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Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

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Heysham South, Middleton & Overton. September 09

Late July and August 09

Incidents reported to the police during August. Can you assist with any enquiries?

Offenders gained access to a container on a building site in Middleton overnight 27/28 Aug and used cutting equipment to remove a padlock. A vibration jack hammer and cutting saw, together valued at approx £1400 were removed.

The windscreen of a car was damaged whilst it was parked outside the registered keepers residence on Cyprus Road during the early hours of 01/08/09.

A double glazed window, estimated value £1000, at a property on Cyprus Road, was damaged by unknown means between 02/08/09 and 04/08/09.

A children's pedal cycle was taken from the front garden of a property on Heron Mews, It is a

chopper style, black in colour with 'flames' on the frame. The incident occurred at 17:00 on 06/08/09.

Between 10:00 on 10/08/09 and 08:00 11:00 offender/s gained access to a business premises on a Heysham Business Park. It is believed the offenders entered via the main security entrance and made their way to the rear of the site and took a vehicle onto disused land adjacent to the aggrieved premises which is secured with high fencing and locked gates. Offenders forced the open bars of the fencing to access the aggrieved site premises. From there they made their way to a locked and secure container. Using bolt croppers the offenders cut off the padlock securing container and entered it. Once inside offenders took selected items of electrical equipment and make good their escape via point of entry.

Antique crown derby plates were taken during a burglary at a caravan on Mellishaw Lane between 06/08/09 and 09/08/09. CSI evidence has been obtained.

Between mid-day 13/08/09 and approx 10:30 14/08/09 paint stripper was poured onto a car parked on Combereme Road causing approx £500 worth of damage.

During the hours of darkness 12/13th August graffiti was sprayed onto a wall at a property on Trumacar lane.

A children's pedal cycle was taken from the rear of a property on Banks Crescent between 21:30 and 21:40 on 14/08/09. It is a black/red BMX model.

The alarms were triggered when the padlocks on a container at Heysham Nature Reserve were interfered with. The offence occurred between 21:30 13/08 and 00:40 14/08. The offenders left the scene.

A business premises on Heysham Business Park was targeted by burglars overnight 19-20/08/09. In an attempt to force the door lock a window smashes and offender/s gained entry. Various electrical items with a total value of over £4k were taken.

An attempt was made to steal a motor vehicle from Crimewell Lane in Heysham at 00:24 on 19/08/09. After driving a short distance the offender was disturbed by a member of the public. The vehicle is being examined for CSI evidence.

A double glazed window at a property on Longlands Avenue was damaged by unknown means over the weekend 22-23/8/09.

Over a 10 day period, 14-23/08/09, an Attempt was made to prise open a corner of an up and over door on a garage on Kingsway. Entry was not gained and nothing was taken.

Three windows of the Wesley Methodist Church on Middleton Road were damaged between mid-day on 25/8 and 08:40 on 26/08/09.

The drivers door was scratched and the casing of the side mirror damaged, on a car parked on Middleton Road, Heysham, between 10:00 and 17:50 on 25/08/09.





Lancaster University SAFE Project

Lancaster University Volunteer Unit run a project in conjunction with Lancashire Constabulary called SAFE. We aim to reduce and prevent the occurrence of distraction burglary and doorstep crime. This is a crime that unfortunately targets older isolated people and criminals will look for specific indicators that suggest a resident might fit this profile.

The SAFE project trains student volunteers to visit people who have been referred to us either by the Police or any other agency who is in contact with older people, such as day care centres. The students visit the resident and give a structured talk about the crime with a video to illustrate the points. They offer advice on how to avoid being a victim of doorstep crime, specifically doorstep etiquette. They are also able to fit a number of target hardening devices such as door bars and Memo minders; which is a device that replays a message to the resident when they approach the door to remind them of potential conmen.

Our website is:

www.luvu.org.uk/current/safe

Digital Switchover

The digital switchover presents a number of opportunities for criminals, particularly distraction burglaries and cons. As you may know all television sets will have to be re-tuned even if they are currently operating on a digital signal and older models will require a digital box to be compatible.

There have been reports of people going door to door offering to make sets digital compliant and charging large sums of money for the service. Even in the case of an older set it should cost no more than £30 (The cost of a digital box) to make the set compatible.

It also opens the door for distraction burglars to pose as official digital Switch officers to gain entry to people's property. For more information on the digital switch, this is the official website:

www.digitaluk.co.uk



PANEL AGREED PRIORITIES

(Maximum of three)

Heysham South PACT meeting held at the Youth & Community Centre, Douglas Park, 7th September. Number of attendees 14. 2 apologies.

Next PACT meeting: Monday 5th October 2009. Venue: Youth & Community Centre, Douglas Park.

Date	Priority*	Actions**	Actions Allocated to***	Result
7/9/09	The area around Smithy Lane, Heysham Hall Grove and Heysham Park are seeing youths congregating and being a nuisance for local residents by acting in an anti-social manner. This sometimes spills over with some acts of criminal damage being caused.	The specified area is to be targeted on a daily basis.	PC 1176 Tomlinson PCSO 7791 Willis PCSO 7147 Dyson PCSO 7733 Bond	

*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

New Distraction Burglary Method

In the last few weeks several burglaries have occurred across the Leicestershire force area where householders have been targeted because they have a "For Sale" board outside their homes.

The offenders have knocked on the door and asked if they can view the home as they are thinking of buying a house in the area. Once they have been invited inside they then split up and steal cash and jewellery before leaving.

Some arrests have been made and this method has not yet been used in

our area but Leicestershire Police would offer the following advice:-

- Never invite unannounced people into your home for a viewing.
- Only accept viewings arranged by your estate agent.
- Be a little suspicious – if you feel uneasy about someone calling at your home, don't let them in and phone the police and tell them as much detail as you can.
- Please report any incidents of this nature to the police.

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.

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Policing Pledge

The details of the Lancashire Constabulary Policing Pledge can be found on the Constabulary website and at

www.heyshamonline.co.uk

Follow the PACT link