

August 2011

Wrea Green and Westby Neighbourhood Watch Update



PC Dawn Conolly-Perch

Your Top Priorities

You've told us your top problems for us to tackle are:

- Dogs worrying live stock at Great Plumpton
- Anti social behaviour issues on the village green at Wrea Green
- Tractors driving inconsiderately in Westby



PCSO Trevor Sterling

At last months meetings dogs worrying live stock at Great Plumpton was raised....

Dog wardens and the NHP team have increased patrols in the area. Offenders have been summoned to court. Reports of dogs running free has reduced over the month but due to a recent sighting the

situation will continue to be monitored.

Other news; Operation Pathway was conducted throughout Fylde wards in July. 85 vehicles were stopped. 21 were given verbal warnings for speeding. 1 fixed penalty ticket was issued for speeding, 54 for not wearing a seatbelt and 9 for using a mobile phone.

Public consultation — all welcome

Date	Time	Location
5th Sept PACT	19.30hrs	Wrea Green Institute, Station Road



Sergeant Niamh O'donoghue

Anti-social behaviour falls by 10 per cent across Lancashire

Anti-social behaviour has fallen by 10 per cent across the county according to national statistics released recently.

This means 14,087 less victims from April 2010 – March 2011 when compared to the previous year.

Lancashire Constabulary has welcomed the figures, praising partner agencies and members of the local community for working with them to address anti-social behaviour, but it has also acknowledged that there is still a lot of work to do.

Chief Supt Stuart Williams said: "Anti-social behaviour takes many forms from rowdy and noisy behaviour in local neighbourhoods to graffiti or fly tipping and violent and threatening behaviour.

"The one thing all of this has in common though, is that it causes residents a great deal of concern and it makes them feel less safe.

"That's why, here in Lancashire, the police and other partner agencies are putting significant resources into tackling the issue, and making sure victims, particularly vulnerable victims and repeat victims, get the right help and support.

"We have dedicated neighbourhood officers across the county, we regularly use enforcement activity like ASBOs, Closure Orders and arrest, and we work closely with local partner agencies to prevent anti-social behaviour and, where it does happen, find longer term solutions to problems at specific locations or with particular individuals.

"This is all clearly having a positive effect, but we are not complacent and realise that there is more to do. Working with partners across the county, and with local communities, it is our firm intention to encourage reporting and to continue to drive down anti-social behaviour still further."

Anyone concerned or wanting help with anti-social behaviour can contact their local Neighbourhood Policing Team on 0845 1 25 35 45. Help and advice can be found on www.lancashire.police.uk

Trading Standards Warning

Roof Coating; Reports from Lytham St Annes and Accrington have been received in relation to doorstep sellers offering to coat your roof, making it waterproof and retain heat. The sale was linked in with reducing fuel bills and the availability of a government grant for the work was implied. No government grants are available for any roof paint / coating and in general roof coatings are purely cosmetic. Please be very wary of claims made. As always, Trading Standards advice is never to do business on the doorstep.

Lancashire speed camera figures published

DATA on every fixed speed camera in Lancashire will be posted on the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety's website. Figures showing the number of collisions and casualties at the fixed camera sites - both before and after the cameras were installed - will be published and updated on an annual basis.

The number of speeding offences detected at each fixed camera site active in 2010 and information on the number of motorists fined, the number of people who have completed a speed awareness course and the number of people taken to court will also be made public.

Lancashire Constabulary's Assistant Chief Constable Andy Rhodes, who is also the Chair of the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety Executive Board, said: "Road safety cameras are intended to reduce the average speed of motorists on roads where there is evidence that speeding is an issue.

"It is well documented and well researched that speeding kills. We are committed to reducing the number of people killed and injured on the county's roads and we will continue to use cameras to help us achieve this."

Tim Ashton, Lancashire County Council cabinet member for highways and transport, added: "Using cameras to target locations where speeding is an issue is just one of the ways we've been able to make our roads safer and reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured by more than 40 per cent in five years.

"In the same way, we will continue to make positive steps to change drivers' behaviour by introducing 20mph limits in residential areas, and focus education towards groups at increased risk of being involved in an accident."

In Lancashire there are 285 fixed safety camera sites.

The figures show that in 2010 a total of 49,825 people were found to be speeding at these sites. 21,809 of these motorists were fined and had their licence endorsed, 15,458 completed a speed awareness course and 6,260 were issued with a summons to attend court. 6,094 were not proceeded with and 204 remain ongoing.

Assistant Chief Constable Rhodes added: "As a result of the speed awareness course being reduced from a full-day to half a day and the cost reducing, we have seen more people electing to attend the course. This is encouraging as we want to work with motorists to educate them on the consequences of speeding."

The move comes as part of a national requirement from the Department for Transport for all local authorities and police forces to publish the information.

The data will be available to view at www.safe2travel.co.uk.

Court Round Up

A 20 year old female has pleaded guilty to driving when above the alcohol limit after being stopped on the M55 at Treales. She has been disqualified for 16 months with costs and fines of £325.

A 24 year old male has been sentenced to 4 years and 6 months imprisonment following a burglary in the Kirkham North area as well as intimidating a witness to the incident.

A 25 year old male has pleaded guilty to stealing a car stereo from a vehicle in Little Eccleston whilst already on a suspended sentence for a separate offence. He has been sentenced to 95 days imprisonment.

A 43 year old male from the warton area has pleaded guilty to receiving stolen goods namely a sat nav. He has been sentenced to 4 weeks suspended for 12 months. He must carry out unpaid work of 80 hours and pay £100 compensation.

Trading Standards

Warning

Tarmacers; Reports of doorstep callers offering to tarmac drives have been received in the past month from Ormskirk, Chorley, Thornton Cleveleys and Colne areas of Lancashire, including one instance where work was carried out without the permission of the householder. If you need any house maintenance work carrying out, use the Safe Trader Scheme to find a trader;

<https://www.traderregister.org.uk/index.php>

Local Crime Figures

Figures for Ribby with Wrea Ward	July 2010	July 2011	%+ or -
All criminal damage	0	0	No change
Domestic Burglaries	0	1	100%
Vehicle crime (theft of and from)	0	0	No change
All violent crime	2	0	-100%