

Newsletter – December 2010

Welcome to the latest issue of the Warrington South NPU Newsletter.

I am pleased to report that we are continuing to reduce crime. During September, we have recorded 185 crimes committed in the South area which is a reduction of 30 based on the same period last year.

In November we have recorded the following crime categories. Serious and acquisitive crime has increased by 19 incidents (attributable to last months low figure and increase in vehicle crime – see below) but remains stable overall. The number of burglaries has increased slightly but is still 10% below that recorded in October. Vehicle crime has shown a dramatic increase of 43% (reflected by the figures for serious and acquisitive crime). I am pleased to report that criminal damage is down 50.8% compared to last month.

As the cold weather continues, please note the increased number of vehicle crimes (above) and remove temptation by not leaving vehicles unattended.

Welcome to PC Jason Mather who has replaced PC Steve Martin who has moved onto pastures new. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success.

Xmas and new year went extremely well with minimal incidents.

The police station having been closed down due to a flood has been open for a while now however we are in the process of having a new heating system fitted. Over Christmas we also had a pipe leak which flooded some of our offices. I am confident that we will have all the repairs completed soon and the community can use the courtroom again.

My team have been outstanding during all this disruption and it is testament to them that over the past 2 months they have continued to deliver a excellent service to our community.

Regards,

Inspector Gary McIntyre

Neighbourhood Priorities

Each area has a dedicated Beat Manager and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) who, circumstances permitting, attend [community meetings](#) (Parish Council and PCSO drop-in) your area. You can find a list of contacts at the end of this newsletter or, if you prefer, you may wish to look at the Cheshire Police website:

<http://www.cheshire.police.uk/my-neighbourhood/warrington-south.aspx>

Your input to these meetings is vital and below you will find the priorities that were set as an outcome of last month's meetings, drop in surgeries and community engagement.

Latchford East & West

You Said, We Did

- **4th January - Crime Prevention/Deterrence**

You said: Retail shop advice and vigilance with regard to the run up to the festive period.

We did: Working with local retailers we pro-actively target the surrounding areas keeping a close eye on retail thefts for opportunists. Information provided by local retailers has led to a robust approach when dealing with them. A local initiative "Follow that Van" reached its climax with the run-up to the festive period. The initiative began in October to ensure the safety of cash in transit across the North West region. Members of staff are keyed in to the 'Follow that Van' initiative. Officers in patrol cars are to give a high profile and visible presence to any movement of cash in their patrol area. Increasing visibility through this North West regional initiative will show we are actively sending out a clear message to any organised criminal gangs who think targeting cash in transit movements is an easy option.

- **Anti-social behaviour**

You said: Anti-social behaviour/reports of drugs Victoria Park, Latchford between the hours of 5pm and 11pm.

We did: Continuing a very high visual presence and hourly patrols of the Park, officers have been opening the security gates to be able

to respond more quickly to youths. An act of arson has left the skate park with no lighting. This has resulted in fewer youths gathering in the darkness. Victoria Park Residents Association (ViPRA) is a venue for all to attend. Please feel free to speak to an Officer when we are there. We can still do more with your help to identify those responsible for anti-social behaviour. With your help we can fight back. Please call crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Due to the weather conditions it has not been possible to conduct speed enforcement outside the Park.

- **Anti-social behaviour**

You said: Anti-social behaviour on Bridgewater Ave, Mersey Walk and Cumberland Street.

We did: We continue to drill down in both areas. There have been a total of 18 reports of anti-social behaviour in Westy and 19 in Latchford. Both areas have two reports related to the hot-spots highlighted above. Recent information has come to light with regards to drugs activity which we are investigating. The Snow presents a different type of anti-social behaviour. And, especially during this time of year, it is impossible for us to attend every incident as our resources are stretched. Youths throwing snowballs do so to get a reaction. Our best advice is not to react as this only fuels their behaviour. Officers are

Stockton Heath , Appleton , Stretton , Hatton & Walton

You Said, We Did

- **1st January 2011 - Acquisitive crime within the shopping centre of Stockton Heath**

You said: Target acquisitive crime within the shopping centre of Stockton Heath during the Christmas period

We did: During the last month we have utilised high visibility operations to deter shoplifting and business burglaries over the run up to Christmas and over the festive period. The targeting of this acquisitive crime has had a huge impact in the Stockton heath centre and specifically resulted in just one theft being reported throughout the month.

