



Lancashire Police Authority

# Local Policing SUMMARY



Lancashire  
Constabulary

police and communities together

September 2006

## Working with you

Every year Lancashire Police Authority agrees policing targets for the Constabulary. In order to make sure that these targets reflect your greatest concerns, the Authority collects information and feedback from the public throughout the year.

We do this in a number of different ways, including:

- Postal surveys to our residents panel;
- Face to face with communities;
- Monitoring service provision to victims and witnesses;
- Benchmarking confidence and satisfaction levels; and by
- Working with local partners

Your feedback and views help the Authority to identify the issues causing real concern, find out what you think the police do well and not so well, give us insight into how policing is carried out in your area and enable you to influence local policing priorities and targets. Details about local meetings and online surveys can be found on our website, [www.lancspa.gov.uk](http://www.lancspa.gov.uk).

## WHAT IS LANCASHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY?

Lancashire Police Authority is made up of 17 members including councillors, magistrates and independent members from across the county.

Each member has specific roles and interests and sits on various committees including Professional Standards; Human Resources; Planning Performance and Review.

The Authority's main function is to ensure that the people of Lancashire receive an effective and efficient quality policing service and in support of this it works closely with the Constabulary to help it improve its services and consults extensively with local people.

## Contact us:

Chief Executive  
Lancashire Police Authority  
PO Box 653 PRESTON PR2 2WB  
Telephone: 01772 533587  
Email: [info@lpa.lancscc.gov.uk](mailto:info@lpa.lancscc.gov.uk)

# Welcome to our first local policing summary

Welcome to this 'local policing summary' which is designed to give you an insight into how policing is delivered in your area and how the police are making your community safer. It sets out the progress made by the police against targets set by the Police Authority and gives you local information about policing where you live.

As you will see, the Constabulary has made a number of improvements in performance. Levels of burglary are at an all time low; vehicle crime is down; the number of offenders brought to justice has increased and satisfaction levels are exceptionally high. And increasingly, with the creation of dedicated neighbourhood policing teams, police targets can be set at a very local level, with valuable input from the local community, making a real difference to the quality of life in communities across the county.



*Malcolm J. Doherty*

Councillor Malcolm Doherty, OBE  
Chair of Lancashire Police Authority

**Delivering high quality services tailored to our diverse communities through neighbourhood policing is the key to Lancashire Constabulary's Ambition to be the best police force in the country.**

I hope that this Local Policing Summary gives you a clear sense of how we are performing and offers you reassurance that Lancashire really is one of the safest places to be.



*Steve Finnigan*

Steve Finnigan  
Acting Chief Constable

Crime is continuing to fall, by 6.5% overall last year with reductions again in burglary and vehicle crime. Confidence in us remains high at 87% and our detection rate is standing at 32%, the highest we have ever achieved. Last year we answered over one million calls within two seconds and 91% of emergency calls were attended within the 15-minute deadline that we have set. A record number of offenders were also brought to justice with over 40,000 criminals being put before the courts last year.

All of this helps to improve the quality of life enjoyed by the people of Lancashire and, of course, in the Constabulary we have a determination to continue to deliver that high level of service.

If you would like a version of this document in a larger text format, then please call on 01772 533587

જો તમારે આ માહિતી બીજી કોઈ ભાષામાં જોઈતી હોય તો, મહેરબાની કરી લેંકેશાયર કન્સ્ટેબ્યુલરિનો 01772 533587 નંબર પર સંપર્ક કરો.

यदि आपको यह जानकारी किसी दूसरी भाषा में चाहिए तो, कृपया लैंकेशायर कन्सटैब्युलरि का 01772 533587 नंबर पर संपर्क करें.

ਜੇਕਰ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਵਿਚ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਲੈਂਕਾਸ਼ਾਇਰ ਕੰਸਟੇਬਲਰੀ ਨਾਲ 01772 533587 ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

کہ چرے تاسو ته دا معلومات په نورو ژبو کېنه پکار وی نو مهربانی اوکړئ او لنکاشائر کنسٹیبلری سره په فون نمبر 01772 533587 باندے رابطه اوکړئ.

