

Heysham South Beat News

The Community Police Newsletter for residents of Heysham South,
Overton & Middleton.

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Boundary Changes

Due to boundary changes the Heysham area has undergone a policing area makeover.

Heysham South covers an area with the dividing line being drawn along Heysham Avenue, South up Heysham Road, along Sugham Lane and south up Kingsway and down Meldon Road. North of that line is now covered by Morecambe area.

Force Chopper assists in Heysham burglary arrests

You've seen it on the telly – this time it is close to home!

Following reports that suspects were still in the area after a burglary on Arran Close in Heysham the force chopper was called into assist in the manhunt. Oscar November 99 with its array of technical equipment, including thermal imaging cameras, which can detect body heat, joined the search. Arrests were made and a suspect has been charged.

Heysham Incidents March 2009

A look at some of the incidents reported to the Police – can you help?

Damage

17 incidents reported. Mostly involving damage to vehicles, bus shelters and houses caused by stone throwing or sharp objects. Areas affected include Bailey Lane, Peel Ave, Yewdale Ave, Smithy Lane and Main Street, Heysham Village.

Burglaries

As well as the burglary on Arran Close, a business property was targeted in Heysham Village between 02/03/09 and 05/03/09.

A yellow Yamaha three wheeled motorcycle/field bike was taken from a wooden shed at a property in Middleton overnight 22-23/03/09.

Property estimated value of £730 was taken from a flat on Tarnbrook Road between 11:00 and 12:20 on 24/03/09. The communal door had been left open and the offenders have forced entry using an unknown implement. The haul included a flat screen TV, Digital Camera and printer and jewellery.

A portable DVD player a freeview TV box and cash were taken in a burglary at a caravan on Ocean Edge caravan site between 11:00 15/03/09 and 03:00 on 17/03/09.

A dirt bike valued at £700 blue / black in colour was taken from a garage at a property on Eardley Road overnight 15-16/03/09.

Auto Crime

A tax disc and operators licence were taken from a truck at a Heysham business park between 09:00 11/03/09 and 12:00 13/03/09.

A bus travelling along Smithy Lane suffered window damage from stones being thrown at it between 19:15 and 19:25 on 15/03/09.

A number plate and electrical lead were taken from a trailer unit parked at a business premises in Middleton overnight 24-25/03/09.

The windscreen wiper blades and arms were removed from a vehicle parked on Heysham Road between 22:00 27/03/09 and 09:00 30/03/09.

If you can help when any on the above please ring:



Alcohol Seizures

Alcohol seizures last month, 10 cans Carlsberg, 3 bottles cider, 8 cans of lager and a bottle of Baileys.

Parents have been informed and youth referral scheme letters issued.

Proxy sales

Some parents provide large amounts of alcohol to their teenage children for drinking unsupervised outside the home at parties, in parks and on the street.

Unsupervised drinking by young people in public places is clearly linked to crime and anti-social behaviour. It can also have some sobering consequences for your **son** or **daughter**.

Please support the campaign against proxy sales. Remember someone could be buying alcohol that your **son** or **daughter** could drink unsupervised in risky surroundings.

Teenagers also get older people to buy alcohol for them. These are called proxy sales.

Proxy sales are illegal.

If you suspect proxy sales are taking place please report it to.

Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

For further alcohol information/details of national/local support agencies log onto

www.lookoutalcohol.co.uk

Wheelie Bin Fires

An action from a recent PACT meeting was taken to contact Lancaster City Council. This was to request information on the Assisted Collection Scheme where the refuse collection team will physically move the wheelie bins from the property. This is helpful when the refuse collections commence early in the morning. This service is available to residents who meet certain criteria. The elderly and disabled, for example. For more information please contact Lancaster City Council on 01524 582491. They will send out a form which has to be completed and assessed before this service is granted. To prevent wheelie bins being targeted, the advice is, where possible put them out for collection by 07:00 on collection day.

