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Welcome...



To the first edition of the new quarterly B Safe Blackpool newsletter, filled with helpful advice and news items on crime, disorder, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour.

On the 1st April 2004, the Blackpool Community Safety Partnership and the Blackpool Drug Action Team merged to become the Blackpool Community Safety and Drugs Partnership. B Safe Blackpool is the new user friendly name for this Partnership.

B Safe Blackpool comprises of representatives from the Council, Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Primary Care Trust, Police Authority and other agencies working in Blackpool from the public, private, community and voluntary sector. The aims and objectives of B Safe Blackpool are to address crime, disorder, anti social behaviour and substance misuse in our town and by doing so improving the quality of life for those who live, visit and work in Blackpool.

As a Partnership we pride ourselves on our innovative approach to crime reduction and we will continue this commitment, ensuring that our work is based on both the knowledge and expertise within the Partnership, and within the communities we serve.

We are pleased with the progress we have made in the last few years both in relation to reducing crime, as well as addressing the substance misuse issue in our town. However, we cannot be complacent and must ensure that our work with our partners and members of our community continues to improve the quality of life of our town.

I hope you will enjoy reading the first edition of B Safe Blackpool Newsletter and please do let us know your views on what you would like us to cover in the next issue.

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Head of Bsafe Blackpool

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Get Online and Get It Sorted!

B Safe Blackpool would like to urge residents suffering from anti-social behaviour in their community not to suffer in silence.

From unsightly graffiti to abandoned cars, dog fouling to noisy neighbours, there are a host of neighbourhood issues that can be dealt with - all at the click of a button!

One of the areas we are hoping will prove popular is the online reporting system, which gives residents the opportunity to report, at their own convenience, issues of concern to them of an anti-social nature.

Our new customer-focussed website (www.bsafblackpool.com) gives people practical tips as well as a wealth of information about crime, community safety and drugs.



ALTN8

ALTN8 (alternate) is an initiative to reduce alcohol consumption of individuals and to reduce alcohol consumption overall. It is widely accepted that the increase in alcohol fuelled violence has risen sharply as consumption has continued to rise, especially in the under 30's.

ALTN8 promotes a simple message, alternate drinks, days and lifestyle to reduce hangovers (short term), and challenges people to look at their drinking routines.

The message is clear – Drink one alcoholic drink then one soft drink (preferably water).

Alternate – one alcoholic drink, one soft drink.... Beat the hangover?

Alternate – You'll still be standing at the end of the night!

Alternate – Do you remember what you did last night?

Alternate – Drinks, the days you drink, venues, lifestyle.



Be Car Crime **CAUTIOUS** Keep a Lid on It!

BSafe is issuing a warning to all residents to be alert to car crime.

Some vehicles have been made specific targets due to the increased investment in satellite navigation. The best advice regarding sat-nav is to take them with you when you leave your vehicle. Wherever possible, do not leave cradles on display and do not leave sat-nav systems in your glove box, this is the first place a thief will look.



Follow our Top Tips on Car Crime:

- Never leave the keys in the ignition of your vehicle.
- Always lock and secure your vehicle.
- Do not leave belongings on show.
- Fit a stereo with removable front panel.
- Mark all valuables with your vehicle registration, using a special security marker available from most hardware stores.
- Have a car alarm or Thatcham approved immobiliser installed.
- Consider buying a steering lock.
- Get your vehicle ID number etched onto all glass surfaces.



Easter revellers are being urged to keep a lid on their alcohol consumption, with the help of a "think wot u drink" safer drinking campaign in Blackpool's pubs and clubs.

BSafe Blackpool is distributing specially branded 'bottle top' and 'glass-lid' devices as part of an awareness raising initiative.



The lids and tops, which carry a 'think wot u drink' message, are designed to remind people to drink responsibly, as well as to deter drink and drug spiking. Although statistically Blackpool does not have a particular problem with drink and drug spiking, BSafe Blackpool still has a responsibility to raise awareness and help people protect their personal safety. Unfortunately, excessive alcohol can make people vulnerable to theft and violent crime, including sexual assaults.

As many as 60,000 lids and tops, alongside awareness-raising posters and flyers are being distributed to clubs and pubs, where bar staff will be handing them out free of charge to customers. The specially-branded lids and tops fit all types of glassed drink, whether it is wine, pints, half pints or bottles.

