

## Heysham South, Middleton & Overton.

**March 2011**

**A look at our recent beat  
area logs:**

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Phone 01524 63333

### **Auto Crime**

**Middleton Road, Middleton,  
Between 17:00 04/02/11 and 15:30  
05/02/11**

Offender/s approached two specially adapted mini buses used for the transportation of severely disabled persons whilst the vehicle were parked overnight. Went to the offside of the vehicles and by removing bolts removed the catalytic converters from the exhaust system. Then made off undetected.



**St. Peter's School, School Road,  
Heysham, between 14:50 and 15:15  
15/02/11.**

Unknown offender has by unknown means cut straps connecting bike to vehicle bike rack on rear of car left unattended for a short space of time and removed the same. A full suspension Mountain Bike, make. "SPECIALIZED" MODEL MYKA FSR COMP BLACK FRAME WITH PINK ON IT AND WHITE FRONT SUSPENSION FORKS. LADIES MODEL. 2009 SPECIALIZED MYKA COMP FSR FRAME NO. M8GK27273.

Have you seen it?

### **Burglary**

**Between 23:00 13/2/11 and  
08:00 15/2/11, Main St.  
Heysham.**

Unknown offender/s during the hours of darkness have approached a residential house and made their way through a secured gate to the rear yard. Causing damage to a wooden cupboard which was situated in the outer building and making of with x2 bottles of fizzy pop offender/s then made off undetected.

**Badger Wood, Middleton. Between 18:00 20/2/11 and 09:30 21/2/11.**

A 50" Black Samsung HD Flat Screen TV was taken from premises.

## **Attempted Burglary**

The door of a caravan, located near Overton was damaged. Between 18:00 18/02/11 and 18:00 19/02/11.

## **Criminal Damage**

Between 17:00 10/02/11 and 09:00 11/02/11 a rear windscreen wiper was damaged on a vehicle, parked on Crimewell Lane, Heysham.

A bus shelter on Rothesay Raod, Heysham was damaged between 14/02/11 and 08:00 15/02/11.

Three flower troughs outside a public house in Overton were damaged between 18:00 12/02/11 and 23:50 13/02/11.

A plant pot was used to smash a side window on a van parked on Meldon Road, Heysham at 18:45 on 15/2/11.

Restorative Justice was used after an incident of damage was reported on a vehicle parked on Crimewell Lane, Heysham.

Two unknown offenders in dark clothing wearing hoodies, approached three vehicles owned by the registered keeper on Kingsway, Heysham and threw bricks at the front window of two and the rear of another smashing them and then made off on foot. The incident occurred at 00:15 on 19/02/11.

Windscreens and a rear screen on vehicles parked on a driveway on Chapel Lane, Overton, were damaged by a brick at 23:45 on 18/02/11.

An offender has been arrested in connection with damage to a fence panel on Viking Way, Heysham on 20:30 20/02/11.

The outer pane of a double glazed window on a property on Walker Grove, Heysham, was damaged on 20/02/11.

French doors on a conservatory at a property on Swift Gardens, Heysham, were damaged by stones between 20:30 and 21:00 on 20/02/11.

## **Census 2011**

The official government leaflet states:

“If you’ve forgotten to post your census back - let them in so that they can collect it from you in person.”

This would not be the best advice to give someone who may be vulnerable to doorstep crime.

The leaflet does contain some useful information, however, we should not endorse the above sentence from a crime prevention view point – this goes against all sensible advice when dealing with callers at the door.

We would suggest that if the public arrange for help filling in and returning their forms prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> April they will avoid the Census collectors calling on the day.

If people do not return the form by then all the usual doorstep crime precautions should be taken when Census Officials call (more so if you have already sent the form back prior to this date). Do check the collector's identity and verify it using the official 0300 0201 101 number.

## **Horsewatch / farmwatch in our area**

Interest is growing in setting up a horse / farmwatch scheme in the rural part of our area. Participants would receive text or e-mail messages about incidents. Anyone interested should contact PCSO Linda Willis.

### **SCAM PHONE CALLS**

Telephone scammers claiming to be from the government, the Office of Fair Trading, a high street bank or a legitimate claims management company have been targeting residents in the North Lancashire area.

The caller suggests the individual is eligible to receive payments, e.g. the repayment of bank charges or other debts. The victims are then asked to provide personal information such as their bank account details, and are asked to make an upfront payment first, often by money transfer or Moneygram.

As confirmed by the Government backed '**Action Fraud**' and the **Office of Fair Trading**, these callers have no connection with Ministry of Justice (MoJ), the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) or any other government organisation. They have tricked and harassed victims into handing over hundreds of pounds, only to find that the call was a scam.. No government body would ever call asking for personal bank details, offer money back on bank charges, credit card charges or mis-

sold Payment Protection Insurance or to send money via Western Union.

Anyone who has given out their personal information to a caller they now think was a fraudster should contact their bank immediately.

Sadly, if it sound too good to be true ..... it generally is!

### **Remember**

scams usually arrive by post, phone or email.

If in doubt, don't reply. Instead, bin it, delete it or hang up.

You can report the scam to Consumer Direct at :

[www.consumerdirect.gov.uk/scams](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk/scams)

and if you think you've been caught by a scam, call Consumer Direct for advice on **08454 04 05 06**.

## **Police Surgery Dates & Venues**

Heysham Youth & Community Centre  
Douglas Park, community centre  
surgery dates-, March 16th, April 13th  
@ 14:40 -15:30pm

Wesley Methodist Church, Middleton  
Road surgery dates - April 14th @  
9:30 -11:30am



## **PACT Priority for March**

WINDERMERE PARK will be the priority area this month. This is due to calls of youths acting in an anti social manner and also there have been some incidents of criminal damage within the area. Youths will be identified and dealt with appropriately.

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

You said:

Anti social behaviour and damage in the area of BERWICK WAY and, in particular, a footpath that leads from BERWICK WAY onto MONTROSE CRESCENT and then onto CYPRUS ROAD.

We did:

The area in and around BERWICK WAY was targeted throughout last month.

We identified offenders for some of the damages and we believe these to be responsible for most of the others.

As a result:

In the last month the identified areas were targeted and possible offenders spoken to. This resulted in no calls for anti social behaviour and no damages committed within the targeted areas.

'Operation Barnacle' has been set up to target the area which involved a multi agency partnership approach. Regular patrols and checks of the area were conducted and any youths found to be congregating were either advised or dispersed using appropriate powers. The area was also placed on the 'Hotspot' list for a dedicated ASB vehicle to check

regularly. The increased police presence has resulted in a significantly reduced amount of anti-social behaviour calls for the area.

Next PACT meeting, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Venue: Youth & Community Centre, Douglas Park, Heysham.

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