- **Alcohol related crime during the festive period**

You said: Target the Night time economy during the festive period

within Stockton heath centre.

We did: During December there was a big increase in numbers socialising within the Stockton heath centre throughout the day and night. I am happy to report that no serious crime was reported throughout the festive period. There was an increase in low level public order incidents which is consistent with the increase in numbers..

- **Anti-social behaviour**

You said: Target anti-social behaviour and young people causing nuisance and damage throwing snow balls.

We did: We continued to target issues relating to the inclement weather conditions and I am happy to report that the initial anti social behaviour problems noted in November reduced during December and should now not occur due to the decreased snow risk.

Lymm Grappenhall and Thelwall

You Said, We Did

- **1st January 2011 - Anti-Social Behaviour**

You said: Anti-Social Behaviour by young people in the area of Ridgeway Grundy Park, Lymm.

We did: During December resources continued their focus on Ridgeway Grundy Park, Lymm. There were no reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour. In addition no further incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour have been reported at Heatly Mere or Sow Brook.

- **Theft from Motor Vehicles**

You said: Theft from Motor Vehicles in the Thelwall area.

We did: During December extra attention has been paid to the Thelwall area with additional resources being drafted in to assist. Several arrests have been made.

Interest in Home Watch continues, and as with burglaries, is having an effect on reducing the number of thefts from motor vehicles. If you are interested in running a Home Watch Scheme in your area please contact PCSO Fox (01244) 612630.

Please continue to report all suspicious activity as appropriate; using the 999 system, by contacting the Constabulary directly on 0845

458 0000 or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

- **Anti-Social Behaviour**

You said: Anti-social behaviour by young people in the area of Ollerton Close, Grappenhall.

We did: During December resources continued their focus on Ollerton Close, Grappenhall. There were no reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour.

Warrington South Activities

Please find below a list of contacts/coordinators for the active Watches in Warrington South

Pubwatch

PC Wendy Whitehead
PCSO Alex Stacey

Shopwatch

PCSO Tony Spruce
PCSO Tom Reid

Business Watch

In the process of being set up to enhance the village and work with local businesses to reduce crime. There is a meeting on the 18th January with local business owners to plan for the year
PC Lisa Green
PCSO Ben Blandford

Homewatch

PCSO Victoria Fox
PCSO Mike Lockett

Rural Watch

This is being set up in response to rural crime last year. This is supported by the neighbourhood action team.
PCSO Alex Stacey

Speedwatch

Janice Tickle
Sarah Rimmer

warrington.south.npt@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Crime Prevention Tips

In the Garden

Ensure that your garden's fence, walls and gates are in a good state of repair.

Install outside lighting – low energy dusk to dawn lighting is recommended.

Keep trees and shrubs trimmed so that thieves cannot use them as a screen to work behind – consider planting 'prickly' plants to act as a visual deterrent as well as a physical barrier.

If you have a garden shed it is important that it is in a good condition, is fitted with a suitable lock and any windows are secured – remember to keep the shed locked!

Satellite Navigation Systems (Sat Nav)

These are the main target for thieves at this time. You are advised to remove these from your vehicle completely when not in use. If you still wish to keep your Sat Nav in your vehicle but out of sight ensure that it is switched off. There are ways of detecting a Sat Nav system that is hidden in a vehicle if it is left switched on. Register your Sat Nav system www.immobilise.com

Mobile Phones

Please help us to reduce mobile phone crime. Register your Mobile Phone for free at: www.immobilise.com

Once you have registered your phone, you will have a better chance of getting it back if it has been lost or stolen. (Cheshire Police check any recovered phones against this database).

If your phone is lost or stolen, report it to your network operator as soon as possible. To find the right number for your network, call the Immobilise Information Line on 08701 123 123. Reporting your phone as lost or stolen will enable immobilise to block both your SIM card and your handset.

Burglary

Make your home more secure and make it difficult for the burglar. Most burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves and in many cases they don't even have to use force - they get in through an open door or window.

