



Fylde Up Front

Fylde Community Safety Partnership Newsletter

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From left to right, Sergeant Darrel Shuck, PCSO Ed Watterston, PC Toni Harrison, PC Paula Kitchen and PCSO Peter Ellis with the two South Fylde CCTV Vans.

2nd Fylde Community Safety Partnership CCTV Van launched

With the Fylde area being one of the safest places in the country to live it does not qualify for Central Government funding for hard-wired CCTV. However, with a little foresight and a lot of effort from the Community Safety Partnership together with local businesses it has overcome this obstacle.

Initially the idea of a mobile van was the brainchild of PC Matt Willmot, the St Annes Town Centre Community Beat Manager.

The 1st van was donated by Fylde Borough Council and liveried with funding from the Lancashire Partnership Against Crime. But the main funding, for the surveillance equipment, came from Central Government, following a successful bid for assistance from the Small Retailers in Deprived Areas fund.

The advantage of a mobile unit of this type is that it can be utilised by the Police Community Beat Managers across the Fylde where it will provide much needed coverage in the rural areas as well as the town centres.

Following the successful launch of the first van, Government Office for the North West provided a further £20,000 and the police contributed £10,000 to fund a second CCTV Van.

The scheme is being hailed as a true partnership development and this particular venture shows what can be done with a small amount of money. The launch of the first van had a huge impact on community reassurance over the Christmas period and the introduction of the second van will enable the Partnership to give wider coverage to areas in our rural community.

Success means less victims of crime for Fylde

Foreword

Welcome to the first Fylde Community Safety Partnership Newsletter where you will read about some of the successes we have had over the last year.

Major achievements to date have been the dramatic reductions we have seen in crime in the area, especially Domestic Burglary. All Crime for last year compared to 2001-2002 has reduced by over 17% and Domestic Burglary has reduced by 28.8%. This means there have been 107 less victims of burglary in the last year.

The introduction of Community Beat Managers by the police has made a significant impact on partnership working in the community and headway has been made with some major projects.

The campaign to target harden the homes of the elderly and vulnerable in the community with the Distraction Burglary campaign has gone a long way towards achieving the

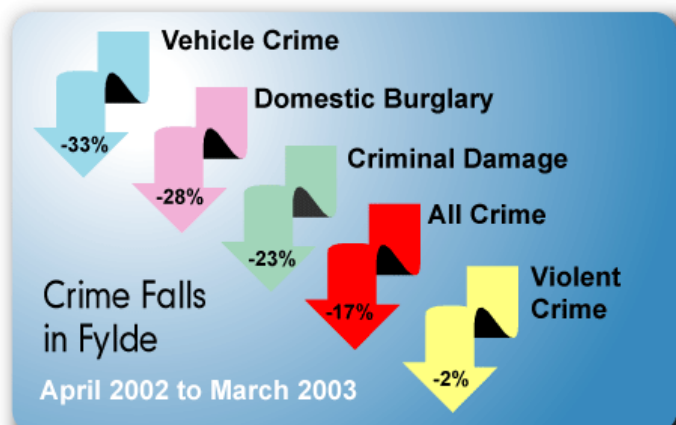
reductions in burglary. More details of the initiative which is led by Age Concern Fylde, are contained in the newsletter.

One year into our three year strategy we have already made considerable progress towards achieving our objectives and this is in no small measure due to the efforts of everyone involved in the working groups.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and hard work with ongoing initiatives. Our success depends on our collective continued support of the ongoing projects.



Christine Miller, Partnership Officer



Working together to make the Fylde a safer place to live

Junction

Dawn Patrol is a partnership scheme funded by Lancashire County Council and Fylde Primary Care Trust and managed by Age Concern.

The scheme is an extremely

Dawn Patrol

simple yet invaluable tool that could literally save lives.

It has been piloted in Kirkham and has worked extremely well there. The partnership would like to see it being run in Lytham and are confident that between the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and Lytham Hall Park School that the whole of South Park and Forest Drive could be covered.

The scheme aims to encourage

Babysitting

Baby-sitting can be quite lucrative for many teenagers, but how prepared are they?