若你需要這些資料翻譯成其他語文，請致電 01772 533587 聯絡蘭開夏郡警隊。

آرآپ ان معلومات کارجرگی اور زبان میں چاہے ہوں تو میری انکاشائر کنسٹیبلری سے 01772 533587 پر رابطہ کریں۔



# How we performed in 2005/06

## In Lancashire our overall objectives are:

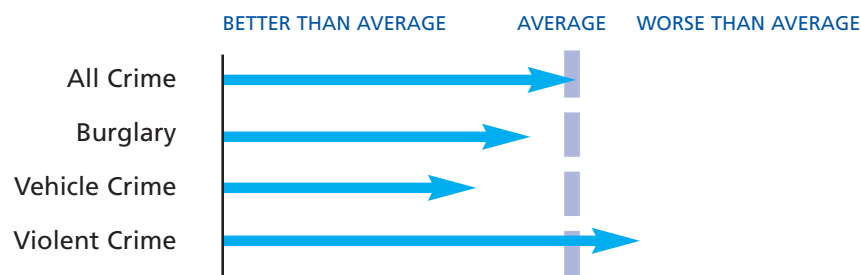
- To reassure the public, particularly those who are vulnerable
- To reduce and investigate crime, particularly those offences that are of concern to the public

Within the overall objectives we check our performance against detailed indicators and targets. As the rest of this page shows, we are doing better than other similar forces in driving down crime rates and raising victim satisfaction.

Each year the Police Authority produces a policing plan in which we make a number of commitments to deliver policing improvements. By working with our partners we have achieved:

- ✓ A reduction of 2,941 in the number of violent crimes
- ✓ An increase of 7,153 offences brought to justice
- ✓ A reduction of 9,814 in the number of recorded crimes
- ✓ A reduction of 511 in the number of domestic burglaries
- ✓ An increase in overall satisfaction of the service received by victims of crime (up from 79.1% to 83.1%)
- ✓ A reduction of 966 in the number of vehicle crimes
- ✓ A significant increase of offenders who have been charged, reported for summons, cautioned, issued with a fine or had the offence taken into account
- ✓ A reduction in the average number of working hours lost due to sickness of police officers and police staff

## Our 2005/06 crime rates compared to other similar areas



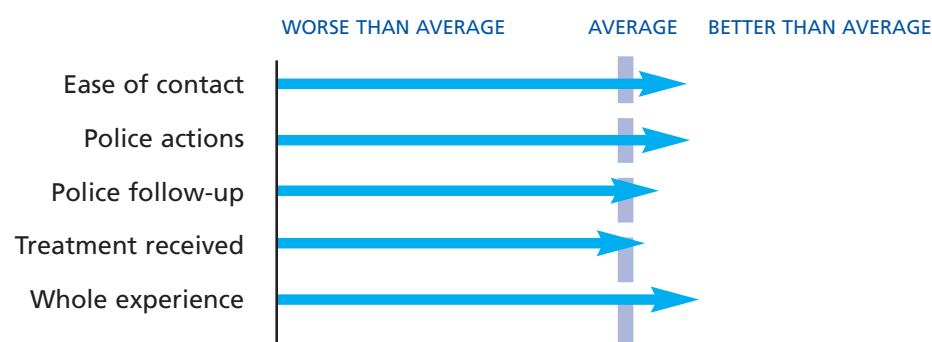
## Looking to improve in 2006/07

We are proud at what has been achieved this last year but there is always room for improvement. We will continue to work harder to:

- ➔ achieve a reduction in criminal damage with partners,
- ➔ maintain and improve the existing high levels of call handling satisfaction
- ➔ increase recruitment of police officers from female and minority ethnic groups
- ➔ further reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions
- ➔ reduce the widening gap in satisfaction levels between minority ethnic and white communities
- ➔ reduce the current turnover rates of locally based officers

Further more detailed information regarding performance is available in the Annual Report for 2005/06 and the Annual Policing Plan 2006/07 which are available on the Police Authority's website at [www.lancspa.gov.uk](http://www.lancspa.gov.uk)

## 2005/06 victim satisfaction with



Most similar forces average (vertical purple line)      Lancashire figures (blue arrow)

## An independent view

Like other public services - schools and hospitals etc - police performance is independently assessed and that performance compared to other similar forces elsewhere in the country. The table shown gives you an indication of how we are performing in our core areas of business.