Container fires on Mossgate

Following a recent incident where the fire service were called to a fire involving the shipping containers on the building land at Mossgate, activities are in progress to find out the ownership and their removal from the site. The fire service were called out to a number of incidents last year involving these containers. Whilst the fire and rescue service is dealing with these deliberate incidents they are not available for real emergencies.

Anyone with information of the fires can ring crimestoppers.

Free smoke alarms – with a ten year battery life

The fire and rescue service attended the recent Neighbourhood Watch evening at the Youth & Community Centre. A number of residents signed up for a safety visit. The fire service will help you work out a safe exit plan from your property and advise on fire safety issues. They will also fit, free of charge, a smoke alarm with a 10 year battery life. To take up this offer please contact the fire and rescue service on: 0800 169 1125

Community engagement

Our PCSOs have been out and about delivering the Behaviour and crime education programme in two of our primary schools last month. St Helens in Overton and St. Patricks on Littledale Avenue have had their visits.

Road safety hi-visibility patrols have also been carried out outside St. Patricks. A number of motorists were advised on parking and letters have been sent out reference seat belt wearing.

Kingsway Court coffee morning attendance to discuss issues with residents.

What's on the web?

www.lancashire.police.uk

Lancashire Constabulary website

www.limacharlie.org

Lancashire Constabulary's award winning website for young people.

www.askthepolice.uk

Home office information on the police.

PACT Meetings Heysham South.

Attendance on 6/4/09 12 Heysham residents and 3 police representatives.

Due to the spring bank holiday the next PACT meeting will be held on Monday 11th May at 7pm in Youth & Community Centre, Douglas Park.

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Thanks to Inspector Steven Wade and his team from the Civil Nuclear Constabulary from their base at the Power Station for their presence in the area.

PANEL AGREED PRIORITIES
(Maximum of three)



Date	Priority*	Actions**	Actions Allocated to***
6/4/09	Douglas Park, Heysham Community Centre, and Heysham Free Methodist Church areas of Heysham.	<p>Most evenings throughout the week but particularly at weekends from 1800 hours onwards</p> <p>Youths are congregating on the bowling greens in front of the Heysham Youth and Community Centre and causing general anti social behaviour. This behaviour is then escalating and the youths are causing problems for attendees at the youth club and Free Methodist Church.</p> <p>Action Planned – Youths to be targeted and dispersed. Any alcohol to be confiscated and consideration given to use of Youth Referral Scheme, STOPS, Fixed Penalty Notices for disorder, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, referral to other agencies, arrests.</p>	<p>PC 1176 Tomlinson PCSO 7791 Willis PCSO 7147 Dyson PCSO 7733 Bond</p>
6/4/09	Combermere Estate and surrounding area	<p>1800 hours onwards, most evenings throughout the week especially due to the lighter nights.</p> <p>Youths are displaying anti social behaviour towards residents and throwing stones/eggs at properties. This behaviour appears to be fuelled by alcohol and results in the likely increase in criminal damage in the area.</p> <p>Action Planned – Youths to be targeted and dispersed. Any alcohol to be confiscated and consideration given to use of Youth Referral Scheme, STOPS, Fixed Penalty Notices for disorder, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, referral to other agencies, arrests.</p>	<p>PC 1176 Tomlinson PCSO 7791 Willis PCSO 7147 Dyson PCSO 7733 Bond</p>
6/4/09	Public footpath that runs between Lister Grove and Kingsway	<p>Between 1900 hours – 2345 hours.</p> <p>Increase in littering and general nuisance caused by people using this pathway.</p> <p>Action Planned – Councillor Ken Brown to investigate possibility of either closing the pathway or getting the pathway gated.</p>	<p>Mr Alan Butler Cllr Ken Brown</p>

* This must include specific details including - **What** exactly is the problem? **Where** is it? **What** time is it occurring? **Who** is doing it? (If known)

** Details of what police and/or partners are doing to resolve the problem.

*** Where partners, other than police, have responsibility include a named individual where possible