

# in the know

Penwortham and Western Parishes newsletter  
incorporating Kingsfold, Lostock Hall, Middleforth,  
Penwortham and Western Parishes.

December 2011

## Crime operation a success

A week-long campaign was completed in South Ribble last month to drive down burglary, robbery and vehicle crime. The operation saw high-visibility police patrols and stop-checks on vehicles entering the area. 35 arrests were made and six warrants executed as part of the crack down. Crimes detected related to incidents of assault, shoplifting, robbery, harassment, possession of cannabis and public order offences.

Chief Insp Geoff Hurst who oversaw the operation, said: "South Ribble is a safe place

with low crime. This operation was about our dedication to reducing this figure even further.

"I would urge residents to work with us by keeping their homes and cars locked and making sure any items of value are kept out of sight."

Anyone with any information about burglary, robbery and vehicle crime should call Lancashire Constabulary on **0845 1 25 35 45**. Crimestoppers can also be contacted anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

## Cracking down on metal theft

Local officers have been working as part of a nationwide crack down on metal theft. This has included visiting scrap yards and carrying out roadside stop checks of vehicles believed to be transporting metal.

A number of scrap collectors have been seen and stopped in the Penwortham area.

We would like to remind residents that they have a key role to play in keeping their property safe from lead and metal theft. Please remain vigilant and be aware that scrap dealers continue to operate in the area. Take additional precautions such as storing wheelbarrows, bins and ladders securely; considering the use of anti vandal paint; regularly checking your roofs and installing security lighting. Anything suspicious should be reported to the police.



## know your local team

### Kingsfold and Middleforth



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### Lostock Hall, Tardy Gate and Charnock



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# News in brief

Following a number of indecent exposures in the vicinity of Hurst Grange Park the team has been conducting high visibility patrols in the area. This is being investigated by CID and a police EVOfit has been released to the media. There haven't been any further incidents however it is important that this man is located and we ask that all residents remain vigilant and call immediately if he is sighted in the future. We will continue to monitor the problem and work alongside the school, CID, businesses and residents.

Longton was targeted by a number of young people from the Kingsfold area over the Halloween weekend. They emptied bins, threw eggs and caused a general nuisance. PCSOs Fitzpatrick and Ashton identified two of the offenders, returned them to the scene where they collected all the rubbish up and re-bagged it. They were then taken home where they were spoken to with their parents present and issued with a fine for littering.

Halloween and Bonfire Night went off without any major incidents in Penwortham due to Operation Bright Sparks. The number of criminal damage incidents reported during October was significantly down compared to the same time last year.

Penwortham Neighbourhood officers have continued to patrol Liverpool road and the local parks. The numbers of young people gathering is decreasing as a result of officers issuing youth referrals and fixed penalty notices. Home visits have been conducted to notify parents about their children's behaviour.

The parental pledge which is an initiative to reduce inappropriate parking outside Penwortham's primary schools at the start and the end of the day is now up and running. As a result the numbers of complaints regarding school parking has dramatically reduced. If you have children of school age and have received a letter regarding parking at school please read it carefully, sign and return it to your school.

## The new number to call



[www.police.uk/101](http://www.police.uk/101)

Launch date 12th December



## PACT and events

Come along and meet your local officers at the following Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings:

### Kingsfold / Middleforth

Monday 5 December 7:00pm,  
Kingsfold Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive

### Penwortham

Tuesday 6 December 2-3:00pm,  
Booths, Millbrook Way

### Western Parishes

Tuesday 6 December 6-8:00pm,  
Liverpool Road/Franklands, Longton

### Lostock Hall

Tuesday 6 December 7:15pm,  
Conservative Club, Browndedge Road

## Fewer Front Counters to Close

Following a three month public consultation exercise which saw over 11,000 people expressing a view on the potential closures of police front desks, the Constabulary will be closing 14 of its 38 counters instead of the proposed 21.

Of the 14 that will close, just under half of the police stations they are based in will remain operational, meaning that police officers and staff will continue to work in them and will maintain a presence in those local areas.

For more information about how this

## Last month's top priorities

### Kingsfold:

Anti-social behaviour on Malthouse Way and Bank Parade.

### Penwortham:

Parking and traffic issues around Penwortham Girls High School.

### Western Parishes:

Incidents of vehicle crime in Much Hoole.

### Lostock Hall:

Nuisance caused by young people at the Linden Drive shops in the evenings and at weekends.

For information about last month's priorities and the action we have taken please visit [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk) and type your postcode in the My Area box.



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