



Heysham South, Middleton & Overton. November 2016

PACT Meeting Monday 7th November 2016. Venue: Heysham Library, Heysham Village.

Introductions and welcome by Graeme Austin.

Local policing issues.

Arson - not endangering Life. 01/10/16. Time for Nursery. Investigations ongoing. Unknown offender(s), have entered grounds of nursery and set wooden wendy house alight. Fire has spread to plastic wendy house and caused damage to outside play area. Fire has spread to main building but was extinguished before major damage occurred. Offender(s) fled the scene.

This is a family business that looks after children, often whilst their parents are at work. It has caused needless upset, trauma and disruption.

Assault - with intent to rob. 03/10/16 Heysham Barrows. Investigations ongoing. Unknown offender pushed victim from behind causing him to fall to ground and drop mobile phone. Offender tried to grab said mobile phone, but victim has resisted. Offender has run away from scene but mobile phone was damaged during incident.

Burglary at a local business. 4/10/16 Middleton.

Offenders enter the yard of a haulage and distribution company during daylight business hours in a small van to approach loading bay area entering same to lift and steal items from a pallet within and further remove a full pallet of goods placing same within a vehicle to leave via same point as entry.

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Vehicles, tools and tyres were taken from a haulage company yard.

ASB – Heysham Village.

Recent spike in thefts from vehicles in the Heysham area – please ensure you do not leave valuables in your car. Christmas presents etc.

Frosty mornings. This is the time of year that opportunistic vehicle thieves operate. Insurance companies may not pay out if a vehicle is left unattended whilst a car defrosts.

No tank drivers please! All windows must be clear so you can see cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians.



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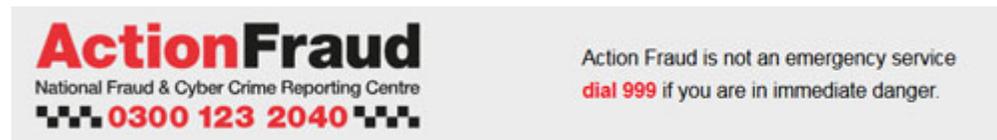
Update on the criminal damage and assault in Heysham Village.

Two youths charged – awaiting appearance at youth court.

Criminal damage at Daisy Bank allotments. Chairman stated that CCTV has now been installed.

No Cold Calling Zones. Some areas are still experiencing problems with Cold Callers in Heysham. Lancashire County Council Trading Standards department are responsible for authoring and the administration of No Cold Calling Zones in the County. Contact details given out.

Recent experience shows that scammers are using telephone and e-mail scams in an attempt to obtain money or access to personal bank accounts. Action Fraud have some useful advice.



Consumer Alerts for November:

Fish Sellers:

Door to door fish sellers have been reported in the Lancaster area. The fish sellers may mislead householders into buying large quantities of fish, for large sums of money. Often what you buy does not match the description or be what you asked for and the sellers can be very pushy making customers feel they have no choice but to agree to the sale. Customers also have concerns about how the fish has been stored.

Please only do business with regular fish roundsmen that you know and who you buy small quantities of fish from on a weekly basis.

Gardening Services

Beware of door to door selling of compost for around £4 a bag. Although this can sound reasonable the seller can be very pushy and the householder can end up having a large amount of compost dumped on their drive and owing a lot more than the original £4 suggested. Reports have been received in the St Annes area.

Trading Standards advice is never do business with cold callers.

Telesales Calls

Householders throughout Lancashire are receiving telesales calls about new methods to reduce their heating bills. This can range from installing a whole new heating system to fitting a device to your existing system that will reduce the amount of electricity you currently use.

Please do your own research before signing up to one of these deals. Independently check the business and the claims made to ensure any savings are worth the cost of the installation. Remember if you sign up to anything in your own home you have 14 days to change your mind.

To reduce telesales calls, join the Telephone Preference Service, call 0345 070 0707 to register.

Email scams

Beware of emails and texts that look as if they have been sent by the DVLA. Complaints have been received that when you click on a link you are taken through to a website mocked up to look like the DVLA online service.

It is a scam. The website asks for your driving licence number and payment information, threatening that you'll lose your driving licence if you don't verify your details.

Contact the Trading Standards Service via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06

The Safetrader scheme can help you find a trader in your area, contact 0303 333 1111 or go to www.safetrader.org.uk

Please take time to ensure your vehicles are locked and secured and all valuable items are removed from the vehicle or at least placed out of sight. Even empty bags or those with little in them, or of little worth, should be hidden as the thief won't know they are empty and will smash a window to get at them.

If you saw or heard anything that may help the police in connection with these crimes, then please phone the police on 101. Alternatively you can contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or on line at Crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

Be vigilant towards not only your own property but that of your neighbours, particularly the elderly and vulnerable members of the community.

If you see anyone in the area who is acting suspiciously then please ring the police on '101'.

If you believe it is a crime in progress then you should ring '999'.



PACT Priority for November 2016

7/11/2016	ASB - Various locations including; Heysham Village, Lister Grove, Heysham Towers.	Target possible offenders, disrupt at any opportune time 2. His visibility patrol in the area 3. Stops forms and any other appropriate tickets to be issued. 4. Arrest any offenders. 5. PACE 1 search any persons acting suspiciously, where grounds exist.	1176 / 3462/ 7384 / 7396 / WB50.	7396
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The Next PACT meeting will take place on Monday 5th December.

The first PACT meeting of 2017 will take place on Monday 9th January.

Venue: Heysham Library Meeting Room.

The onset of darker nights is an ideal time to brush-up on good security habits to protect your belongings and property and reduce your chances of falling victim to burglary.

Double check your security and lighting and make sure that your home is adequately protected.

Traditionally, there is a rise in burglaries in the winter period, especially in the run up to Christmas when people are buying festive gifts and burglars are aware that there are more valuables in the home.

Insecure windows and doors are still a common factor, with around one in three burglaries taking place as a result of property that has been left open or not secured properly.

Lock up: Always make sure your windows and doors are locked, including side gates. Don't be an easy target – thieves will go elsewhere if they have to work hard to steal your stuff. Fit an alarm system, ensure it is activated and use strong locks on sheds, garages and other outbuildings. Light up: Think about leaving a light on when you go out. Timers will turn lights on and off at pre-set times and consider fitting outdoor security lighting. Keys safe: Put house and car keys away safely where they cannot be seen when not in use and well away from the doors they unlock.

Heysham South, NPT (Neighbourhood Policing Team).

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