

Heysham South, Middleton & Overton.

August 2011

PACT Meeting 01/08/11

Anti social behaviour in the areas of Heysham Barrows and the Village will remain as the priority for the coming month. We will continue to liaise and work closely with The National Trust.

Find out what we have been doing in the last month.

You said:

Anti social behavior and damage in the area of Heysham Barrows and Heysham Village.

We did:

'Operation Niggle' has been running in these areas over the last month. The team has been working alongside The Fire Service and The National Trust to combat issues raised by local residents about anti social behaviour. Alcohol has been seized, Youth Referral Forms (YRF's) have been issued and youths were spoken to and advised about their actions in these areas. As a result, this will continue to be a PACT Priority for the team and we will continue to liaise and work closely with The National Trust.

Next PACT meeting, Monday 5th September at Heysham Library commencing at 7pm.

Car parking is available. If you arrive after the library closes at 7pm please use the side door from the car park.

A look at our recent beat area logs:

Information can be given by: e-mail:

Heyshamandwestened.npt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk Or
Crimeline@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Phone 01524 63333

Burglaries

Entrance to a property on Mallard Close, Heysham was made Between 00:30 04/07/2011 and 07:00 04/07/2011 and property, including a vehicle was taken. Arrests have been made and enquiries are ongoing.

Entry to a garage at a property at Lees Court, Heysham, was effected Between 17:00 07/07/2011 and 09:00 08/07/2011 and a number of items were taken including an adult ladies bicycle, a Viking urban trail, dark in colour. CSI evidence has been obtained from the scene.

Criminal Damage

Six Incidents of criminal damage to vehicles which occurred overnight 20-21/07/11 on the Heysham Mossgate Road – Middleton Road area and were reported to the police have been detected.

Close doors and windows to beat the burglars during warmer weather.

RESIDENTS are being urged not to leave windows open and doors unlocked when they leave their homes in a bid to beat the burglars.

With summer upon us, the warm weather provides a temptation to leave windows open for ventilation purposes – but this can also provide an opportunity for a thief to gain easy access to your home.

Police are asking residents to make sure that their front doors are locked if they are enjoying the sunshine in your back garden. At this time of year, there is often an increase in 'sneak-in' thefts, where the thief has entered a property by an insecure front door, whilst the occupant is out enjoying the sunshine – even if it is just in their own garden.

Residents are also reminded to put away any tools which they have been using, as they can be used to break into either your home or someone else's property. Check that sheds and garages have substantial locks and padlocks and even consider marking their postcode on tools and other gardening equipment as this will make property identifiable and therefore create a further deterrent to theft.

Jan Brown, crime prevention officer, said: "I hope that people will heed the crime prevention advice and always leave their homes secure each time they leave the property empty. The risk of burglary may be greatly reduced, just by closing windows and locking doors."

Further crime prevention advice can be obtained from your local police station or the Lancashire Constabulary website www.lancashire.police.uk

Cash Point thefts are big business for criminals.

Following a report of a cash trap device being used in the Blackburn area there are a number of simple steps and precautions which can be taken to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of cash point fraud.

In the past 12 months more than 35 million pounds was obtained fraudulently from cash point machines in the UK.

Always be mindful of people behind you

Criminals may 'Shoulder Surf' to watch you enter your PIN Number.

Don't get distracted

Thieves will use a variety of distraction techniques to try and divert your attention away from the cash machine in order that an accomplice can remove your card from the machine.

Protect your PIN

Do not let others see your PIN number, cover your hand when entering it in any machine.

Don't allow anyone to talk you into re-entering your PIN.

Check it before you use it

Be on the look out for anything that looks out of place and obvious signs of tampering, especially above the keypad and around the card slot where glue or sticky residue may be present

- If you suspect a cash machine has been tampered with **Call the police on 0845 125 35 45** or contact the bank, if it is open, immediately.
- Do not attempt to remove any device as it may be booby-trapped and suspects

may also be nearby and use violence to stop you interfering with it.

General Advice

- Where possible, use cash point machines located inside a bank or building society
- Check your statements regularly, including low value transactions.
- Notify your card company immediately if you suspect fraud.
- Dispose of statements or slips which contain your card details securely by shredding with a cross cut (confetti) shredder.

In an emergency always dial 999



PCSO Linda Willis

Attended Annual General Meeting at Middleton village 4th July

Attended St Helens School Rose Queen ceremony 7th July

Held a Middleton Police Surgery on 18th July

Attended St Helens School Yr 6 Special Assembly- Prize giving.

Heysham South Community Police Team.

PC 1176 Neil Tomlinson, Heysham Community Beat Manager can be contacted on 01524 63333

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The police anti-social behaviour vehicle is in operation during the following times:

Sun-Thurs 6pm – 10pm

Fri-Sat 6pm-midnight.

Tel 07958 788566

If busy please ring 01524 63333

If the incident warrants it ring 999

Thanks to Inspector Steven Wade and his team from the Civil Nuclear Constabulary for their presence in our area.



Riots: Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network official statement

10 August 2011

In the light of the recent rioting in a number of cities and urban areas across the country, please find below

our official statement from NHCN about what has been taking place.

All members of Neighbourhood Watch and Home Watch are appalled by the extreme criminal behaviour that has taken place throughout our towns and cities for the past four nights. There is no excuse for this criminality and I ask all members to urge their local police to take decisive action to identify and take action against the individuals concerned. However, I am also concerned that the growing trend of communities coming together to protect their property will degenerate into vigilantism whereby those involved will create a situation which places an additional drain on police resources. I would encourage all members to support the police where they can by reporting suspicious behaviour, passing information to police on criminal activity and helping wherever possible to identify thieves and burglars involved in looting and arson.

NHCN believes in creating communities where people feel safe from criminal activity and anti-social behaviour and will provide individuals with all the tools they need to develop community cohesion. For further information see

www.ourwatch.org.uk

For more information on keeping safe during the riots, please visit www.direct.gov.uk.

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Chair, Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network (England & Wales)