



Lancashire Combined Watch Forum  
*The Neighbourhood Watch Association  
for Lancashire*

NEWSLETTER

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Neighbourhood Watch has today launched a landmark new survey to understand the impact of cybercrime on communities across England and Wales. Traditionally Neighbourhood Watch has been focused on keeping people safe in the places they live but with the advent of new technology, it's clear people can be at their most vulnerable when they occupy online spaces.

Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre run by the City of London Police, revealed that last year cybercrime victims [lost £28m to online criminals](#). It reports more than 12,000 cases of cybercrime every six months. With the threat from online criminals only ever increasing, it is essential we understand the impact this type of crime has on members as well as their understanding and perception of cybercrime.

The survey, designed in conjunction with cybersecurity company [Avast](#), takes just 10 minutes to complete with one lucky responder in with a chance to win £50 worth of Marks and Spencer vouchers. The survey can be completed via the following link: [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/nw\\_cybercrime](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/nw_cybercrime)

**\*\*\*\*New This Month\*\*\*\***

Also in his months edition is the new Newsletter from Our Lancashire featuring exciting information and updates about the new initiative

**Council Dog Wardens**

- [Lancaster dog warden 01524 582757](#)
- [Wyre dog warden 01253 891000](#)
- [Ribble Valley dog warden 01200 425111](#)
- [Pendle dog warden 01282 661743](#)
- [Blackpool dog warden 01253 477477](#)
- [Fylde dog warden 01253 658658](#)
- [Preston dog warden 01772 906161](#)
- [Hyndburn dog warden 01254 380643](#)
- [Burnley dog warden 01282 425011](#)
- [South Ribble dog warden 01772 625591 / 92](#)
- [West Lancashire dog warden 01695 585254](#)
- [Chorley dog warden 01257 515151](#)
- [Blackburn With Darwen dog warden 01254 585397](#)
- [Rossendale dog warden 0161 334 0042](#)

**August Trivia**

1978 - No 1 Hit The Commodores:  
Three Times a Lady  
1981 - The IBM Personal Computer  
was released  
Birth flowers for August - the  
gladiolus and the poppy.  
Birthstone - Agate or onyx

**This is YOUR Newsletter**

Let us know of any LCWF,  
Neighbourhood Watch or Charity  
events you want publicising or any  
relevant dates and information  
you'd like putting in this newsletter.  
WE NEED: **your** news, **your**  
photo's, **your** stories, **your** ideas &  
input

## Request for volunteers

Lancashire Resilience Forum (LRF) is planning a large-scale live play multi-agency exercise for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the west of the county – exact location to be confirmed.

To assist with the exercise and to enable the scenario to be as realistic as possible we require a large number of volunteers to play various roles such as casualties, witnesses and survivors.

Option 1 - 6<sup>th</sup> November required from 1600hrs (involvement may go through to the early hours)

Option 2 - 7<sup>th</sup> November required from 0830hrs to 1330hrs

Option 3 - 7<sup>th</sup> November required from 0830hrs to 1630hrs

- If you are able to assist please can you reply with option 1, 2 or 3 to LVP-HQ@lancashire.pnn.police.uk
- Expenses **will not** be able to be claimed for this exercise.
- Joining instructions will be sent to you nearer the time.
- If at any point you have volunteered and then find you can no longer participate, please let us know.
- Participants must be over 16yrs on the date of the exercise.

## Knife Crime

**If you know someone who is carrying a knife don't keep silent. Report it. Call Lancashire Constabulary on 101 or report knife crime anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers who can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org).**

Some people think carrying a knife protects you. What they don't realise is carrying a knife doesn't protect you. If you carry a knife and you get into a fight you might be tempted to use your knife. You may have never intended using it but before you know it you've stabbed someone or your knife has been used against you.

### Knives and the law

Just by carrying a knife you could end up in court. It is illegal to carry a knife, even if it belongs to somebody else and if you are caught you will be arrested.

Anyone who is carrying a knife and is intending to use it as a weapon – even in self-defence can be arrested, go to court and receive a police record or even a prison sentence. The police can search anyone they suspect of carrying a knife.

Some people say that they carry a knife for protection or to make them feel safer, even though they wouldn't think of using it. However, research has shown that you're actually more likely to become a victim of crime if you're carrying a knife.

