

Heysham South, Middleton & Overton.

January 2012

PACT Meeting 9/1/2012

A total of nineteen people were in attendance. Including a County Councillor for Heysham South and two City Councillors.

After the initial welcome and introduction a update on last month's crime figures was given and the reason for comparing Dec 2010 with Dec 2011 explained.

A table showing these figures is at the end of this newsletter.

Other issues raised included:

Off road motorcycling in the Half Moon Bay area.

The Road Policing Unit will be informed and requested to take this into account on their patrols.

The citizens arrest was explained in respect of detaining a youth/s who may have been involved in an incident. In any eventuality it would be wise to have another witness present. This

other witness would not preclude a family member.

The minutes of last month's meeting were read and updates given.

The possibility of a no cold calling zone being introduced in Heysham is still under investigation.

Details of the new 101 non emergency telephone number for contacting the police was given. Full details are given later in this newsletter.

County Councillor Ken Brown gave details of the 20mph speed limit which will be introduced for residential areas of the district shortly.

A sign will also be erected by the highways department advising of a dangerous bend at the junction of Knowlys Road, Eardley Road and Woborrow Road.

PC Andy Taylor, CBM, explained the different levels of sanctions available to tackle anti-social behaviour.

ABCs – Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.

Directions to Leave.

ASBOs

The PACT priority for January is at the end of the newsletter.

December 2011

The month started badly with a domestic burglary whilst the occupants were out. A house brick was used to smash a door window and access was gained using a key left in the lock. A number of electrical items were taken, including Christmas presents.

Do you leave keys in back door locks when you go out?

Lock up and put the keys out of sight and reach – every time.

Sat Navs continue to be taken from cars . If you are unfortunate to have your car broken into a search is normally carried out by the offender. First is the glove compartment, under the seats and any other cubby hole, and I know that cars have lots of these storage areas these days – so does the thief. If they are not disturbed they will look in the boot as well. They can normally find the interior boot release button.

Remove valuables and attractive items from cars every night.

Wing mirrors have been damaged. They are not cheap to replace these days, especially if they are electrically adjustable, heated and contain

indicators. If you can fold them in when you park your car it may help.

A number of the auto crimes and damages are under investigation. If you can help with any information please call a member of the Neighbourhood Policing Team or Crimestoppers. Your piece of information may be the missing piece of the jigsaw required.



Next PACT meeting, Monday 6th February 2012 at Heysham Library commencing at 7pm.



101 – The new non-emergency number to contact Lancashire Constabulary

Members of the public are asked to call Lancashire Police for non-urgent issues by dialling 101. The number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

All 101 calls to Lancashire Police will be handled by our Contact Centres in the same way that our 0845 calls are.

How much does it cost to call 101?

Each call to 101 will never cost more than 15 pence - no matter what time of

day you call, how long your call lasts or even if you call from a mobile. We do not receive any of the call cost.

Why is 101 being introduced?

The British Crime Survey in 2010 found that just over half of the public knew how to contact their local force. The introduction of the 101 number offers the public an easy way to contact their local police force.

By December 2011, 101 will have been rolled out to all police forces in England and Wales and means people only have two numbers to remember to call the police – 999 in an emergency, 101 when it's not urgent.

101 also costs a lot less than asking some customers to call 0845 1 253545 or to ring a normal landline. Some customers with pre-pay mobile phones have to pay up to £1.20 per minute to call us – but with 101 they will never pay more than 15p.

When should members of the public call 101?

We are asking the public to call 101 to report crime that has already happened and other incidents or concerns that do not require an emergency response.

For example:

- If their car has been stolen
- If their property has been damaged
- If they suspect drug use or dealing
- If they want to report a minor traffic collision
- If they want to report any other incident that doesn't require an immediate response
- If they want to give us information about crime or criminals in their local area

- If they want to talk to their local policing team

How does 101 work?

A person's mobile phone signal or landline area code determines which police force they will be directed to. If they are calling from within one mile of a police force boundary they will be given options of nearby police forces so they can choose.

Is 101 going to replace 999?

No, 101 is the national non-emergency number. 999 will continue to be the number to dial when customers need to report an emergency.

Is 101 available everywhere?

