

Heysham South, Middleton & Overton.

October 2011

PACT Meeting 03/10/11

Find out what people said was important this month -

Priority.

TARNBROOK ROAD AND KINGSWAY

A recent increase in ASB and crime has occurred within the area which is affecting quality of life for local residents. Robust policing to be adopted working alongside LCC housing to address problem properties.

Activities during September.

A total of seven incidents of anti-social behaviour were reported to the police in the Tarnbrook area.

A meeting with the council will take place to discuss a way forward.

Across Heysham a total of fourteen incidents of anti-social behaviour were reported. These included the riding of mini-motos and one reported incident of stone throwing.

Mini-motos. They are not road legal unless they are registered, taxed, have a valid MOT, (where appropriate) and are insured. Riders must have a licence. Riders have been seen not wearing helmets and protective clothing.

**Next PACT meeting, Monday 7th
November 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.



Heysham Barrows

The National Trust wish to thank everyone who assisted with keeping The Barrows safe during the summer. No further major incidents were reported after the scheme of volunteers who worked together with them and the Neighbourhood Policing Team was launched. A meeting will be held approximately a month before Easter next year to plan the scheme for 2012.

Burglaries

Between 13:00 11/09/2011 and 14:40 17/09/2011 an offender/s gained access to a caravan at a Heysham leisure site through an insecure window. A number of items were taken including two flat screen TVs and games console.

An expensive mountain bike was taken from an insecure garage at a property on Lister Grove, Heysham between 11:45 and 12:00 on 29/09/11.

Criminal Damage

Between 0:10 01/09/2011 and 0:20 01/09/2011, a piece of fruit, believed to be a pear was thrown at a leaded window at a property on Knowlys Road, Heysham, causing it to break. The estimated cost of the damage is £200.

At 23:30 03/09/2011 an unknown offender walked through a quiet residential cul de sac in Heysham and threw an identified item at a window causing it to break.

A CCTV cable at a lock up at a property on Middleton Road, Heysham was damaged between 22:00 31/08/2011 and 07:00 07/09/2011.

Damage to wooden fence at riding stables at Middleton was believed to be caused by a vehicle. The incident occurred between 16:00 08/09/2011 and 17:30 08/09/2011.

Between 21:20 12/09/2011 and 21:25 12/09/2011, unknown offender/s have approached a detached cottage on a secluded road in Middleton and have thrown a large apple at downstairs singled paned window causing it to break. Offender/s have made good their escape.

Between 06:30 14/09/2011 and 21:30 14/09/2011, an unknown offender approached a secure shed, detached from a dwelling at a property in Middleton. Using small stones damage was caused to a number of windows before the offender/s made off undetected.

Auto Crime

Between 07/09/2011 and 10/09/2011, an attempt was made to steal a vehicle from a haulage yard at a Heysham business park.



Crime Prevention Advice:

Last year Lancashire Constabulary sent out a joint press release with Trading Standards warning residents to be on their guard against phone calls from scammers. Sadly we are again receiving an increase in reports from the public and it would appear these callers may be targeting Cumbria and our district again. These bogus telephone callers indicated they were calling from Microsoft, broadband service providers or a company acting on behalf of these particular companies and that monitoring checks had revealed viruses on the computers of the prospective victim.

In one recent report the victim did allow the scammer remote access to their computer and is having to have their computer "cleaned" and checked over by an IT professional – even though that person did not pass on any bank details they will be changing their accounts, credit and debit cards as an added precaution.

Sadly these scams are reported nationally and in spite of continued efforts by Trading Standards can be very difficult to trace as calls often come from abroad and a scam base can be closed instantly and moved to another location.

Please continue to be vigilant and as with all unsolicited phone calls do not be drawn into conversations. Like all scammers they are able to take a little personal information (often very easily available in the public domain) and draw individuals into the scam.

Do not allow these scammers remote access to your computer

Do not pass on or confirm any personal details relating to you or your family

Do not pass on any financial information – credit card or bank account details

Computer users should be aware that Microsoft would not make an unsolicited phone call to help you fix your computer. You should never give out personal information such as bank or credit card details, or allow access to your computer from someone that you do not know and trust."

Consumers who believe they may have fallen victim to any scam where they have allowed remote access to their computer should seek professional help from a reputable computer specialist to ensure their computer is cleaned, in order to prevent the remote access continuing. They should also check with their bank/credit card provider to ensure that no further payments will be taken by the company.

If consumers think that they have been the victim of a scam, they can contact the consumer complaint call centre Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or via the website at

<http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk/>

In addition both of the following websites contain some invaluable advice on scam awareness and consumer issues

- www.offt.gov.uk

(Office of Fair Trade) – the Scambuster booklet is available to download in PDF format (OFT831).

www.getsafeonline.org – worth looking at for tips on computer safety.

How to contact your team:

Morecambe and Heysham
Neighbourhood Police Teams office.

Phone 01524 596985

(Office hours only – may go to voice
mail if no one is in the office. Non
urgent calls only).

Phone 01524 63333 for urgent calls.

Phone 999 in an emergency.

e-mail.

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lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Heyshamandwestened.npt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk) Or
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Lancashire Constabulary website:

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Heysham South Community Police Team.

PC 1176 Neil Tomlinson, Heysham
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We welcome

PC 3966 Jude Knowles

Jude has worked for most of her
career in Neighbourhood Policing. She
was involved in the setting up of the
Community Action Team in Eastern
Division in Cheshire Constabulary
between 2004 and 2007, prior to
transferring to Lancashire
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Jude worked as a Community Beat
Manager in the rural areas of Carnforth

for approximately 3 years, before
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Thanks to Inspector Steven Wade
and his team from the Civil Nuclear
Constabulary for the presence of
his team in our area.

Neighbourhood Watch is active in
Heysham.

Anyone interested starting a
Neighbourhood Watch Scheme or
taking over a scheme that has
lapsed should contact a member of
the Neighbourhood Policing Team
or attend a PACT meeting.