

Heysham South, Middleton & Overton.

July 2011

PACT Meeting 04/07/11

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

You said:

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

We did:

Operation Barnacle 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. This has resulted in a significantly reduced number of incidents reported to the police. 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:

'Operation Barnacle' will continue to run, targeting the increase in anti social behaviour within Heysham village and on Heysham Barrows. The Police, Fire Service, National Trust and local community are working together to combat the recent issues.

This will continue to be a PACT Priority for the team and 'Operation Barnacle' will continue.

At a meeting held in the Jubilee Institute, Heysham village on Monday 11th July, members of the community agreed to work with The National Trust, who own The Barrows and Heysham Head. On Friday and Saturday evenings in particular, over the summer holidays, observations will be made with a view to reducing the number of incidents of anti-social behavior and criminal damage. Depending on the severity, reports will be made directly to the police or The National Trust. In addition new signage has been erected at both entrances advising visitors that no camping or fires are permitted in the area.

If you wish to assist please contact:

Tom Burditt, Lead Ranger for the National Trust in South and East Cumbria and Morecambe Bay on 01524 701178 or mobile 07879 433272 or e-mail:

Thomas.Burditt@nationaltrust.org.uk

Please note our new venue:

Next PACT meeting, Monday 1st August 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

A retail premises at Strawberry Gardens was targeted between 02:59 and 03:01 on 8/6/11. A quantity of alcohol was taken. A suspect was later arrested and enquiries are ongoing.

Criminal Damage

A vehicle parked in the area of Glen View Crescent / Glen View Drive was damaged between 17:30 03/06/11 and 08:00. Body panels were damaged by a sharp instrument.

A stone was thrown at a window at a property on Heysham Hall Grove at 19:10hrs on 05/06/11 causing damage. Enquiries are ongoing.

A vehicle parked in the car park of a public house, whilst the owner was visiting the Isle of Man for the TT races, was damaged between 12:00

05/06/11 and 01:00 10/06/11. A tyre valve had been damaged causing the tyre to deflate.

An electric fence at a farm in Middleton was damaged by unknown means between 23:59 08/06/11 and 09:00 09/06/11.

Body panels on a vehicle parked on McDonald Road, Heysham were damaged by a sharp implement between 00:30 03/06/11 and 01:00 12/06/11.

The rear window of a vehicle parked on a driveway on School Road, Heysham, was damaged by a stone Between 23:00 18/06/2011 and 07:15 19/06/2011.

Two batteries were taken from a vehicle parked on an industrial estate on Heysham Between 01/05/2011 and 09:00 18/06/2011.

Restorative Justice In Heysham

Residents were grateful and were pleased the Neighbourhood Policing Team had arranged for this to take place.

As the house is a private dwelling and not a council property the council would not remove the graffiti. Local youths were approached and agreed to paint over it with things provided by us. HOMEBASE kindly provided the paint and the council loaned us some brushes and gave us some solvent to remove some graffiti that was on pebble dashing.



Images taken before and after restorative justice was used.



Police Surgeries

PCSO Emma Bond

3rd August at Heysham Youth & Community Centre, Douglas Park.

2:15pm – 3:15pm

4th August at Wesley Methodist Church, Middleton Road, Heysham
9:30am – 11:30am.

PCSO Chris Dyson

10th August at Church of the Nazarene, Knowlys Road, Heysham

10:30am – 11:30am.

Heysham South Community Police Team.

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

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Police Community Volunteer
13781 Graeme Austin

Graeme.Austin@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

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



Guide to prepayment meter fraud

About prepayment meters

Electricity prepayment meters (PPMs) allow customers to pay in advance for their energy, using a special key with their electricity meter. The key is “topped up” with credit every time the customer pays for electricity at an official outlet. The customer then returns home, puts the key in their meter and continues to use electricity. There are a range of official outlets where you can purchase “top-ups” legally – such as shops or garages offering PayPoint or Payzone facilities and at the Post Office. Paying for electricity in advance in this way can help customers to budget and is a popular way for many customers to pay for their energy.

What is prepayment meter fraud?

Energy companies have become aware that criminals are offering illegal top-ups to people who use prepayment electricity meters. This is a serious, organised crime with gangs operating on the doorstep, selling illegal credit. The criminals often claim to be offering a discount, but anyone who buys electricity top-ups this way will end up paying for their electricity twice. They have paid a criminal, and will still have to pay their electricity company who can detect when the fraud has taken place. That is why Energy UK and all of Britain’s major energy companies

are urging customers to steer clear of the criminals involved in this crime, and to always buy their electricity top-up through the proper, legal means. This risk only applies to people with electricity prepayment meters. There are over 3.7 million of these meters in homes across the country. Most people don’t have prepayment meters – they have a standard credit meter instead, and pay for their electricity after they’ve used it, whether online, by cheque or direct debit. All these customers will be unaffected by the fraud.

Who is affected?

More than 127,000 customers have already been involved, and in theory 3.7 million people are at risk. The fraud is estimated to have cost customers more than £7million already.

What is the Top-up Safe campaign?

The Top-up Safe campaign is run by Energy UK with the aim of raising awareness of prepayment meter fraud.

3. Don’t be fooled. Energy companies can identify homes using electricity but not paying for it
4. Energy UK is offering a reward of up to £10,000 in partnership with Crimestoppers, for information that leads to an arrest and conviction of one of these criminals

Points to note:

1. Only buy credit for your pre-pay electricity meter from official outlets such as the Post Office, PayPoint or Payzone, or you’ll end up paying twice
2. If anyone offers you energy top-ups on the doorstep, they are trying to involve you in criminal activity

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For information or support with any query,

contact Help Direct:

Telephone: **0303 333 1111**

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McCOLLS STORE

01524 853894

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- No minimum order
- Phone order on the day before required
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- No minimum order required
- Delivery weekdays after 5pm, or Saturday mornings
- Delivery to Morecambe and Heysham

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(Online shopping & Delivery)

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www.sainsburys.co.uk

(Online shopping & Delivery)

MARKS & SPENCER –

[www.marksandspencer.co](http://www.marksandspencer.co.uk)

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