemes to use. This would be reviewed every 3 years by the NERCP.

Implementation of a Shopwatch performance plan and Shopwatch Co-ordinators forum - which aims to capture the quality of each local scheme, extracting the best practise and applying to schemes that need more support.

We can also gauge from this where engagement levels by both retailers and police can be improved.

Development of the 'BEST of Shopwatch' awards - In partnership with the 4 forces, the NERCP have developed an accreditation for all North East schemes which includes a minimum standard and assessment process. The aim of this is to ensure all Shopwatch schemes are relevant, effective and value for money. Those schemes that are successful will be awarded in the 2014 North East Retail Crime Conference.

The North East Retail Crime Conference 2014 was attended by 200 delegates from around the North East and further afield, giving an overview of how retail crime was affecting the region and highlighting the good work being done to prevent it.

Speakers included the CPS, ACPO, Head of Loss Prevention for Wilko, Chief Constable of Durham Police, Fulfilling Lives, NCA to name a few.

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Future Developments

In the next 12 months the NERCP will continue to support members and attempt to extend the network to other retailers and agencies as well as:

- Continuing to lead the retail sector into a culture of deter and prevention
- Increasing confidence - Helping to ensure sustainable economic growth
- Continuing to develop the local Shopwatch schemes further
- Continuing to develop and deliver ongoing initiatives
- Supporting any future retail crime initiatives

Redcar Businesses Against Crime

Introduction

RBAC is a long standing, successful and effective intelligence led partnership which brings together businesses in the Redcar & Cleveland area. The main objectives are to reduce crime and disorder and to make the local areas safer for staff and visitors.

RBAC currently have over 80 members in the Redcar & Cleveland area including shops and pubs in Redcar, Guisborough, Loftus and Cleveland Retail Park and are steadily expanding membership base to the benefit of existing members.

The scheme works very closely with Cleveland Police, sharing relevant information and intelligence in a bid to reduce the opportunity to commit crime. We work in partnership with the police to manage the exclusion system in place.

NCAC took this scheme over in January 2015 which now runs alongside the NERCP. With the scheme came a part time co-ordinator who is now employed by NCAC. The main reason for the 'take over' was to provide the scheme members with the support needed at a local level.

Review of Activities

Since January we have worked to develop the RBAC scheme in the following ways:

- Making links with other agencies which can assist in crime prevention
- Extending the geographical range of intelligence sharing by linking in with other local partnership e.g. Middlesbrough
- Improvement of local offender target circulation, increasing both the quality and frequency of the service
- Extending the radio coverage for members to communicate with each other more consistently

Future Developments

In the next 12 months RBAC plan to:

- Extend membership to other local villages and towns in the area including; Saltburn, Eston and Marske
- Develop the RBAC webpage and offer members of the scheme an electronic service as well as a paper based scheme

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Heather Armstrong Youth & Community Managers Report 2014/2015

The Odyssey Mentoring Project (OMP)

OMP has been in existence since 1999 and is extremely well established, which is a major achievement for any project. There have been significant developments since we received funding from the Big Lottery, 'Reaching Communities Program' in November 2013 and the project is going from strength to strength. This would not be possible without the support from the funders and supporters.

In April 2014 a second years funding was secured to enable the continuation of OMP- 'OMP Plus'. OMP Plus provides mentoring support to Young People in a Young Offenders Secure Unit and during the critical period from transition in to resettlement. Being able to offer this support to externally complex and vulnerable young people is something we have always wanted to do as current support offered is limited. Additionally, the reoffending rate on release from the unit is currently 75%, which is extremely high. In addition to Mentoring Support, interactive workshops are also delivered to groups of young people in the secure unit. During the workshops the young people are encouraged to address their offending behaviour and identify possible challenges to staying on the 'Right Track' when released. The project is proving to be very challenging but extremely beneficial and the young people are gaining vital support which they would not previously have had access to.

The number of referrals for OMP has soared over the past 12 months. A part time Project Worker Apprentice was appointed in September 2014 to enable more young people to be supported and to alleviate some of the pressure from OMP staff. The OMP Team now consist of: Y & C Manager, part time Administrator, 2 Project Workers, 1 Project OMP Plus Project Leader and an OMP Apprentice. OMP staff are still working at their maximum case load capacity and there is a waiting list of new referrals. This clearly highlights the increasing need for the project.