The maximum prison sentence for carrying a knife is four years, but if you use the knife in a crime or to injure someone the penalties are a lot worse. Under 'joint enterprise' rules, prosecutors also have the power to bring before the courts people who were present when a crime was committed so that all face the same serious charges.



**STOP AND THINK!**

## Don't be a victim

If you feel you are in immediate danger from knife crime there are a number of steps you can take to protect yourself:

- Move away from the situation towards a public place (shop, house, restaurant etc.) as quickly as possible.
- Make as much noise as you can.
- Instead of carrying a knife, carry a personal alarm.
- Don't fight back.

Does your boyfriend, girlfriend, partner or someone in your family carry a knife?

If you have an argument could they turn it on you? If you are frightened that someone you know may harm you with a blade or you are being hurt by someone you love and don't know what to do, there are lots of people and organisations that want to help and can help you.

If you don't feel ready to call police but want to talk to someone, why not contact **Lancashire Victim Services 0300 323 0085** or the young persons support service **Nest**. Call: **0300 111 0323** or Text: **NEST** and your number to **60777**

Do you carry a knife? Do you worry that you may hurt someone with it, even though you love them? Are you hurting someone you are in a relationship with or someone in your family?

You can get help by using the respect website. **Respect UK** gives really important information and advice for men who want to stop hurting the people they love.

## Welcome to Our Lancashire

Our Lancashire is the recently formed Lancashire wide initiative to bring groups and communities together to make Lancashire a greater place to live work and play - Let's Join Together!

It is part of the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership (LVP) and comprises a team of Our Lancashire Community Engagement staff funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner and employed by the Police to work in partnership across Lancashire in order to encourage groups to be active, work together for the common good, volunteer and help to support safer, stronger and confident neighbourhoods. A key tool in developing Our Lancashire is a brand-new website for groups which is coming very soon and described below and we will keep you posted on this:

## Meet the Team

The Team are pictured below:



Left to right: Paul Haunch Partnership Supervisor, Rob Richards Community Engagement Officer (East), Gemma McDonough Community Engagement Officer (South), Jonas Bartle Community Engagement Officer (West).

This is a brand-new free Lancashire wide online directory enabling residents to connect with their local community groups, activities and local services to get involved in what is going on and to enable groups to connect with each other to build a strong resilient community network.

It will enable Lancashire community focused groups and organisations to register and to showcase and advertise themselves and their activities and recruit new members and it will also enable groups to connect with each other and build networks.

Groups like Neighbourhood Watch will be able to connect and share skills and experience and access additional support and we are really grateful for the advice and feedback we have had from Lancashire Combined Watch Forum and others in developing and testing the site. We will be going live shortly [www.ourlancashire.org.uk](http://www.ourlancashire.org.uk) and we will update you.

## **The Fusion Awards 2019**

Clive Grunshaw the Police and Crime Commissioner sponsored the first Our Lancashire Community Group of the Year at the recent Fusion Awards in Blackburn in July and awarded the first prize to The Curry Club. This is an innovative and much needed project that brings together people from the community who otherwise may be isolated. It gives them an opportunity to meet people in similar circumstances (albeit from different cultural backgrounds) and share ideas and problems. As the saying goes, a problem shared is a problem halved! On top of all that they also provide a curry - what could be better!



Roger and Colm from the Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch Forum joined the Our Lancashire Team along with Clive Grunshaw to celebrate achievements at the awards ceremony.

## **Community Champions**

The Community Champion role is a new uniformed volunteer role being piloted throughout Lancashire to Local Parish/Town Councils. It is being managed through Our Lancashire and the role is 1-6 hrs per week to act as a Community ambassador for the local town or parish Council who will work with their champions to do things like community engagement, school liaison, reassurance patrols, organise community events and act a community link. Training and uniform will be provided. So far, Garstang, Hesketh Bank, Coppull, Longridge, Earby, Sabden and St Anne's have all signed up and we have 6 Champions being trained up. If you are interested, then please contact the Our Lancashire Team as the scheme is being expanded all the time.

## **Our Lancashire Contact Information**

[www.ourlancashire.org.uk](http://www.ourlancashire.org.uk)

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- Any other enquires please contact: [secretary@lcwf.co.uk](mailto:secretary@lcwf.co.uk)
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