

June 2010

## Freckleton Community Update

### Your Top Priorities

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

- Youth related problems leading up to and including Freckleton Club day

**Speeding issues on the A584:** At last months public meeting we asked what problems you had experienced in the area. You told us speeding. The team liaised with the road policing sergeant to discuss concerns raised. Visible and plain covert speed enforcement has been conducted. The loca-

tion is to be highlighted for attention at forthcoming operations. Enquiries are to be made by the team

### Public consultation — all welcome

Date	Time	Location
7th July PACT	5pm	Village Hall

into the possibility of the mobile speed van being deployed to the location.

### Newsbeat >>>> Police warning after bank cards stolen in scam

POLICE are reminding residents to follow basic crime prevention advice after two women had their bank cards stolen in a scam.

On both occasions, the women were about to leave their parking space at Tesco on Clifton Retail Park in Blackpool when a man in a vehicle stopped them asking for directions to Blackpool Victoria Hospital.

The women got out of their cars to give directions to the man, leaving their handbag in their unlocked vehicle.

Both women later realised that their bank cards had been stolen whilst they were giving directions and money had been taken from their bank accounts.

Sgt Simon Pritchard said: "Whilst we have had no further reports of incidents of this nature, it is timely to remind people to follow some basic crime prevention advice.

"Always, always lock your vehicle when you are not in it and keep personal possessions such as handbags and purses with you at all times.

"I would urge anyone with any information about these alleged scams to contact the police."

Both incidents occurred on Friday 21 May – the first incident at 11.10am and the second incident at around 11.40am.

The vehicle used in the incidents is described as black but the make and model are unknown.

The driver of the car is described as Eastern European with dark coloured hair and he was clean shaven.

Anyone with information should contact Sgt Simon Pritchard on 0845 1 25 35 45 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## **Fish Sales -Trading Standards Warning**

LANCASHIRE County Council is warning consumers to beware of fish salesmen travelling down from the North East, persuading householders into buying hundreds of pounds worth of fresh fish.

The traders have recently been door to door in Preston and Lytham, asking residents if they would like to buy some fish. A piece of fresh white fish is shown, and fish such as 'wild' salmon (which is then supplied labeled 'farmed') is offered at "cheaper than supermarket prices". Householders think they are only buying a few pieces but they are then supplied with a large amount of often unlabelled fish, some of it unfit to eat and requiring instant disposal, and a bill for over three hundred pounds. When buying fish this way, the purchaser has no way of knowing how it has been stored or whether it is safe to eat. Furthermore, a lack of cancellation rights or a receipt makes any problems difficult to sort out. These traders originate outside of Lancashire and the absence of paperwork makes tracing them a problem.

We would be grateful to receive any further intelligence on these salesmen, especially if they are currently trading in any area. Please refer any complaints to Lancashire Trading Standards Service, 55 Guildhall Street, Preston, Lancs PR1 3NU via Consumer Direct tel 08454 040506 and ask them to pass the information to trading standards straight away.

Warning issued by Lancashire County Council Trading Standards Service.

## **Police burglary and theft warning**

POLICE in Blackpool are reminding residents to lock their houses and cars in the fight against burglaries and thefts from vehicles.

In the coming weeks, officers will be doing leaflet drops to offer crime prevention advice and will be highlighting insecure properties and vehicles to owners.

PC Andy Denton, Crime Prevention Officer, said: "We have recently seen an improvement in the weather and this will hopefully continue for the summer period. Residents really do need to think when working in the house or garden or when going to bed at night about doors and windows that may be open.

"An open window is a clear invitation to a burglar. If you must leave windows open for ventilation, ensure that there are opening restrictors fitted. Even upstairs windows can be vulnerable to attack if there is access via low roofs and porches.

"We will do all we can to prevent these offences occurring in the first place and will seek out offenders but we really do need the public to help us by keeping their homes and cars secure."

## **Local Crime Figures**

Figures for Freckleton Wards	May 2009	May 2010	%+ or -
ASB Incidents	28	22	-21%
All criminal damage	4	6	50%
Domestic Burglaries	0	0	No change
Vehicle crime (theft of and from)	0	0	No change
All violent crime	4	7	75%