The Fylde Borough Community Safety Partnership is offering baby-sitting courses free of charge to young people over the age of 14.

All participants have to provide is their own packed lunch, and give up 2 Saturdays of their time.

The course provides some inspiring group work and fun activities and will be invaluable to anybody considering a career in childcare, teaching or

In Fylde there is a team based in the Youth & Community centre at Kirkham who are providing a unique service to those young people and their families whose lives are affected by substance misuse and alcohol abuse.

Whilst there are a number of schemes around the country that may be involved in similar early intervention substance misuse work, the difference in the Junction project is that the two workers, Pat Moir and David Fortt provide a combination of the strengths of a working knowledge of a youth and community worker and a health worker.

Since starting in October 2002, David and Pat have spent the first months getting out and about advertising the project using their individually created leaflets with local agencies and communities. They have also made valuable links with schools through multi

with children in general. A certificate is presented on completion of the course and there are also opportunities to progress on to further courses if desired.

Some of the things covered over the 2 days are:

First aid

Dealing with young children's needs

Gaining confidence with children

Exploring how to play with chil-

disciplinary referrals as well as input into school teaching sessions and providing training for professionals working with young people.

The title Junction came from the young people as they felt it reflected the purpose of the team is to act as a signpost. The team work closely with other existing agencies as well as developing opportunities for face to face contact with young people and their families. Much of their work is to help provide information and support to those at risk of trying or using drugs and to understand the harm that can result and cope with their problems that make them more at risk.

For further information contact Pat or David on 01772 682548.

Is here to

- Work with vulnerable young adults & children

dren of different ages

Looking at how to safeguard yourself

General health and safety advice and many more issues

- To date 46 young people have received this training

Junction

- Work with parents or carers
- Provide and initial assessment of individual need
- Provide advocacy and mediation
- Provide access to workers
- Work with young people on a one to one basis
- Provide access to information & advice
- Provide formal/informal education tailored to meet needs
- Refer to youth provision
- Act as a link to other services

Michael Jack and Sue Greenwood, Family Support Co-ordinator together with some of the students that completed the course.

Photo Courtesy of the Gazette





What is SmartWater?

SmartWater is a liquid forensic coding system – a non-hazardous, coded combination of chemicals in an aqueous mix. When dry, in normal lighting conditions it is virtually undetectable, but it glows under ultraviolet light. It is almost impossible to remove and even the slightest trace can be analysed for evidence. Like DNA profiling, each unique SmartWater code can be identified and authenticated. Millions of combinations are available, and each formula is unique to an individual licence holder.

The Forensic Science Service (FSS) – a Home Office Executive Agency manufactures the product under licence, and every coded batch is registered on the FSS's national database. The FSS also analyses samples for evidence (at no cost to the Constabulary).

In simple terms Smartwater means added security to your homes and the items within it. By a simple method the SmartWater is applied to items, of your choice, in your home. This process is carried out by a Police officer. The item that has been marked will then be identifiable for the next century, but by then I doubt you will want it!

Every prisoner will be subject to ultraviolet screening at Police stations and every item of property brought into a Police station will pass under an ultraviolet light. All officers involved in house searches will have access to hand held ultraviolet lights to screen the contents of our "customers" homes.

The cost of SmartWater is a

minimum contribution of £12 per household and then after 2 years the user will have to pay £10 per year to remain on the database. The kits would normally cost £20 and after 2 years £20 to remain on the database. This tub will hold enough SmartWater to mark 10 items of property in 50 houses. As you see the cost is minimal yet the added security is phenomenal! We urge every household to invest in Smartwater.



There are currently 750 Smartwater kits with local Community Beat Managers across the Fylde area.

The start up costs for the initiative were funded by the Partnership and LAN-PAC and it is hoped that donations received from recipients of the kits will enable the scheme to further expand to get maximum coverage across the area.

The idea is to send a clear message to the criminal fraternity that residents in partnership with all agen-

cies are determined to make their homes secure.

