

May 2010

Freckleton Community Update

Your Top Priorities

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

- Speeding traffic on A584 approaching Freckleton from Preston

Juvenile nuisance around the shops on Lytham Road:

At last month's meeting we asked you what problems you had experienced in the area. You told us juvenile nuisance. Police have increased the patrols of Lytham Road and liaised with the shop owners to identify issues. Throughout the month groups of youths were moved on if deemed to be causing any kind of nuisance. However in the majority of oc-

casions the youths were genuinely purchasing food etc from the shops and not found to be causing any problems.

Other updates; The Freckleton NHP team successfully removed a 'dangerous dog' from the Lower Lane estate on the 29th of April after concerns were raised from other residents. This was later reported in the local press.

Public consultation — all welcome

Date	Time	Location
2nd June PACT	5pm	Memorial Hall

Newsbeat >>>> Antisocial behaviour patrol cars to continue

FOUR police cars launched in Blackpool and the Fylde to deal specifically with antisocial behaviour will continue to operate after a review hailed them a success.

The review found that the cars attended 98 per cent of all antisocial behaviour reports and arrived within the hour for 92 per cent of all those calls, with the average response time being 20 minutes.

Covering Blackpool north, Blackpool central, Blackpool south and Fylde, the patrol cars will continue to be in action from 4pm to 11pm each Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday - the hotspot times for antisocial behaviour.

The cars will also operate every day of the week during school holidays in-line with increased reports of antisocial behaviour.

Chief Insp Karen Simister said: "These cars have allowed us to deal more efficiently and effectively with reports of antisocial behaviour.

"We recognise the negative impact these types of incidents have on communities and we are committed to tackling this and improving the quality of life for people living in Blackpool and the Fylde.

"Members of the public have been really positive about the introduction of these dedicated cars and I would encourage residents to continue to work with us to bring those intent on causing antisocial behaviour to justice."

The officers in the car respond to reports of antisocial behaviour as they are made to the police, allowing an improved response time.

They also keep informants updated on the action taken against any reports they have made to the police, provide regular contact with repeat victims and patrol known hotspot areas for antisocial behaviour.

A survey amongst victims of antisocial behaviour shows that satisfaction has increased by 22 per cent from November 2009 to March 2010 - from 74 per cent to 96.5 per cent - which coincides with the launch of the cars.

The cars, which are usually staffed by two officers, were launched on Thursday 7 January and they will now operate for the foreseeable future.

Crime continues to fall in Blackpool and the Fylde

THERE were more than 1,700 fewer victims of crime in Blackpool and the Fylde in the past year, latest figures reveal.

- The figures show that overall crime is down by 7.9 per cent, a reduction of 1,732 crimes from 21,965 to 20,233 between April 2009 and March 2010 when compared to the previous year.
- Serious acquisitive crime was down 16.5 per cent from 2,589 offences to 2,162 while vehicle crime saw a huge 21.4 per cent reduction from 1,502 to 1,181.
- Criminal damage and arson fell from 5,261 offences to 4,539, while assault with less serious injury saw a 16.2 per cent reduction from 2,516 to 2,109.
- Serious violent crime saw the biggest reduction with a 28.8 per cent fall from 351 offences to 250 offences and burglary dwelling dropped by 86 crimes – or 9.5 per cent – from 906 to 820.

Chief Supt Richard Debicki, Divisional Commander for the Western Division of Lancashire Constabulary, said: “In the vast majority of categories, crime numbers are at their lowest in Blackpool and the Fylde since records began.

“Of particular note is the reduction in dwelling burglaries – in the last ten years, there has been a 53.3 per cent reduction – and the reduction in vehicle crime, which has fallen by 64 per cent

over the same time period.

“This has not happened by accident and the very significant and consistent crime reductions are testimony to the efforts of many – police and other partners, particularly the Local Authority, have all played their part.

“Despite the considerable success in reducing and solving crime over many years, I recognise that we are only as good as the residents of Blackpool and Fylde think we are. The public rightly want us to go further in reducing crime in their area and we will do everything in our power to do so.

“We will not be complacent in fighting crime and tackling anti-social behaviour – we want to listen to local people and concentrate on the things that matter to them. People tell us they want to see police on the streets more of the time and they want us to tackle anti-social behaviour in their communities and these are the things we will continue to concentrate on over the next twelve months.

“We are here to listen and act. I am very proud to serve the public here locally, and am pleased with these latest results.”

Bsafe Blackpool, the partnership organisation made up of the Police, Council, NHS Blackpool, Probation Service, Lancashire Police Authority and the Fire Service with the aim of reducing anti-social behaviour and crime, has helped implement many of the initiatives that has led to the drop in figures by bringing the different organisations together to create a strategic approach to tackling a range of issues.

Local Crime Figures

Figures for Freckleton Wards	April 2009	April 2010	%+ or -
ASB Incidents	30	38	26.6%
All criminal damage	5	10	100%
Domestic Burglaries	0	0	No change
Vehicle crime (theft of and from)	0	0	No change
All violent crime	1	4	300%