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Kirkham newsletter

School's Roadwatch Staff

Pupils from St Paul's Primary School, Warton, took part in a Schools' Road Watch where they assisted officers with speed checks on roads near to their school. Motorists who were found to be speeding were stopped and asked to speak to the children who explained some of the serious consequences that their driving behaviour could have.

The initiative supported Lancashire County Council's ongoing work to introduce 20mph speed limits in all main residential areas and outside schools.

PC Robin Hardiman, Community Beat Manager for Warton, said: "The children are interested to hear the excuses drivers use for speeding – they do not think it is good enough that their lives are being put at risk because someone is a few minutes late for work."

County Councillor, Tim Ashton, cabinet member for highways and transport, added: "We know it will take time to change attitudes about the benefits of driving more slowly and I'm very grateful to the school and the police for helping to convince drivers about the good reasons for sticking to 20mph."



Children from St Paul's Primary School, Milly Goodfellow, Jack Brett and Destiny Austin (courtesy of Blackpool Gazette).

Enjoy a safe Halloween and Bonfire Night

With Halloween and Bonfire Night fast approaching we would like to remind everyone to stay safe and be aware of the dangers of fireworks and bonfires.

Officers will be working with partner agencies including Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service to tackle anti-social behaviour. Activities will include visiting nuisance hot spots and removing unauthorised bonfires. We are also

asking parents to ensure that their children are behaving responsibly and remain safe from harm over this period.

We are also asking people to follow 'Halloween Code' when out trick or treating. This includes going with an adult and being careful not to frighten vulnerable people, especially the elderly.

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Working hard for you

Volunteer raises money for cancer charity

Neighbourhood policing community volunteer Karen Simister has taken part in a 10.5 mile swim along the length of Lake Windermere in a pledge to raise £5,000 for The Christie to fight cancer. Along with her family and friends (Team Invictus) Karen has already raised £3,700 by completing the Manchester to Blackpool bike ride in July.

If you would like to support Karen for this worthwhile cause please visit www.justgiving.com/Team-Invictus2.

Residents encouraged to sign up to Watch schemes

A number of watch schemes, including Rural Watch, Farm Watch, Shop Watch and Caravan Watch, operate in Lancashire. These schemes enable alerts, advice and information to be sent to people registered on the scheme via email or mobile, so that they can take the necessary precautions to keep their land, property and businesses safe.

Members are also encouraged to inform police of sightings of suspicious vehicles or unusual activity and this information will then be passed on to others involved in the scheme.

If you're interested in joining a scheme or setting one up contact your local neighbourhood team by ringing **101** or visit www.lancashire.police.uk.

You can also sign up to receive news and updates at www.registration.lancashire.police.uk.

Take care on darker nights

We are asking people to take care as the dark nights draw in and daylight hours get shorter. Follow this advice to stay safe in the evenings:

- Always plan your route home if you are using public transport and be aware of the bus and train times. Avoid isolated bus stops and train stations and sit near the driver or close to other passengers.
- If cycling, make sure you have working cycle lights on the front and back and wear reflective clothing.
- Never accept lifts from strangers. When ringing for a taxi, ask for the driver's name and check this when he/she arrives.
- If you are on foot always walk facing oncoming traffic keeping to busy, well lit areas and keep your valuables out of sight. Try to walk home with others and carry a taxi number in your mobile phone. If you

think you are being followed, cross the road, and head towards a busier place where you can ask for help if you need it.

Convictions

Arrest made after cannabis found during drugs raid

Police seized cannabis and cultivation equipment after carrying out a drugs raid in Kirkham in July.

Officers from the neighbourhood police team executed a drugs warrant at a flat on Marsden Street where they discovered a carrier bag full of cannabis bush and various pieces of cultivation equipment used to grow cannabis.

A 40-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of producing cannabis and has been released on police bail pending further inquiries.

Sgt Wendy Coulson, Kirkham neighbourhood police, said: "When we have information about suspected cannabis factories we will take action. Drugs can blight our local neighbourhoods and we would ask residents to help us tackle this issue by coming forward if they suspect someone may be attempting to cultivate cannabis."

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on **101** or Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**. In an emergency always dial **999**.