In April 2015 another extension of OMP began. This entails working in partnership with Aycliffe Secure Children Home and Barnardo's to provide mentoring support to young people who have been involved in child sexual exploitation (CSE).

Recruitment and retention of volunteers still remains the main challenge for the project. Funding is currently being sought and is needed to address this issue and to enable a Volunteers Coordinator to be employed.

OMP staff have identified a number of the children and young people we work with need additional support regarding Mental Health. This has been identified as an additional need for some time. Examples of some of the issues are self-image issues, self-harm, depression, eating disorders and anger management. Funding is currently being sought for a Counsellor/Positive Mental Health worker to address this need and the gap in the current provision.

Objectives for 2014/2015

- Continue and sustain the work of OMP
- Continue to work with and support existing mentees and volunteers'/mentoring relationships
- Take new referrals
- Support new relationships/mentees/volunteers
- Recruit and train new volunteers if appropriate
- Seek and establish further funding
- Work with Steering Group
- Continue meeting objectives for 'Reaching Communities' – Big Lottery's Grant and other funders

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Beneficiaries

Over the past 12 months 60 children and young people have gained support for OMP and OMP Plus and 25 volunteers have been trained.

Young People Achievements

Of the children / young people supported:

- 80% did not offend or re-offend
- 92% showed an increase in self-esteem/confidence
- 87.5% showed an increase in motivation and aspiration
- 75% of family relationships improved
- 80% have engaged in or maintained educational training or employment

(Taken from OMP YP)

The majority of the children and young people who have gained support from the project have displayed an increase in self-esteem and confidence, which makes them much less likely to get involved in or continue to be involved in crime and unacceptable behaviour.

At NCAC's AGM in September 2014, 4 young people were presented with a certificate by the Deputy Mayor of Gateshead for their journey travelled. The audience at the AGM were overwhelmed by the mentees journeys & everyone including NCAC staff & mentees are extremely proud of their achievements.

Please refer to appendix 1 for a photo of the young people and appendix 2 for one of the mentees' success stories.

The need for the support OMP provides has never been more apparent. Pressure on public sector services and changing funding streams has resulted in a depletion of services and organisations which families can access. Many of the families we see now have nowhere else to turn. Furthermore, the current economic climate means that families are living in harder circumstances than ever and this can result in lower household incomes, pressure on family relationships and insecure housing. This, coupled with fewer support services, can place young people in a position where they have nothing to do and no one to turn to. In these situations, they are more likely to turn to crime or be influenced by peers who are not a positive influence.

Community Safety Awareness Day

Our Community Safety Awareness Day took place in August 2014. Hundreds of families/members of the public attended. A number of volunteer mentors and several mentees helped out. This demonstrates how the young people's self-confidence & motivation has increased as it takes a great deal of confidence to deal with members of the public at such an event. Support was given by Northumbria Police who brought a police car and gave demonstrations. This not only raised awareness but built positive relations between the public & the police.

#Shop-Wise

#Shop-Wise is an initiative developed by NCAC incorporating the North East Retail Crime Partnership (NERCP) and Youth & Community Programmes, aimed at engaging children/young people on the subject of retail crime through interactive workshops. A pilot programme ran between February and June 2015 and a number of interactive workshops were delivered, in partnership with Durham Constabulary and their Junior Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, in primary schools throughout Durham.

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Future Plans

- To continue and strengthen the Reaching Communities (Big Lottery) Work
- To continue to sustain the current work and the team
- Gain funding for further staff and project developments
- Gain funding to enable provision of a Positive Mental Health Worker
- Gain funding to employ a Volunteers Co-ordinator
- Continue to develop OMP to meet need and demands
- To gain funding to develop and deliver #Shop-Wise with NERCP

Many thanks again to all the funders and supporters who have enabled our invaluable work to continue! Including; Big Lottery 'Reaching Communities', Northern Rock Foundation, Sir James Knott and Lloyds TSB Foundation

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

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Appendix 1

Young people presented with a certificate by the Deputy Mayor of Gateshead for their achievements and journey travelled



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Appendix 2

Success Story

Darren was referred into the OMP project because there were concerns about his behaviour. He was fighting with his peers and being aggressive with his teachers, over time the teachers were unable to handle his behaviour resulting in his exclusion from school. Darren was happy to engage with the project but was unaware of how destructive his behaviour was and was happy to blame other people and not willing to take responsibility for himself. Although Darren presented as a confident young person he was in fact very vulnerable and would often misbehave to seek attention putting himself in risky situations.

