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Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter
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Edenfield and Helmshore - July 2010

What we have been doing this month:

You said:
Young persons are congregating in the area of Helmshore Textile Museum, Bridleway (Former Railway Line) and Hyacinth Close.

We did:
We have completed high visibility patrols in the area and our response teams have also patrolled the area. We have spoken to a number of young people and taken their details for future reference. Should they come to our attention again further action will be taken. The number of calls in relation to this has reduced and we will continue to patrol the area for the near future.

You said:
There are speeding vehicles on the main road through Edenfield.

We did:
We have liaised with local residents with regards to this and they requested that we complete speed enforcement in the area. We have completed this on a number of occasions alongside the Road Policing Unit. We have issued fixed penalty notices to drivers exceeding the speed limit and to those not wearing a seatbelt or driving whilst talking on a mobile phone. We have also requested a speed indication device for the area. We plan to continue this action in your area.

You said:
Reports of young persons playing football in the road in the area of Meadway Stubbins.

We did:
We have completed patrols in the area and spoken to young people about the dangers of their actions. We have also spoken to a number of residents in the area and also the council to see how we can resolve the problem. We will continue to make patrols in this area.

Your local police station is:
Haslingden Police Station, Manchester Road, Haslingden, Rossendale, BB4 6QW.

Useful websites:
www.lancashire.police.uk
www.rossendale.gov.uk
www.lancashire.gov.uk

Your local neigbourhood team:

PC 1288
Chris Long

PCSO 7081
Chris Longworth

PS 3495
Craig Leech

Contact us:

email us at:
rossendale.npt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

or leave us a voicemail on:
01706 237367

Please don’t use this contact to report crimes or incidents, use 999 for emergencies or 0845 125 35 45 for non-emergencies.

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111 (Anonymous)

Your Haslingden, Edenfield and Helmshore team hold a surgery on the first Monday of each month at 3pm at Haslingden Library.

There is also a public surgery at 6pm at Edenfield Community Centre on the 5th August 2010.

To contact the police:
☎ 0845 1 25 35 45 www.lancashire.police.uk
Cannabis Farm uncovered

A cannabis farm with a street value of £60,000 was discovered recently by your Community Beat Manager PC Chris Long. 162 mature plants were discovered at a property in the Alden Road area of Helmshore.

Speaking of the find he said: “I had initially gone to the property expecting to find a small amount of cannabis and was surprised at the scale of the set up. On discovering the sophisticated set up I then called in a few more of the Neighbourhood Team to assist”.

He also added “I would like to encourage members of the public to come forward if you suspect this kind of activity in your area. You can contact us on the team contact number or you can phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

A man in his twenties has been arrested in connection with this and is now on bail pending further enquiries.

Community week success

A WEEK long operation aimed at tackling community concerns in Rossendale is being hailed a success.

The police, fire service, local council and Green Vale Homes, Safer Travel Unit, Parkwise, Inland Revenue, DVLA, Young Person Services and GRIP have all been working together to address anti-social behaviour, under age drinking, dog fouling and drug related crime in the areas of Haslingden, Edenfield and Helmshore.

Between Monday 12 April and Sunday 19 April 2010:

- 109 business premises were visited
- 428 multi-agency door knocks were carried out
- PACT information has been delivered to 135
- More than 400 people were spoken to on the streets
- Two street briefings were held
- Two lots of fly tipping were removed
- 28 fire safety checks were carried out
- Five vehicles were clamped
- 25 stops were carried out
- 19 test purchase operations were carried out at off licences
- 10 drugs warrants were carried out

As a result of the activity a number of young people’s details were taken for future reference for things like walking along garden walls and jumping onto window sills as well as hitting garage doors.

Commenting on the activity, Geographic Inspector Judith Finney, said: “I am really pleased with the week of action and the efforts of all the agencies involved. Crime is very low in Rossendale and by working together we can keep it that way.

The purpose of the week was to reassure local residents that we are working hard to address their concerns and I would like to further reassure them that it doesn’t end here. We will continue to work with our partners to target criminals and address community concerns in relation to things like anti-social behaviour.

Putting a Stop to Lead Theft

POLICE in Rossendale have joined forces with Helmshore Primary School to help call a halt to incidents of lead theft on the premises.

They are also stepping up Police patrols in the area and appealing for anyone with information about suspicious activity within the school grounds to come forward.

Commenting on the partnership, PC Maggie Whitehead from Rossendale Police said: “We’re working closely with the school to deter thieves and to make sure the building is secure. One of the things we’ve done is supply the school with stocks of a high tech greasy fluid called Selecta DNA to cover leaded areas with.

“The fluid is invisible to the naked eye but will transfer to the skin or clothes of any thief and remain on them for weeks. If they are then subsequently stopped by police and taken into custody, UV lights will clearly show the Selecta DNA giving us evidence to help secure a prosecution.

“Our message is this. Lead theft is a serious offence and can cause a great deal of inconvenience particularly when stolen from public buildings like schools. Using traditional techniques and new technology, Police in Rossendale will track down offenders and put them before the courts.”

Speeding Concerns

WE have responded to your concerns about speeding motorists by carrying out enforcement in your area.

Following feedback at PACT meetings, we have conducted speed checks on Burnley Road / Bury Road, Edenfield, where we have handed out Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) to motorists caught exceeding the speed limit, not wearing seatbelts or driving whilst talking on a mobile phone.

If you want to get involved, please contact the team.

Your new Neighbourhood Sergeant

A new neighbourhood sergeant has joined the Rossendale West Neighbourhood Policing Team.

PS Craig Leech has been appointed as the Neighbourhood Sergeant for Haslingden, Edenfield and Helmshore. Sergeant Leech joins us from the Rossendale Response Team where he has been a Sergeant for the past 7 years.

Of his new role he said: “My priority is to ensure that the Neighbourhood Policing Team target the small minority of people who make others feel unsafe within their local community.

“As a team our aim is to discourage those who commit crime, cause nuisance or who are involved in anti social behaviour. I am looking forward to working with the public and partners with a view to making Rossendale a safer place to work and live”.