Look at your home through the burglar's eyes and take a few steps to

prevent yourself from becoming a victim of crime:

Windows - make sure all your downstairs and easily accessible upstairs windows have key operated locks fitted - and use them (particularly when going out). Even small windows, such as bathroom fan lights are vulnerable - a thief can get through any gap larger than a human head!

Secure all doors - if your front and back doors are not secure, then neither is your home!

Make sure the doors and frames are strong and in good condition. Fit back and front doors with a five-lever mortise deadlock - and use it! Fit all exterior doors - top and bottom - with bolts (modern UPVC doors normally have a multi-point locking system anyway)

Lighting - Good external lighting (either PIR or Dusk to Dawn) can deter a thief.

Look in when you are out - use timer switches to turn on lights, radios (on a talking station) and other appliances when you are out. It is more welcoming anyway, if you are entering the house alone.

If you are going away over the holiday, get a friend or neighbour to look after your house - collect post, draw curtains etc. And you are prepared to do the same.

Garages and Sheds - Often full of expensive tools and bikes - Fit garage and shed doors with a strong padlock and make sure they are solid enough not to be kicked in. Consider using an audible shed alarm.

Gates and Fences - Check for weak spots where a thief could get in - broken fencing or back gate with a weak/no lock. Thorny hedges around the perimeter are a good deterrent, but make sure the front of your house is visible to passers-by so that a burglar cannot work unseen.

Postcode your property - Marked property can deter burglars because it is harder to sell and can help the police to return it if it is found. Visible marking is best, but UV pens can be used if this is not suitable. Record serial numbers of goods and take photographs of valuable items such as jewellery etc.

Keep valuable items out of sight - don't leave items on display - what a temptation for a thief! Do not leave the boxes from the new equipment you have just bought outside your home.

Insurance - Are you fully insured? Insurance can relieve you of the

financial worry of replacing stolen goods and many companies will offer reduced premiums for people with good security and those in a Homewatch Scheme

Top tips to secure your cycle

- Store any bicycles in a garage, shed or outbuilding.
- Keep any garages, sheds or outbuildings locked and secure - whatever time of the day or night.
- Ensure you use a good quality padlock or other security device - ideally one that will be difficult to force open or cut through.
- Consider securing any large/bulky items like bikes to the inside of the garage, shed or outbuilding - or consider using ground mounted anchoring systems, which lock items to the floor making them difficult to steal.
- Residents are also encouraged to security mark their bicycle - this shows that the item belongs to them and if it is ever stolen and recovered it will be easier for it to be returned to their rightful owner.

Community Engagement Update



Project Aims

- Engage young people in the process of providing a variety of activities to meet their needs
- Encourage young people to regularly participate in activities that improve physical health & fitness
- Offer opportunities to develop existing abilities and learn new skills
- Meet the emotional and spiritual needs of any young person who seeks assistance
- Keep young people safe and provide requested activities in an informal

setting

- Develop and extend strong, local partnerships
- Ensure that each young person who accesses the project has the opportunity to achieve any or all 5 of the Every child Matters outcomes
<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/childrensplan/downloads/ECM%20outcomes%20framework.pdf>
- Understand local youth provision so as not to ever unnecessarily replicate, but to either collaborate with or increase capacity of local youth provision, where needed

News Update

Despite the rapid snow fall at the end of December which brought proceedings to a close for 2010, I am happy to report the project has recommenced from Friday, 7th January and we are focussed on developing the project significantly into 2011.

Speeding Checks

In response to community priorities identified at Community Meetings and Parish council requests, officers from Warrington South Neighbourhood Policing Team carry out speed enforcement activity at various locations throughout the area. The results for the past month are as follows:

Date	Time	Location	Details
14/12/2010	13:30-15:00	A56 Chester Road, junction with Park Lane – new 50mph limit	1 vehicle caught, 66mph – driver resides in locale