He engaged well with the project and, once matched with his mentor, he started making positive changes and was happy to open up to his mentor about why he behaved the way he did. He identified that he had a problem with his anger and, with his mentor, joined the local library and looked at books to help him cope.

His behaviour improved massively with the coping strategies that he'd taught himself from the library books. He was able to cope better when put in stressful situations and learnt to control his anger before it spiralled out of control. He was placed in a pupil referral unit where they were so happy with his progress both academically and behaviour wise that he was able to go back into mainstream school.

Darren's mother is amazed by the changes in him and is pleased with the work that he has done with the project.

The progress Darren has made throughout his time with the project during the initial stage and being matched with his mentor is amazing and very inspiring. He took the support and guidance that was offered to him and used it the best he could. Not only has his confidence and self-esteem increased so have his aspirations and self-worth. He realised that with hard work and determination he can achieve whatever he sets out to do and I believe he can. Darren was presented with a certificate by the Deputy Mayor of Gateshead to recognise his achievements at NCAC's AGM in September 2014. His mother attended the AGM and was so proud of him, as we all are. No one could have been more proud than Darren though.



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Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

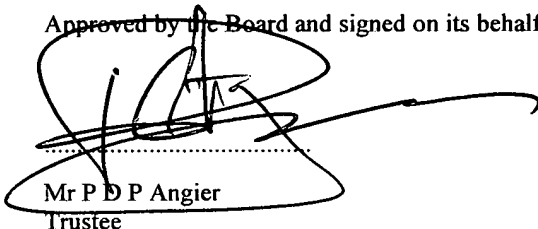
The trustees (who are also directors of Northumbria Coalition Against Crime for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr P D P Angier
Trustee

Date: 09/02/16.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northumbria Coalition Against Crime

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 May 2015, which are set out on pages 17 to 28.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

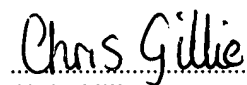
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Chris Gillie
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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the
Year Ended 31 May 2015

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2015	Total Funds 2014
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	5,300	205,272	210,572	120,583
Investment income	3	50	222	272	46
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	2,825	59,010	61,835	67,624
Governance		1,515	-	1,515	-
Other incoming resources	5	3,600	14,145	17,745	17,533
Total incoming resources		<u>13,290</u>	<u>278,649</u>	<u>291,939</u>	<u>205,786</u>
Resources expended					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	6	5,009	2,000	7,009	4,685
Charitable activities	8,7	-	233,296	233,296	171,110
Governance costs	10	13,800	953	14,753	14,369
Total resources expended		<u>18,809</u>	<u>236,249</u>	<u>255,058</u>	<u>190,164</u>
Net income before transfers		(5,519)	42,400	36,881	15,622
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		(5,519)	42,400	36,881	15,622
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>6,270</u>	<u>89,612</u>	<u>95,882</u>	<u>80,258</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>751</u>	<u>132,012</u>	<u>132,763</u>	<u>95,880</u>

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2015

		2015		2014	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15		4,359		3,212
Current assets					
Debtors	16	57,499		31,510	
Cash at bank and in hand		205,812		214,346	
		<u>263,311</u>		<u>245,856</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(134,907)</u>		<u>(153,188)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>128,404</u>		<u>92,668</u>
Net assets			<u><u>132,763</u></u>		<u><u>95,880</u></u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds			132,012		89,611
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			<u>751</u>		<u>6,269</u>
Total charity funds	20		<u><u>132,763</u></u>		<u><u>95,880</u></u>

