



Lancashire Constabulary

police and communities together

LOSTOCK HALL POLICE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2008

NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

The Neighbourhood Policing Team who has responsibility for your area is:



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PCSO Alison Monks



PCSO Gareth Westhead

PACT

Police & Communities Together

PACT stands for Police And Communities Together. It is an initiative from Lancashire Constabulary aimed at giving you a say in how **Your** Local neighbourhood is policed. It is an opportunity for you to express any concerns or opinions you may have and which the PACT panel will consider.

They will then decide upon the three specific priorities for the month, with which your **Local Police** will be tasked.

The PACT panel consists of members of the Public and they task the Police with three priorities for the month. The Police will then report back to next meeting regarding what actions or solutions they have taken to deal with those priorities.

Next Meeting: Tues 1st July 08

This will take the form of a PACT street survey where surveys will be distributed to residents on Lourdes Avenue, Turner Avenue & Handshaw Drive.

PACT Priorities for June are :

1. Linden Drive – Anti social behaviour & underage drinking.
2. Underage Drinking all areas
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CRIMINAL DAMAGE

This continues to be a concern, of the 49 crimes reported in May - 14 of these were criminal damage. This is unacceptable and affects us all.

The impact of such offences, even though some may appear minor incidents has an affect on the community as a whole. Unfortunately much of the damage would appear to be being caused by the younger members of our community and is often linked with the consumption of alcohol. If you see young people who appear to be under the age of 18 in public with alcohol please let us know.



July 1 – August 31 2008

This summer organisations across Lancashire are, for the third year running, joining forces for Summer Nights. Summer Nights is a multi agency campaign aimed at tackling alcohol related anti-social behaviour. The campaign doesn't want to stop anyone enjoying alcohol – we just ask that people drink sensibly, in a way that won't cause anyone any problems or lead to vandalism, anti-social behaviour, road deaths, fires, drowning, accidents, domestic violence, assault and other things that no-one wants to happen after a good night out.

UNTAXED VEHICLES

The DVLA have recently increased the size of their operation across the country and are now in a much better position to respond to and remove or wheel clamp untaxed vehicles.

The direct contact e-mail address is:

nodiskbigrisknorth@ncpservices.co.uk

This is now the preferred way of reporting untaxed vehicles that are on public roads, and from September 2008, section 29 of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 will be amended to include a 'Public Place' in addition to a public road. This will include Housing Association Roads, un adopted Roads, Council or Municipal Car Parks, Common Land, Grass verges, Retail Facilities and Pay and Display Car Parks.

NCP services have been subcontracted to deal with the untaxed vehicles and are based in the Blackburn area. They are lead by Ruth Clensey Fairclough who says, "Many untaxed vehicles are also not insured and are in a dangerous condition. They attract vandals and can quickly become a hazard."

By reporting untaxed vehicles directly to the e-mail address given the information will go straight to the people that will carry out the enforcement saving unnecessary delays.

CRIME PREVENTION

Help prevent crime in your area!

At this time of year there is a seasonal increase in the theft of garden related items such as lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, and ornaments.

Post-coding all portable items can prevent crimes. Mark the item with the post-code in a manner that is as visible and as hard to get off as possible.

TOP TIPS to reduce crime:

Don't give thieves easy access to your home.

Please ensure that when you go out all windows, doors, garages and sheds are fully secured.

Don't leave valuables on show or in vehicles overnight.

Also, please ensure that pedal cycles are always left secured.

Always lock your cycle regardless of where you are leaving it, even if only for a few seconds, as a few seconds is all it takes for a thief to steal it.

The Home Office have an excellent website which gives advice on all aspects of crime reduction such as personal safety, home security, vehicle security, identity theft etc which is: www.crimereduction.gov.uk



Lancashire Constabulary's Approach to Restorative Justice.

The Constabulary aims to target lower level antisocial behaviour initially, especially criminal damage and youth offending. R.J will be extended to other crimes as time progresses.

Restorative Justice is a process whereby parties with a stake in a specific offence can come together to resolve collectively how to deal with the aftermath of the offence and its implications for the future.

Restorative Justice is conducted by trained officers who will facilitate meetings between consenting parties to either resolve and dispose of incidents 'on the street' called an '**instant**' RJ intervention or arrange and facilitate a formal meeting called a '**formal RJ conference**'

USEFUL INFORMATION

If you have any information about crime, you can remain anonymous by phoning Crime stoppers.



Calls treated in the strictest of confidence

Lancashire Constabulary now has a single non-emergency telephone number for the public. All calls are charged at the local rate.

0845 125 35 45

Technology will route your calls to the appropriate call centre.

If there is DANGER to Life or a Crime is currently HAPPENING then dial **999**

If you have any police issues that you would like to discuss, do not hesitate to contact your local Officers

Best wishes from your Neighbourhood Policing Team.