

December 2009

Freckleton Community Update

Your Top Priorities

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

- Parking on the footpath on School Lane
- Parking on the footpath on Kirkham Rd by Kirkham Prison
- Parking on the footpath and inconsiderate vehicle use on Preston Old Rd around the area of the village shops

Speeding – Bush Lane – Saturday afternoons following football matches on Bush Lane playing field:

At last months meeting we asked you what problems you had experienced in the area. You told us there was an issue with speeding. The Chairman

of the football club has been contacted regarding speaking to the football players and spectators about leaving Bush Lane fields in a considerate manner after the games.

Speeding on Naze Lane: BAE Systems have been contacted to issue a global email to employees leaving the site by the Bush Lane gates regarding their speed on Naze Lane. Also the Police CCTV mobile camera van has been deployed on Naze Lane for over a week which has acted as a visible deterrent to drivers using the area.

Public consultation — all welcome

Date	Time	Location
6th January PACT	5pm	Village Hall

Newsbeat >>>> Doorstep Crime Update: Telephone Scam based on Council Tax Rebates

Lancashire residents are warned that they may receive a telephone call from someone claiming to be from The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) or The Local Council. Consumers are informed that they have been identified as being eligible for a **rebate on their council tax** and are asked for credit card or bank details so that an "admin fee" can be taken to process the refund or so the refund can be put into their account. These calls are bogus and residents should not provide any details to the caller.

Trading Standards have had reports of these calls being received in **West Lancashire** but believe residents throughout the county may be at risk. A spokesman for VOA has confirmed that they would never ask for financial details.

If people have any questions about their council tax band they can go to the VOA website at www.voa.gov.uk for further details.

Please refer any complaints and further information to Lancashire Trading Standards Service, 55 Guildhall Street, Preston, Lancs via Consumer Direct tel 08454 040506. If there is any threat or fear of burglary contact the police.

Justice Seen Justice Done

You may have seen adverts on the TV, or heard them on the radio, for the Justice Seen Justice Done campaign.

This is a month-long Home Office campaign highlighting what you should be able to expect from your local police force (and other agencies) when it comes to dealing with crime and justice.

Justice Seen Justice Done will demonstrate that there are consequences for those who break the law and that the police and local authorities are responding to issues that matter to the public.

It also focuses on the Policing Pledge - a set of national standards outlining the level of service you can expect to receive from your police force.

**JUSTICE SEEN
JUSTICE DONE**

As part of Justice Seen Justice Done, we want you to know -

- There is a neighbourhood policing team in your area working with you to keep you safe. Look out for posters in your local neighbourhood publicising who they are, call 0845 1 25 35 45 for details or visit www.lancashire.police.uk to look up your local officer.
- Neighbourhood police officers are there to assist with a wide range of issues ranging from anti-social behaviour to drug related crime.
- Local neighbourhood police teams have seized nuisance bikes, closed down drugs dens, secured Anti-Social Behaviour Orders and successfully tackled a whole range of other local problems.
- Through initiatives like PACT, we want to work with you to identify what concerns you the most so that we can address it.
- If you call or e-mail a neighbourhood officer you can expect a response within 24 hours.
- Neighbourhood policing teams aim to spend at least 80% of their time working in local neighbourhoods.
- Local police aim to be with you within 60 minutes if you are vulnerable and upset or if your issue relates to an agreed neighbourhood priority.
- For more information about the Policing Pledge and crime and justice in your area visit www.lancashire.police.uk or direct.gov.uk/policingpledge

Local Crime Figures

Figures for Freckleton Wards	November 2008	November 2009	%+ or -
ASB Incidents	21	20	-4.8%
All criminal damage	1	7	600%
Domestic Burglaries	0	1	100%
Vehicle crime (theft of and from)	3	2	-33.3%
All violent crime	3	5	66.6%