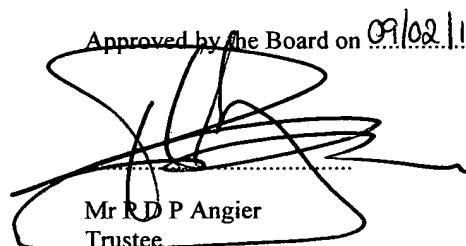
For the financial year ended 31 May 2015, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by the Board on 09/02/16 and signed on its behalf by:


 Mr R D P Angier
 Trustee

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2015

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', issued in March 2005, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

The charitable company remains reliant on the financial support of funders. While funders have informally indicated their intention to continue supporting the activities of the charitable company, no contractual arrangements are in place. This state of affairs is similar to previous years. On the assumption of continued financial support from funders, the Directors have approved the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Fund accounting policy

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charitable company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and purpose of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 20.

Incoming resources

Donations and grants are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds are the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Governance costs

Depreciation

Computer equipment 33.3% straight line basis

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2015 £	Total Funds 2014 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations	5,300	52,112	57,412	51,749
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	-	-	-	106
	<u>5,300</u>	<u>52,112</u>	<u>57,412</u>	<u>51,855</u>
Grants				
Grants receivable	-	148,060	148,060	68,728
Northern Rock Foundation grant receivable	-	5,000	5,000	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>153,060</u>	<u>153,060</u>	<u>68,728</u>
Voluntary income				
Event income	-	100	100	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
	5,300	205,272	210,572	120,583

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2015 £	Total Funds 2014 £
Interest on cash deposits	50	222	272	46

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4 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2015 £	Total Funds 2014 £
NERCP membership fees	-	53,644	53,644	54,707
Coalition membership fees	2,825	-	2,825	4,050
Flat rate VAT benefit	-	5,366	5,366	8,867
	<u>2,825</u>	<u>59,010</u>	<u>61,835</u>	<u>67,624</u>

5 Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2015 £	Total Funds 2014 £
Other income				
Event income	-	4,200	4,200	2,195
Other income	3,600	9,945	13,545	15,338
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>14,145</u>	<u>17,745</u>	<u>17,533</u>

6 Costs of generating voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2015 £	Total Funds 2014 £
Voluntary income				
Travel	500	-	500	500
Professional fees and administrative costs	500	2,000	2,500	500
Office equipment and supplies	500	-	500	500
Wages and salaries	3,181	-	3,181	2,892
Staff NIC (Employers)	328	-	328	293
	<u>5,009</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>7,009</u>	<u>4,685</u>

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7 Analysis of charitable activities

	Business Crime	Youth and Community Programmes	Shopwise scheme	Total 2015	Total 2014
	£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	61,276	87,752	-	149,028	111,648
Travel and administration costs	2,803	14,672	-	17,475	7,067
Employment costs	1,872	4,732	-	6,604	-
Rent and administration services	16,800	2,400	-	19,200	19,200
Office supplies and equipment	6,806	4,124	-	10,930	7,620
Subsistence expenses	-	2,228	-	2,228	886
Travel expenses	165	7,748	407	8,320	3,869
Professional fees and administration costs	9,133	8,346	1,151	18,630	19,922
Bad debt expense	-	-	-	-	329
Depreciation	458	423	-	881	569
	<u>99,313</u>	<u>132,425</u>	<u>1,558</u>	<u>233,296</u>	<u>171,110</u>

8 Details of charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs allocated £	2015 £	2014 £
Business Crime	64,079	35,234	99,313	84,936
Youth and Community Programmes	102,424	30,001	132,425	84,189
Shopwise scheme	-	1,558	1,558	1,985
	<u>166,503</u>	<u>66,793</u>	<u>233,296</u>	<u>171,110</u>

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9 Support costs

	Business Crime	Youth and Community Programmes	Shopwise scheme	Governance	Total 2015	Total 2014
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	1,872	4,732	-	3,753	10,357	1,557
Rent and administration services	16,800	2,400	-	4,800	24,000	24,000
Office supplies and equipment	6,806	4,124	-	1,005	11,935	8,403
Subsistence expenses	-	2,228	-	-	2,228	886
Travel expenses	165	7,748	407	18	8,338	3,977
Professional fees and administration costs	9,133	8,346	1,151	5,079	23,709	26,899
Bad debt expense	-	-	-	8	8	329
Depreciation	458	423	-	90	971	713
	<u>35,234</u>	<u>30,001</u>	<u>1,558</u>	<u>14,753</u>	<u>81,546</u>	<u>66,764</u>

10 Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2015 £	Total Funds 2014 £
Support costs allocated	<u>13,800</u>	<u>953</u>	<u>14,753</u>	<u>14,369</u>

11 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration (2014 - £Nil).

