

# in the know

Heysham newsletter  
incorporating Harbour, Heysham Central,  
Heysham North and Heysham South.

December 2011

## Police need your help to catch arsonists

Officers are looking for information from the public after two vans were set on fire deliberately in the West End and Heysham on October 21. The first incident occurred at 2:50am on Essington Avenue in the West End where a Ford Transit van was attacked. The second occurred at 7am on Whinnysty Lane, Heysham where a Citroen van was set on fire in very similar circumstances. Two men on cycles were seen near to the scene of both offences. The first man is described as, white, unshaven, aged around 20-30 years wearing a dark blue zip up hoody, dark tousers, black

cycle helmet and a flash light around his head. The second man was described as white, aged 20-30 years, wearing a dark blue fleece riding a black push cycle.

PC Barr said "These are serious offences that have occurred causing significant disruption to peoples lives. We believe that both offences are linked and we are very keen to identify the offenders. Anyone with information about these crimes please contact the police on 01524 596935 or 0845 1 253545 or you can ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

## Tackle rogue traders on-line

Lancashire Constabulary and Lancashire County Council Trading Standards have joined forces to target rogue traders to highlight the dangers of allowing strangers into homes and consenting to have work carried out by cold callers – people who visit addresses without prior notice.

PCSO Sue Brown said "The West End and Heysham team have been raising awareness of the dangers of rogue traders by distributing leaflets and offering advice to the public to help keep them safe."

Follow this advice to keep yourself safe:

- If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it!
- Don't ever go to a bank or cash point with a trader; legitimate traders would never do this.



- Don't allow anyone to pressure you into agreeing to have work carried out. If you ask them to leave and they don't, call the police dial 999.
- Do discuss any work you feel needs carrying out on your property with a relative or friend who can help you find a reputable trader.
- Don't agree to any work or sign anything on the spot.

## know your local team

### Harbour



PC Darren Rotherham



PCSO Karl Smith

PC Graeham Cheetham

### Heysham Central



PC Joanne Hill



PCSO Samatha Wilkinson

### Heysham North



PC Richard Barr



PC Neil Tomlinson



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PCSO Hannah Mason

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# News in brief

There are two new officers in your neighbourhood teams, PC Graeme Cheetham has joined the Harbour team and PC Andy Taylor has joined Heysham South. Sgt Adie Knowles said 'The addition of two further officers to the team shows the Constabulary's commitment to neighbourhood policing in these areas. PC Neil Tomlinson has been at Heysham South for five years tackling crime and anti-social behaviour. I am sure that the residents of Heysham will join me in thanking him for his hard work and wish him luck in his new post covering Heysham North in the West End.'

A misuse of drugs act warrant was executed at an address on Harrington Road Morecambe recently which resulted in the seizure of a significant amount of cannabis and other related items. A 23 year old man was arrested from the address on suspicion of supplying drugs, he was released on police bail whilst enquiries continue. PC Graeme Cheetham said 'We are relentless in our pursuit of people who choose to deal drugs in our area. Anyone with information on drug dealing please contact the police on 01524 596935 or call crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

LANCASHIRE Constabulary's Christmas drink and drug driving campaign gets underway in December.

The festive crackdown will see high profile enforcement activity taking place across the county throughout the month of December, including checkpoints at key locations where officers will administer drink and drugs tests.

Police are urging revellers to take care during the party season and have issued the following advice:

- If you are going out and drinking plan how you are going to get home and stick to that plan.
- Try to keep to busy well-lit areas and don't take short cuts and walk away from bushes and buildings.
- Where possible, don't walk alone after dark. Take someone you know with you.
- Always walk facing oncoming traffic.
- To avoid delay, have your keys ready when you are approaching your car or home.
- Never accept lifts from strangers.
- When telephoning for a taxi, ask for the driver's name and check this when he/she arrives.

## The new number to call



[www.police.uk/101](http://www.police.uk/101)

Launch date 12th December



## PACT and events

Come along and meet your local officers at the following Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings:

### Heysham

Monday 5 December 7pm,  
Heysham Library, Heysham Road

### West End

Monday 5 December 7pm,  
West End Community Centre,  
Westminster Road, Morecambe

## Fewer Front Counters to Close

Following a three month public consultation exercise which saw over 11,000 people expressing a view on the potential closures of police front desks, the Constabulary will be closing 14 of its 38 counters instead of the proposed 21.

Of the 14 that will close, just under half of the police stations they are based in will remain operational, meaning that police officers and staff will continue to work in them and will maintain a presence in those local areas.

For more information about how this affects your area please see the news section on [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk).

## Last month's top priorities

### Heysham:

Anti-social behaviour and street drinking in the Tanbrook Road area.

### West End:

Anti-social behaviour on Clarendon Road, Basketball Courts and Alexandra Road.

For information about last month's priorities and the action we have taken please visit [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk) and type your postcode in the My Area box.



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