

# Helen Goodman MP

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## Bishop Auckland



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# CRIME DOWN IN BISHOP AUCKLAND

I am pleased that **crime is falling in Bishop Auckland**. The latest statistics show that in the twelve months to September 2008 there was 15.6% drop in overall crime, and an 18% fall in violent crime. There were also large reductions in robbery and burglary.

I recently went on night patrol with Durham Police (see right) to see the work the Police do keep our streets safe. I was worried by the high level of alcohol related-crime, and am pleased that Durham Police have launched a number of initiatives to combat this.

## BUILDING SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

The fall in crime in Bishop Auckland is partly due to an increase in Neighbourhood Policing, with local officers and community beat teams working to reduce low-level crime and anti-social behaviour.



Helen with local police in Co. Durham

It is really important to involve the community in helping to create safer neighbourhoods, and this type of local, high-visibility policing has been effective in Bishop Auckland and across the constituency.

## LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

### Which crimes are you most concerned about in Bishop Auckland?

(Rank in order, 1 being most important)

<input type="checkbox"/> Anti-social Behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/> Burglary / Robbery	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Crime	<input type="checkbox"/> Violent Crime	<input type="checkbox"/> Fraud
<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol-related Crime	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):	<input type="text"/>		

Is there anything specifically you would like to see the Police crack down in Bishop Auckland?



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Helen outside Deerbolt prison in Barnard Castle

Preventing re-offending is, of course, vital to reducing crime and I recently visited Deerbolt Youth Offenders' Institution in Barnard Castle and met with the Co. Durham Probation Service.

Deerbolt have been working with the probation service to provide the skills and support young offenders need after release. The results have been really positive, and are making a real difference to young people's lives.

During my visit I was impressed by the professionalism of all Deerbolt's staff, and the new visitors centre is an excellent facility.

The Probation Service in County Durham is receiving additional investment, and I am pleased that reconviction rates are falling.

## YOUR LOCAL **POLICE** STATION



**Bishop Auckland Police Station**  
Woodhouse Lane  
Bishop Auckland  
DL14 6LB

**Area Contact**  
Tel: 0345 60 60 365  
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[bishopauckland@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:bishopauckland@durham.pnn.police.uk)

## CONSTITUENCY SURGERIES

- Friday 3rd April** - People's Centre, Main Street, Shildon
- Friday 8th May** - Community Centre, Montieth Close, West Auckland
- Friday 5th June** - Constituency Office, 1 Cockton Hill Road, Bishop Auckland



You can find out more about Helen's work in Bishop Auckland by visiting her website:

[\*\*www.helengoodman.co.uk\*\*](http://www.helengoodman.co.uk)

Surgeries start at **17:00** and are open to all.

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