During the year, no trustees received any benefits in kind (2014 - £Nil).

During the year, no trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2014 - £Nil).

12 Net income

Net income is stated after charging:

	2015 £	2014 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>971</u>	<u>713</u>

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13 Employees' remuneration

The average number of persons employed by the charity (including trustees) during the year was as follows:

2015 No.	2014 No.
<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2015 £	2014 £
Wages and salaries	153,625	109,486
Social security	<u>9,215</u>	<u>6,904</u>
	<u>162,840</u>	<u>116,390</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

14 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

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15 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
As at 1 June 2014	75,732
Additions	2,117
Disposals	(64,583)
As at 31 May 2015	<u>13,266</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 June 2014	72,519
Eliminated on disposals	(64,583)
Charge for the year	971
As at 31 May 2015	<u>8,907</u>
Net book value	
As at 31 May 2015	<u>4,359</u>
As at 31 May 2014	<u>3,213</u>

During the year the book value of computer assets and software acquired in earlier years has been eliminated in order to provide a realistic overview of the assets held.

16 Debtors

	2015 £	2014 £
Trade debtors	44,417	30,301
Other debtors	381	-
Prepayments and accrued income	12,701	1,209
	<u>57,499</u>	<u>31,510</u>

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17 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade creditors	12,522	5,672
Taxation and social security	6,283	6,944
Other creditors	20,612	18,472
Accruals and deferred income	95,490	122,100
	<u>134,907</u>	<u>153,188</u>

18 Members' liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

19 Related parties

Controlling entity

During the year the company was controlled by the Directors.

Related party transactions

The Northumbria Police Authority provides office space at West End Police Station free of charge with utilities, including some telephone, the value of which has been estimated at £24,000 for the period ended 31st May 2014.

Having established a Police Steering Group to assist in the progression and development of the partnership, this has been instrumental in improving the partnership working and information sharing protocols between NERCP and the four forces.

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20 Analysis of funds

	At 1 June 2014	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 May 2015
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds					
Coalition	6,270	13,290	(18,809)	-	751
Restricted Funds					
North East Retail Crime Partnership	42,934	116,288	(99,733)	(4,000)	55,489
Odysseus Mentoring Programme	46,662	160,561	(134,958)	-	72,265
Shopwise Scheme	16	1,800	(1,558)	4,000	4,258
	<u>89,612</u>	<u>278,649</u>	<u>(236,249)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,012</u>
	<u>95,882</u>	<u>291,939</u>	<u>(255,058)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,763</u>

North East Retail Crime Partnership (NERCP):

Intelligence led targeting professional, prolific, persistent teams of retail thieves who target the North East. Included within this fund are two further projects, CR:IISP: Criminal Reporting Integrated Information Sharing Platform and Association of Shopwatch Partnerships North East (ASP-NE). The former is a database system which revolutionizes the speed of intelligence gathering and dissemination for NERCP members. The latter is essentially a forum bringing retailers and police together to share intelligence and prosecute teams of retail criminals targeting the North East.

Odysseus Mentoring Programme:

The project funds one-to-one mentoring support to vulnerable young people who are at risk of offending or reoffending. The Odysseus Mentoring Project was set up in December 1998 and provides the opportunity for positive relationships to develop between young at risk of offending and an adult who is willing to challenge, guide and educate them.

Shopwise Scheme:

#Shop-Wise is an initiative aimed at engaging children and young people on the subject of safe shopping and retail crime.

21 Transfers

During the year the North East Retail Crime Partnership transferred £4,000 to the Shopwise Scheme.

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22 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2015	Total Funds 2014
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	179	4,180	4,359	3,212
Current assets	3,804	259,507	263,311	245,856
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(3,232)	(131,675)	(134,907)	(153,188)
Net assets	<u>751</u>	<u>132,012</u>	<u>132,763</u>	<u>95,880</u>