



Lytham St. Anne's and Kirkham and surrounding areas
Crimes committed between
5th August to 16th September 2015

	<u>Lytham St. Anne's</u>	<u>Kirkham & Surrounding areas</u>
Burglary in a dwelling (homes)	8	1
Burglary other than in a dwelling	19	8
Criminal damage to a dwelling	8	3
Theft of a motor vehicle	-0-	1
Theft from a motor vehicle	9	6
Criminal damage to vehicles	14	14
Theft of pedal cycles	4	6

LSA burglaries took place at: CLIFTON DRIVE NORTH, CROSLAND ROAD NORTH, DEVONSHIRE ROAD, ST. PATRICKS ROAD NORTH (arrest made), KILNHOUSE LANE, FOLKESTONE ROAD, ASHLEY ROAD, ST. ANDREWS ROAD SOUTH.

Kirkham & surrounding areas burglary took place: BLACKPOOL OLD RD, LT ECCLESTON.

SCAMS:

United Utilities, Banks, Building Societies and the like, WILL NEVER, phone you or send someone to your door to check your bank details or ask you to give them your debit card PIN number or transfer money. Always go into your bank or phone them on the number that you have in your personal records from the bank. Never phone the number that an unexpected caller gives to you. If in doubt, say 'No' and close the door or just put the phone down.

Not sure of the best way to contact the Police? Here is some advice:

A 999 Emergency is when there is a serious, life-threatening incident happening right then and there, such as:

- Someone's life is in danger.
- Someone is at immediate risk of violence, or property is about to be damaged.
- The suspect is still present at the scene (person is breaking into a home or is inside it).
- A serious offence is in progress (such as someone is being assaulted or robbed).
- Serious disruption to the public is likely (such as a bad traffic accident/explosion).
- A very serious crime is happening (e.g. rape, grievous bodily harm).

In a Non-Emergency situation (where nothing **serious or life-threatening** is happening), **you can contact the Police** by phoning **101**, or by way of the Police's '**doitonline**' link (*see below*).

This link is very useful if you have information to pass on or you want to report anything that isn't an emergency, or perhaps you need an update on an incident log, or want to contact an Officer. You can also report lost or found property. Please try this link:

<https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/>. You won't need to phone 101 and possibly hold, as there is an Officer dedicated to receiving 'doitonline' messages all day, every day.

DOG WALKERS' WATCH

Do you own a dog and regularly walk it most (or every) day? If so, would you be interested in joining Dog Watch? You, as a dog walker, will probably have a set route most of the time, and, you will recognise if something different or unusual is taking place. You may also notice anti-social



behaviour or criminal damage taking place and you can report this to the Police on either 999 or 101 (see above for when to call these numbers), and, if a non-emergency use

<https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/>. Are interested in joining Dog Watch? If so, please contact **Sue Blackburn** on either the phone number, or email, at the bottom of this page. I am waiting for some items to give away to Dog Walkers (such as a torch with dog waste bags inside, a high-visibility arm band and a card printed with contact details for the Police).

CARING ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Being a Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Coordinator or Watch Member, you already care about your neighbourhood and you will probably know who the vulnerable or elderly people are in the area.

Please talk to these people when you see them so they don't feel isolated or lonely. If they never go out, then perhaps you can introduce yourself to them if you haven't already, and ask them to let you know if they need assistance, either because they are unwell or can't go out and get help or need a bit of shopping doing. In the near future, information on who to contact in the event of someone vulnerable needing your assistance will be made available but, in the meantime, if you notice that you haven't seen a neighbour opening their curtains, or taking in the milk etc. please knock on their door; if there is no response, phone the Police on 101 to report or go onto the [doitonline](https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/) link. If it's an emergency then phone 999 without delay.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – do you have friends or family interested in becoming a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator? As you know it's not a difficult or onerous task but it is one which is very much appreciated by your neighbours and the Police because, with the best will in the world, the Police cannot be everywhere! Your help in watching out for suspicious people or vehicles in your area is an absolute boon. I have been thinking of innovative ways in which others in your area can receive information which I send to you (bearing in mind that at least 1/3rd of the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators don't have a mobile phone or email address), and, to cut down on the number of photocopies sent out. Here are some of my ideas:

- Putting a copy or copies of the information I send in the local shop/post office/chemists?
- Would you be interested in having the Police Cadets go around your area to see if they can get email addresses from your Watch members so that photocopies of the information I put together do not have to be printed and posted out to you?
- The Police Cadets could deliver your copies to the shop/post office etc. or help deliver copies of information I send to you when they are available. Would this assist at all?

NHW IDENTIFICATION CARDS I have been asked many times by NHW Coordinators for identification cards (sorry, not possible); however, I do anticipate being able to have some high visibility arm bands made up in the not-to-distant future, printed with the words 'Neighbourhood Watch', which you can wear when you are out and about in your Watch area (if you choose to of course), this will enable people in your neighbourhood to recognise you as their NHW Coordinator.

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – changes to the Home Fire Safety Check Service will come into place on Monday 5th October. People classed as 'high risk/vulnerable' will continue to receive a free Home Fire Safety Check visit. Others will receive advice through the post or over the website www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk.

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