Community Meetings

Members of the public are entitled to attend any of these meetings

Event	Venue	Date	Time
Drop-in	Lymm Police Station, Danebank Road, Lymm	Every Tuesday	11am – 3pm
Parish Council	Parish Hall, Old Chester Road, Walton	3 rd February	7:30pm
Parish Council	St Matthew's Church Hall, Stretton Road, Stretton	7 th February	7:45pm
Parish Council	Hatton Arms Public House, Hatton		7:30pm
Parish Council	Sandy Lane Centre, Stockton Heath	11 th January	7:30pm
Parish Council	Council Offices, Pepper Street, Lymm	11 th January	7:30pm
Parish Council	Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road, Appleton	18 ^h January	7:30pm
Parish Council	Parish Offices, Bellhouse Lane, Grappenhall	20 th January	7.30pm
PCSO Drop-in	Rangers Hut Black Bear path	11 th January	10.30am – 12.30
PCSO Drop-in	St Margaret's Community Centre Lindley Avenue	4 th February	10.30am – 12.30

Facts and Figures

The new performance year coincides with the new financial year and this year's objectives have been agreed by the Police Authority. The objectives are:

- Increase public confidence in policing
- Respond effectively to the public when in need
- Work in partnership to create strong and vibrant communities
- Prevent and investigate crime and disorder
- Protect vulnerable people
- Protect the public from serious and organised crime and terrorism

Within the Neighbourhood Policing Team we have a responsibility across all of these objectives, but in particular we are working to prevent and investigate crime and disorder. Through improving community engagement and being more visible in communities comes increased communication between members of my team and you; you can tell us what matters to you and we can take action to address your concerns.

Local Crime Mapping

Did you know that Local Crime Mapping can be accessed on the internet? The site illustrates the crime levels for each major crime type. Why not check it out?

<http://maps.police.uk/view/cheshire>

Your Local Officers

Stockton Heath , Appleton, Stretton , Hatton and Walton

Sergeant Lee Harrison

Beat Manager - PC Steve Martin (Stockton Heath)

Beat Manager - PC Mark Sandall (Appleton, Stretton, Hatton and Walton)

PC Wendy Whitehead (Licensing)

PC Christopher Davies (Walton)

PC Timothy O'Hanlon

PC Lisa Green

PC Rachael Holden

PCSO Sean Evans (Appleton, Stretton)

PCSO Dave Mahon (Appleton, Stretton)

PCSO Ben Scholte (Appleton, Stretton)

Lymm , Grappenhall & Thelwall

Sergeant Michael O'Carroll

Beat Manager - PC Deborah Morgan (Lymm)

Beat Manager - PC Brian Pritchard (Grappenhall and Thelwall)

DC Aaron Grant

PC Rhuri Stewart

PC Gareth Frith

PCSO Michael Lockett (Lymm)

PCSO Darren Dennis (Lymm)

PCSO Ian Carter (Lymm)

PCSO Alex Stacey (Grappenhall and Thelwall)

PCSO Victoria Fox (Grappenhall and Thelwall)

Latchford & Westy

Sergeant Ian Robinson

Beat Manager - PC Richard Whitehead (Latchford East)

Beat Manager - PC Debby Marshall (Westy)

PC Charlotte Maher

PC Christian Mullin

PCSO Ben Blandford

PCSO Tom Reid

PCSO Tony Spruce

PCSO Steve Parr

PCSO Steve Blake

PCSO James Butterworth

Special Constabulary Officers at South NPU

S/Sgt 8665 Elizabeth Snutch

SPC 80034 Steven Elms
SPC 80055 Alexander Tang
SPC 80062 Jamie Croft
SPC 80062 Grant Bones

Contact numbers

999 - All emergency cases where there is a real threat of harm or damage happening or possibly going to happen or if a crime is being committed. An example is you hear a noise in your garden which cannot be explained away and you fear intruders - then 999

0845 458 0000 this is the main number for Cheshire Police and is staffed 24/7 to report incidents where something has happened but is not an emergency - an example you found some damage to your property and are perhaps unsure of when it occurred.

0845 458 6372 - this is the Warrington South Neighbourhood Policing Team number and is a voicemail. If you leave any messages they are answered daily but may not be dealt with that day due to the work patterns. We will get back to you if you leave your name and contact address/phone number. An example of use for this number is for you to ask for a visit, advice, reporting matters of concern etc.

We also have an email address at warrington.south.npt@cheshire.pnn.police.uk which is answered and actioned like the above telephone number.

You can also find a lot of information on the Cheshire Police website on www.cheshire.police.uk

This will tell you all about the various roles and departments and local policing issues, crime reduction advice and much more.

Stockton Heath Police Station, Grappenhall Road, Stockton Heath, WA4 2AF

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111