101 is being rolled out across England and Wales. However there are some situations when customers might not be able to call 101:

- It is not available in Scotland
- If someone works in a large organisation (such as a council, a hospital or a business) 101 may be blocked. The person who runs that organisations phone system may have to unblock 101 calls.
- It is not available outside England and Wales. Customers may need to call Lancashire Police on +44 1772 614444 or 0845 1 253545
- If they are using Skype or another internet phone, they may not be able to call us on 101. If this is the case, they may need to call Lancashire Police on +44 1772 614444 or 0845 1 253545

What will happen to 0845 1 253545?

Our current non-emergency number 0845 1 253545 will continue to be used for the time being. Over the next 6 months we will review this.

At the moment there are some restrictions on 101 which mean we always need a back up number. We would encourage Lancashire staff to give out 101 as our preferred non-emergency number because it is easier to remember than any other 11 digit number. Our website will set out how customers can contact us if they cannot dial 101.

Metal Theft

What is the scale of the problem ?

Ecclesiastical Insurance who is the primary insurer of church buildings puts it like this :

- Metal theft is the fastest growing crime in the UK.
- The crime wave is prompted by high metal prices on the world markets and worldwide demand.
- The problem is the second priority, behind terrorism, of the British Transport Police and the rail network.
- Metal theft is estimated to cost several hundred million pounds a year.
- Anglican churches have suffered significantly through this crime.
- Almost every area of the country has been affected by the crime.

Metal theft does not affect church buildings alone – schools and heritage properties have similarly been victims of this crime, albeit to a lesser extent.

BT's position

BT, along with the power companies EDF, Eon and Network Rail, are the primary victims of metal thefts in terms of financial impact and disruption to their services.

BT has produced [a downloadable version of the problem](#), as they see it specifically for Neighbourhood Watch and Home Watch members, together with a useful [Cable Identification guide](#). These are definitely worth looking at as they give details of things that you can look out for to protect against this crime, including more unusual signs that something is amiss, as well as information about how cables are security marked and the various types of cable used by BT and Openreach.

Minister for Crime Prevention & Anti-Social Behaviour

The new Minister for Crime Prevention and Anti-Social Behaviour, Lord Henley, and he is fully aware of the problems and said:

"Metal theft is a serious and growing national problem which this Government is determined to tackle. We are seeing a range of sectors affected: from national infrastructure including power, transport and communication networks, to impact on communities, for example the theft and damage to church roofs and stealing road signs, drain covers and even war memorials."

What are the industry and the police doing about it ?

The industry realises that they have to respond pro-actively because failure to do so will ultimately have a dramatic effect on their profitability.

They are all looking at their own procedures for the disposal of their own legitimate scrap metal. Their contractors must also follow these procedures.



Middleton Police Surgery

3rd Monday of month.

Venue Middleton Village Hall 2-3pm

Overton Police Surgery

1st Friday of month. Overton Memorial Hall. 2:30-3:30

Come and talk to a member of **your** neighbourhood policing team.

Heysham Police Surgery

1st Wednesday of month, Heysham Youth & Community Centre. 2:30-3:30

1st Thursday of Month, Wesley Methodist Church, Middleton Road, 10:30-11:30.

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

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

Sun-Thurs 6pm – 10pm

Fri-Sat 6pm-midnight.

Tel 07958 788566

Heysham South Community Police Team.

PC 2338 Andy Taylor, Heysham Community Beat Manager can be contacted on 01524 596985

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

Crime Figures	Dec 10		Dec 11	
	Detections		Detect	
Burglary in a Dwelling	1	1	2	
Burglary Other	0	0	0	
Auto Crime	1	0	8	
Damage	14	4	12	
Violent Crime	1	0	0	
Theft	5	1	2	
ASB			10	

PACT Priority for January 2012

Date	Priority*	Actions**	Actions Allocated to **	Result by
09/01/12	Recent damages have occurred in the area of SMITHY LANE with youths also causing ASB	1. Target problem groups in the area, disrupt at any opportune time 2. His visibility patrol in the area 3. Stops forms, YRS, PND and any other appropriate tickets to be issued.	2338,7733,7147,7791,3699	2338

* 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.