



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

Newsletter

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Now the festive season

is over its back to

Valuables

Thieves particularly target Asian gold as it is often of a very high quality. Any information about the theft of Asian gold please speak up about those targeting Asian gold and be an ambassador for your community; contact Crimestoppers:anonymously.0800 555 111

- Keep all gold, jewellery and other valuables in a safety deposit box – speak to your local bank to find out what's available.
- Keep high-value gold and jewellery at home, ideally in a good-quality safe which complies with official insurance rating standards and their requirements on fitting. To ensure that your safe is the best possible standard, visit www.securedbydesign.com, a Home Office approved website, which lists approved security products that have been awarded the 'Police Preferred Specification' status.
- Consider keeping gold and jewellery hidden (particularly during wedding season and religious holidays). Be discreet when wearing it in public until you get to the venue.
- Be extra vigilant around religious holidays, festivals and weddings by being aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious behaviour.

Lancashire Combined Watch Forum update

New watch progress: No additional activity since last meeting.

Website update: Recent changes have been reviewed considered it to be up to date and fully fit for purpose.

Social media: The LCWF is looking at the possibility of getting advice from a social media 'specialist' who may be willing to offer guidance on the most effective way to use social media so that Neighbourhood Watch and LCWF can try and increase their online presence and accessibility.

Ideas wanted: We have several people interested in becoming a NHW co-ordinator but then a significant percentage do not complete the application info sent to them. In interaction with members of your community do you ever get feedback on why this could be? If so please email any relevant comments to newsletter@lcwf.co.uk so improved ways of moving forward can be considered.

Upcoming events

- Blackpool and Fylde NHW Executive Committee meeting -Tues 5th March 2019 at 19.00, Community meeting room, Sainsbury's, Talbot Rd, Blackpool. FY1 3AJ.
- Wyre NHW Association meeting- Mon 18th March 2019 at 19.00, Wyre Borough Civic Centre, Breck Rd, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU.
- Lancaster Wednesday 30th Jan 2019 at 19.30.
Highwood Residents' Association. Discussion around forming new watch(es)

normality.....if there is such a thing 😊



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

Police Updates and Advice

Psynergy Vehicle: Police in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre have joined forces with medical staff to provide specialist mental health support. An officer will deploy alongside a paramedic and a mental health crisis team nurse to provide care, in a trial aimed at lessening the need for those in crisis to attend A&E. It is also hoped the initiative will free-up vital police resources. Blackpool Insp Pete Hannon said: "This is all about being there to support people when they need us. It ensures that the right people with the right skills are in the right place at the right time.

There are still reports of scams/emails involving non payment of TV licence and vehicle tax. do not to respond to these messages or provide any personal or banking information to stay safe from scammers. If residents do have concerns about their TV licence/ vehicle tax they should use the contact details on official website. If think you have been scammed please report it to Action Fraud <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or call them direct on 0800 123 2040.

Dementia & Alzheimer's: The Herbert Protocol

It is a simple risk reduction tool to be used in the event of an adult with care and support needs going missing. It consists of a form that contains vital information about a person at risk that can be passed to the police at the point the person is reported missing. A recent photograph of the person should also be kept with the form. It is not intended to replace existing safeguarding and security measures.

Who decides who is at risk?

The judgement should be based on your professional opinion or knowledge of your family member, or the person you care for.

Who completes the form?

In a care setting, the care provider, or their family can fill in the form. Please seek permission from the person at risk or their next of kin.

If neither is possible, the care provider should make a 'best interests' assessment.

The form should be completed and regularly updated, so that all the information is as relevant as possible.

When do the Police need the form? The police only need the form at the point the person is reported missing. There is no need to hand it to police before then and the form will be returned once the person is found.

Where should the form be stored? It should be stored securely at home or in the care setting (in accordance with data protection laws) where it can quickly be found.

Printed or electronic form? You can download the form from: <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/media/1341296/herbert-protocol-missing-person-incident-form-word-docx>., a paper copy will need to be handed to the police officer who attends to take the missing person's report.

What should a care provider do if the person goes missing? After you have conducted an 'open door' search of the address, grounds and outbuildings and you believe a person is missing, alert the police at the earliest opportunity. If you believe that the person missing is at a **high risk of harm**, please call [999](https://www.999.gov.uk). Tell the police operator that you have the **Herbert Protocol person profile**.

Police Appeals

Burnley's most wanted man remains at large, and police have launched an appeal to catch him. Officers wanted to speak to **Kevin King Yates, 25**, following a string of burglaries since November across East Lancashire, as well threats of violence, cars being stolen, dangerous driving and failing to stop offences.

He is known to have various tattoos including a pair of boxing gloves on his neck, 'Samantha' on the side of his leg as well as 'loyalty' and 'family' written on the side of his hands.

Lancashire Police are appealing to members of the public to help trace King Yates but have advised that he should not be approached.

He's described as white, around 6ft, of medium build with a bald head.

If you want to speak to police about previous sightings of King Yates, please call 01282 472123 or if you fail to get an answer, 101. If you want to tell police where he is at this moment in time, please call 999.

Police have appealed for the public's help in finding Abdulah Hussein (the recently well published Ross/ David Schwimmer look-a-like) The 36-year-old, of Slough in London, was due to appear before magistrates in Blackpool last month but did not turn up and could now be anywhere in the county, Lancashire Police said. Mr Hussein was described as six feet tall and was also wanted by the Metropolitan Police after allegedly failing to appear at court to answer to a handling stolen goods charge, and outstanding theft matter.

Any information about his whereabouts can be reported by calling 101, quoting crime reference WA1822955.

A dog walker suffered a broken jaw after being assaulted in Penwortham.

It happened at around 12pm on Sunday, January 13th when the victim, a 48-year-old man from Preston was walking his Labrador on some open fields just off Factory Lane. He saw three men on off-road motorcycles who then rode towards him. An altercation has started which lead to the offender getting off his bike and punching the victim several times to face, causing him to fall to ground and black out. One of the other riders has then kicked him to the head. All of the group then got back on their bikes and rode off towards the direction of the old Bridge Inn, Leyland Road. The dog walker has been left with a broken jaw and a fractured cheek bone. "We think that one of the men was travelling with a boy on the back of his motorbike, possibly between the ages of 6 and 10. ***If you know anything about this attack or the man travelling with the boy on the motorcycle sounds familiar, please get in touch. You can email 6981@lancashire.pnn.police.uk or can call 01772 209633 or 101.***

January Trivia

1986: Motorists were required by law to wear seatbelts.

1931: Traffic police were introduced in Great Britain.

1856: The Victoria Cross originated and were made from the metal of guns captured in the Crimean War.

Messages from our Members

Any thanks, Happy Birthday/ Retirement etc or something you'd like to request help or assistance with? (nothing too personal or crossing GDPR boundaries) please email me.

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