

January 2010

Freckleton Community Update

Your Top Priorities

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

- Traffic Congestion at the Mini roundabout on Lytham Rd by boundary of Freckleton and Warton
- Council related issues regarding school crossing patrol for Preston Old Rd, and Speed indicator signs on A584

Parking on the footpath on School Lane: At last months meeting we asked you what problems you had experienced in the area. You told us parking issues. The owner of the vehicle in question has been spoken to by PC Scarisbrick. The vehicle was not causing an obstruction at the time but the driver has been given words of advice regarding where best to park the vehicle

Parking on the footpath on Kirkham Rd by Kirkham Prison: No parking obstructions have been noted

by officers during the course of the month. The residents who raised the issue have been spoken with and have confirmed that they have not noticed any further problems either

Parking on the footpath and inconsiderate vehicle use on Preston Old Rd around the area of the village shops : Parkwise have been spoken with and requested to monitor the area. No obstructions have been noted by the NHP team.

Public consultation — all welcome

Date	Time	Location
3rd February PACT	5pm	Village Hall

Newsbeat >>>> Residents are asked to be wary of the following practices currently operating in Lancashire:

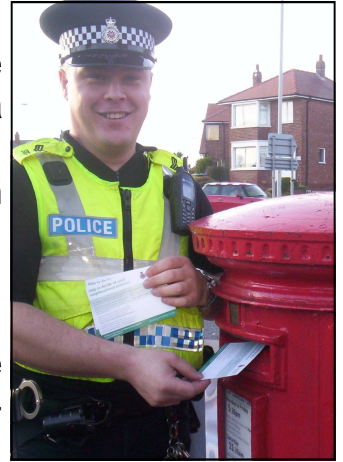
- Lancaster, Fylde and Wyre area: There is an alarm and security company targeting residents, allegedly stating they work in conjunction with the police and giving advice on security. Consumers are persuaded to sign up to a 5 or 10 year contract for maintenance checks on the security system, which will cost thousands, and can tie the resident in to a burdensome credit agreement.
- Throughout Lancashire: Various benefit advice companies based in Ecclestone and Liverpool are currently advertising their services helping people claim disability benefits and tribunals. These companies charge a considerable portion, in some cases 45%, of arrears awarded after a successful appeal, which in many Disability Living Allowance appeals could be £1,000+, money that the claimants are due and need as most of them are on low incomes already. Please be aware that free advice and representation is available to all Lancashire residents from Lancashire County Council's Welfare Rights Service and other agencies.
- Throughout Lancashire: Franchised businesses selling vacuum cleaners appear to be targeting over 60s in more expensive areas, distributing raffle tickets to win a Nissan Micra or a free carpet shampoo. Customers who win a free carpet shampoo are then subject to a sales pitch for expensive vacuum cleaners during the visit. Please warn residents of the sales intention behind this free offer. Tradesmen should always leave premises when asked- if not, report them to Trading Standards.

Trading standards advise residents never to deal with cold-callers, to ensure you obtain full name, address and landline details from all workmen, and to double-check identification and references from other customers- do not assume credentials are genuine. Also ensure any price you are quoted is fair and genuine by obtaining estimates from other traders, and by ensuring the work agreed and the price to be charged is written down on a quotation before you agree to the work starting.

Residents help to decide on policing priorities

RESIDENTS in Blackpool and the Fylde are being given the chance to influence police priorities in their area by completing a consultation card.

Officers have been handing cards out across the area, which ask residents to tell them their concerns, so that successful action can be taken to tackle them.



Sgt Webster posting a consultation card

Sgt Martin Webster from Bispham Police Station said: “The cards are aimed at providing a better service for the wider community by giving everyone the opportunity to have a say.

They have a freepost return on them and we have already had many returned to us with a variety of feedback from members of the community.

Any concerns raised are acted upon and are being considered in our Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings as priorities for the local area.

Anyone who has provided feedback and wants to know what action has been taken should contact their local neighbourhood policing team. The results will also be published in local neighbourhood policing newsletters.”

The cards have been distributed in a variety of locations including shops, libraries and post offices across Blackpool and the Fylde.

Officers have also been handing the cards out to local residents and posting them through letterboxes in some neighbourhoods.

For details of how you can contact your neighbourhood policing team and information about how you can have a say about issues in your area, visit www.lancashire.police.uk or call 01253 604151. You can also email any concerns to western-citizenfocusbureau@lancashire.pnn.police.uk.

Local Crime Figures

Figures for Freckleton Wards	December 2008	December 2009	%+ or -
ASB Incidents	12	17	41.6%
All criminal damage	5	1	-80%
Domestic Burglaries	0	0	No change
Vehicle crime (theft of and from)	0	0	No change
All violent crime	5	2	-60%