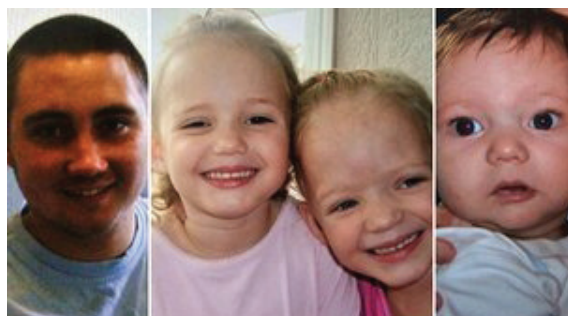


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Kirkham and Rural Fylde newsletter
incorporating Bryning with Warton, Clifton, Elswick, Freckleton,
Kirkham, Newton, Singleton, Staining, Weeton, Wesham
and Wrea Green.

Police appeal after Freckleton fire



Emergency services were called to a house on Lytham Road in Freckleton following a report of a fire at just before 11.30pm on Saturday 7 January. Four people, 19 year old Reece Smith, four year old twin girls Holly and Ella Smith and Jordan Smith, aged two, sadly died from smoke inhalation.

Detective Superintendent Dermott Horrigan said, "This is a murder investigation into the deaths of four people; a teenage man, his twin sisters and baby brother. We have a major investigation team working on a number of lines of enquiry to establish exactly what happened that night. It is important that people know that we do not believe that this was an accident.

"We know that the fire was started by a naked flame inside the wardrobe which was in the children's bedroom. We know that the children were in bed and that whoever did this would have known that the children were inside that room. What we do not know is whether the person who set the fire

intended to kill the children or did things go horribly wrong?

"We believe somebody who was inside the house on the night of the fire holds the answer to what happened and that the person responsible for causing the fire may well have confided in someone close to them. It is important that misplaced loyalties do not get in the way of somebody coming forward and telling us what they know; as even

the smallest piece of information could prove crucial.

"I can assure the public that any information received will be treated in confidence and dealt with appropriately."

Anyone with information is asked to call the Major Incident Room at Blackpool Police Station on **101** or Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.



know your local team

Bryning with Warton



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Working hard for you

Warton team tackles drugs

A drug warrant was executed at a property on Queensway, Warton on Friday 27 January. Support unit officers were deployed alongside the Warton neighbourhood policing team and two occupants were arrested on suspicion of supplying controlled drugs.

A £400 lawn mower was also recovered from the address which has now been returned to the rightful owner. Both offenders have been bailed pending further enquires. The team is dedicated to taking drugs off your streets. In order to do this we rely on the help of the community. If you know something, do something. Call us on **01253 607044** or **101**. Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111** or on-line at **Crimestoppers-uk.org**. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court. In an emergency always dial **999**.

Man arrested after Wesham burglaries

Officers have arrested a man after two burglaries took place on North Drive Wesham in January. At both addresses the offender tried to gain entry to the property but failed. At one of the properties the occupants were disturbed alerted the police. Investigations resulted in a man from the Salford area being charged with both burglaries and remanded in custody.

Crime continues to fall in Lancashire

Crime in Lancashire has continued to fall at a rate higher than the national average, according to Home Office figures.

The county has seen a 4.9 per cent reduction in all crime from September 2010 to September 2011. This equates to 5,097 fewer victims of crime in comparison to the same period the year before. The national average is a four per cent reduction.

Reports of burglaries have fallen by 7.2 per cent, vehicle crime was down by 9.1 per cent, and violent crime also dropped by 3.7 per cent.

However, theft offences increased by 3.6 per cent, robbery by 4.4 per cent and sexual offences by 5.6 per cent.

Assistant Chief Constable Andy Cooke said: "It is reassuring to see that crime figures in Lancashire have continued to fall and that on the whole the county is one of the safest places in the country."



the new non-emergency number to contact Lancashire Constabulary.



PACT and events

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

Staining

Thursday 19 April 6.30pm,
Staining Village Hall.

Kirkham

First Monday of the month 5.30pm,
Mill Street Community Centre.

Medlar with Wesham

Check website for details.

Wrea Green

First Monday of the month 7 pm,
Wrea Green Institute.

Warton

Monday 2 April 6.15pm,
Warton Village Hall.

Newton and Clifton

First Wednesday of the month 5pm,
Newton Village Hall.

Weeton / Singleton / Elswick

First Tuesday of the month 6pm,
Venue subject to change – check website for details.

Freckleton

First Monday of the month 6pm,
Freckleton Methodist Hall.

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