Although the tops and lids won't guarantee complete protection, they remind people to think twice about what they are drinking, and that drinks should not be left unattended.

Give respect Get respect

BSafe Blackpool has welcomed the news that the resort is one of only 40 areas in England and Wales to become a Respect zone. The move will help unlock additional funding and support, enabling community leaders to further tackle the problems of anti-social behaviour and further target residents' needs.

The initiative forms part of the Government's wider 'Respect' drive and cross-cutting strategy to tackle bad behaviour and nurture good.

The Council and partners have already made successful inroads in preventing and addressing anti-social behaviour and currently use a number of tools and powers, which have had a positive effect on local communities.

The Respect Campaign:

It is about central government, local agencies, local communities and ultimately every citizen working together to build a society in which we can respect one another – where anti-social behaviour is rare and tackled effectively, and communities can live in peace together.

Respect is about nurturing and, where needed, enforcing a modern culture of respect, which the majority of residents want, and bringing about a cultural change in the way



that public services are delivered so that services take visible action in response to local people and provide reassurance.

Respect or the lack of it does more than affect us as individuals. Understanding and adopting a code of behaviour is what makes society work as a whole and is why the government is so committed to working with the public to promote a new culture of respect.

For more details please visit the website: www.respect.gov.uk

Police have young people in their 'sites'

LimaCharlie.org is the Lancashire Constabulary's brand new website featuring a whole host of information solely for young people aged between seven and 16. It encourages young people to communicate openly with police, providing them with an avenue where they can voice their views on issues that affect them.

On the site youngsters can take guided tours of vehicles, cells and police horse stables as well as get to know all about the equipment. They can also read about particular roles within the constabulary in the 'jobs in the spotlight' section as well as finding out more about their local police officers. The site gives them the chance to catch up on the latest police news and get in touch with people involved.

Another feature of the site is the

"Schools in Focus" section which allows pupils and teachers to nominate their school to take part in a special educational program. The pupils are given four topics to research and write about. They have the full force at their disposal and can interview anyone they like and visit almost any police department. They then produce articles on each of the subjects and work with designers to create their own newsletter which is put on the site for others to read and learn from. They also get the chance to conduct a video interview with an officer or member of police staff which is also put on the site (www.limacharlie.org).



New Tougher Laws for Driving with a Mobile Phone

Drivers who risk lives by talking on hand-held mobile phones will face tough new penalties.

Changes to the current laws mean that motorists caught using a hand-held phone whilst driving will face a penalty fine of £60 and will also face three penalty points on their license.

Research has shown that if you are using a mobile phone whilst driving, you are four times more likely to crash.

Police will promote a mobile phone campaign over the coming weeks, warning residents of the dangers of using a mobile phone whilst driving and raise awareness of the changes in the law.

PACT

(Police And Communities Together)

Police and Communities Together gives you the chance to influence what happens in your neighbourhood.

How to influence what the Police do:

PACT - Police and Communities Together meetings give you the chance to meet your neighbourhood policing team every month, have a say on how your neighbourhood is policed and monitor performance of the Police.

- You can find out when your next PACT meeting is by entering your postcode into the 'My Neighbourhood' panel on the Lancashire Constabulary website (www.lancashire.police.uk).
- At the PACT meeting you can tell your neighbourhood policing team what issues concern you. After discussion, a smaller group called a PACT panel decides on the top three policing priorities for the month.



Lancashire Constabulary

police and communities together

- The neighbourhood policing team will report back to the next meeting on progress on solving the issues - sometimes working with other agencies.
- PACT meetings are open to EVERYONE.

If you don't want to come to a meeting but would like to talk to your neighbourhood policing team or want to let them know what you think about the problems in the neighbourhood you can contact your local team, which you can find by entering your postcode into the 'My Neighbourhood' panel on the Lancashire Constabulary website.

Alternatively, please contact Angie Coombes on Telephone Number 01253 604098.

The Hub to Help Hundreds

Young people aged 18 years and under in Blackpool requiring support for alcohol and substance misuse can now benefit from having even more facilities to turn to with the launch of a service specifically targeting young people battling various addictions.



Following successful promotion of the service, "The Hub" – a new development dedicated to young people suffering from alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs and other substance abuse – was officially launched at an opening ceremony a year ago.