The roads that are currently being covered are Curzen Road, Beauclerk Road and Dover Road in St Annes together with areas in Lytham and the rural areas of the Fylde

The new Smartwater Signs which are being displayed

THE MOST POWERFUL
FORENSIC DETERRENT

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Rachel Galloway and Lee Gibbons from St Thomas Schools having their bikes coded

RACHEL GALLOWAY and Lee Gibbons took positive steps after Christmas this year to prevent their new bicycles being stolen.

Rachel and Lee who both attend St Thomas's School, were just two of the children to attend a free bicycle-marking session to have the cycles they received as Christmas presents marked with a unique number.

Police have a problem returning found cycles to their rightful owners, and a simple procedure which etches a unique identifying number on the frame of the cycle means that should the cycle go missing or be stolen the chances of it being returned are improved considerably. High visibility stickers placed on the cycle after marking, act as a deterrent to would be thieves who know that cycles marked in this way are not easy to sell on. Rightful owners are quickly traced back, and their cycles returned to them.

The cost of the security marking would normally be in the region of five pounds per cycle however the Fylde Community Safety Partnership covered the entire cost in order to prevent Fylde residents from becoming victims of crime.

If you have information about any crime, phone

 **Lancashire
CRIMESTOPPERS**
0800 555 111

- Your call is free
- You are not asked for your name
- You may receive a reward

Operation Cubit



Organisers reflect on success

Road side checks were also used to target untaxed vehicles in St. Annes in early March with the vehicles being clamped unless the de-clamping fee was paid together with production of a valid tax disc or surety against getting one.

The operation sent out a clear message to all road users' check your tax and don't get caught out.

A 38 ton mobile crusher placed on the front of the Council's public offices on Clifton Drive, St Annes demonstrated to the media and members of the public what happens when untaxed and abandoned vehicles go unclaimed and the fees and fines unpaid.



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The Right Approach



Divisional Commander Mike Cunningham and Peter Wright, General Manager of the De Vere Hotel, present PC Chris Banks with his prize.

PC Chris Banks will be spending a weekend at one of the country's top luxury hotels thanks to winning the De Vere Hotel Problem Solving Award with Operation Approach which tackled juvenile nuisance and disorder in Freckleton Memorial Park

This is the third year that the De Vere, Heron's Reach has sponsored the award, which aims to recognise excellence in achieving solutions to local community problems in partnership with other agencies and the community.

Six initiatives in total were short listed for the prestigious prize and reviewed by the judging panel. Officers entering the competition were asked to submit a summary of their project outlining the nature of the problem addressed and how they worked in partnership to tackle the problem.

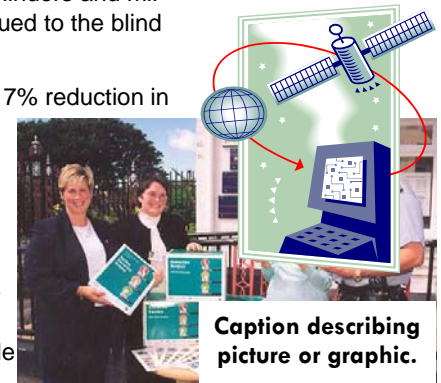
Free Security for Fylde Homes

Fylde residents are starting to enjoy the benefits of free security systems for their homes thanks to the Community Safety Partnership.

As part of the Partnerships ongoing commitment to fighting crime and disorder they have funded a package of measures to combat distraction burglary across the Fylde. Age Concern is managing the project on their behalf and have to date installed security features to 522 homes in Fylde. The measures include door bars, door scopes, memo minders and mirrors. A further 75 enhanced door scopes have been issued to the blind society for the benefit of residents.

Whilst the Fylde is a relatively safe place to live with a 17% reduction in all crime last year compared to 2001-2002, we need to keep it that way and also minimise opportunities for further offences. The latest statistics for the area show a 28% reduction in domestic burglary.

With 28% of the population in Fylde being over the age of 60 the fear of crime can sometimes be disproportionate to the actual level. Rosie Jolly, Chief Officer from Age Concern Fylde knows only too well the worry people suffer when thinking they may be the next victim of crime: "People should be able to feel safe in their own homes and if we can assist them in achieving this, and have an impact on reducing the number of incident of



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Pictured from left to right, Rosie Jolly, Age Concern,