Cllr Taylor said "The Partnership has built up a series of successful services and The Hub is our latest attempt to reduce the number of young people misusing substances – identified as one of the nine priorities in the Children's Plan for Blackpool report.

Paolo Pertica, Head of BSafe Blackpool, added "This new project will contribute to our overall effort to prevent young people from starting using substances such as alcohol, tobacco and drugs, but it will also help those who regrettably have already started using them. Working with young people in need of support is a priority for the Partnership and our hope is that we can prevent as many youngsters as possible from becoming the problem drug users of tomorrow."

If you are concerned about a child you are responsible for, support for young people is available by calling The Hub – 01253 476 010 or email thehub@blackpool.gov.uk

Other useful numbers are:
Talk2Frank: 0800 776 600
Parent Line: 0808 800 2222

"Put it Out, Right Out!"

Smoking Kills is the message that is usually seen in the context of health promotion, but did you know that the consequences of smoking can be fatal as a result of fires caused by careless smokers? It is the biggest cause of fire-related deaths in the home, resulting in one third of all fire fatalities.

Fires caused by cigarettes can be prevented by taking a few simple precautions:

- Put it out, right out – make sure your cigarette is fully extinguished.
- Take extra care when you're tired, taking drugs or have been drinking alcohol. It's very easy to fall asleep without realising that your cigarette is still burning.
- Never smoke in bed – if you need to lie down, don't light up. You could doze off and set your bed on fire.
- Never leave lit cigarettes, cigars or pipes unattended – they can easily overbalance as they burn down, land on a carpet or newspaper and start a fire.
- Where possible buy child – resistant lighters and matchboxes - every year children die by starting fires with matches and lighters.

- Use a proper, heavy ashtray that can't tip over easily and is made of a material that won't burn.
- Tap your ash into an ashtray – never a wastebasket – and don't let the ash or cigarette ends build up in the ashtray.

Fit and maintain a smoke alarm – when a fire starts, you only have a few minutes to escape. A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time to get out, stay out and dial 999. You can get a basic smoke alarm for the same price as a packet of cigarettes. Dial Freephone number 0800 169 1125 for a FREE Home Fire Safety



We know that these fires are most likely to start during the night and that some of the most common places for them to start are sofas, beds and carpets.

The Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service is urging everyone to take the following steps to eliminate the risk of a fire in the home due to smoking.

Good together with **ORANGE**

The Orange Mobile Phone Company has joined forces with Blackpool South Neighbourhood Policing Team to ensure that Communities in the Blackpool South area can access their local officers easily.

The Orange Mobile Phone Shop in Market Street, Blackpool has provided the team with 10 mobile phones free of charge. This will mean that people can get in touch with their local officer directly, without going through the Communications Room. This will reduce the burden on Communications Operators who are already extremely busy and also provide a better and more easily accessible service for members of the public.

PS Mick Pritchard is delighted that the Orange shop are supporting the team. He said, "We constantly strive to make sure everyone can speak to us about anything they are concerned about. Recent IT developments mean that we can now be e-mailed, however still not everyone has access to a computer. Almost everyone does have either a home phone or a mobile phone, so thanks to Orange, as well as being contactable through the 0845 1 25 35 45 number, we can now be reached through these mobile phones. I do want to stress that in an emergency where there is a crime in progress or a danger to life, people should still dial 999."



Neighbourhood Policing Mobile Phones

PC 79 HASKETT
Bloomfield 1
07890486058

PC 3070 WARRINGTON
Bloomfield 2/3
07813184742

PC 3306 RYAN
Bloomfield 2/3
07890808797

PC 3423 MASSEY
Waterloo
07890817062

PC 3018 AMIRKHANI
Victoria
07890484751

PC 998 STRINGFELLOW
Clifton
07890786524

PC 3340 GRUNDY
Highfield/Squires
07890486155

PC 4001 PHILLIPSON
Marton
07890817254

Useful Numbers

Reporting a crime in an emergency:

If there is an emergency telephone **999**

You should use this number if you think there is an immediate threat to life or property.

Reporting a non – emergency crime or incident:

Non – emergency police line telephone **08451 253545** or Blackpool Police Station **01253 293933**

Reporting a crime anonymously:

If you have any information on a crime and wish to report it anonymously. Crimestoppers telephone **0800 555 111**

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"The majority of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour is committed by a minority of people".