In October 2005, the Home Office published national police performance assessments for 2004/2005. Performance was assessed across seven main performance areas, bringing together assessments based on data with those based on professional judgement. Performance was described as 'excellent', 'good', 'fair', or 'poor' together with a direction of travel, 'stable', 'improved' or 'deteriorated'.

For the second year running, Lancashire Constabulary was recognised officially as one of the best performing police services in the country and even the Prime Minister stated that Lancashire is a 'ground breaking force that does a superb job'.

An overview of Lancashire's assessment for 2004/05 is set out below:

Performance Areas	Delivery	Direction
Reducing Crime	Fair	Stable
Investigating Crime	Excellent	Improved
Promoting Safety	Good	Improved
Providing Assistance	Good	Improved
Citizen Focus	Fair	Stable
Resource Use	Excellent	Improved
Local Policing	Good	Improved

The assessments for 2005/06 are about to be released and we confidently expect they will be at least as good as these.



# Central Division

## Commander's Introduction



“ Central Division enjoyed a very successful year in 2005/6. Burglary reduced a further 30% on an already all time low and the division achieved, for the first time, a sanction detection rate of over 30%, which means that a third of all reported crime in Preston results in the offender being caught and punished. What was more gratifying was the partnership work with the community and other agencies, which resulted in international recognition for the problem solving initiatives to deal with street level drug dealers and anti-social behaviour.

This year Central Division will not only build on previous success but also concentrate on delivering a top quality of service through Neighbourhood Policing, listening to the public and being focused on the right problems. Recent data from the Home Office shows that Central Division is one of a handful of BCU's (Basic Command Units) which are rated as excellent in comparison to their peers in rating the whole experience of members of the public requiring assistance.

Everything we have learnt tells us that the little things are important - keeping our promises to customers, turning up when we say we will, showing empathy and that we care about their issues and taking anti social behaviour, criminal damage and quality of life issues seriously.

Finally, it is vital that understanding diversity continues to change and improve the way we recruit our staff and deliver our service to the public. I know I share a collective confidence with my staff that we can rise to the challenge of continuing to improve the policing of Preston.

Chief Superintendent  
Michael Barton

### Locally, our policing priorities are to address:

- Criminal damage
- Class A drugs and drug related criminality at local level
- Vehicle Crime
- Reducing casualties and making the roads safer

## What the top three initiatives are in the division

### 1 Operation Damage Limitation / Encams Pilot Project

Criminal damage with its link to anti-social behaviour has been identified as the issue that impacts most on quality of life for the people of Preston. The visual and environmental impact of this crime also tend to increase fear of crime. The division and its local crime and disorder reduction partners have been working together to develop and deliver targeted plans to address these issues. ENCAMS (better known as the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign) as part of a Home Office Funded initiative have selected Preston as one of 80 pilot sites nationally, and have been working in conjunction with the local partnership supporting this work.

### 2 Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

As the aspirational third City of the North West, and a recognised regional centre for entertainment, Preston, with its availability of alcohol through a large and vibrant night time economy, poses significant challenges for the Police and their crime and disorder reduction partners in both the public and private sectors. In order to meet these challenges, work is under way to develop a balanced approach to reducing the potential adverse impact of alcohol on health and safety over the long term. Staff from the local Primary Care Trust and the Police licensing department are taking the lead in co-ordinating this work.

### 3 Expansion of Neighbourhood Policing Teams to incorporate additional PCSO's

Building on its commitment to Neighbourhood Policing, the division is working hard to secure funding through local partnership to ensure that it is able to recruit and deploy, to Neighbourhood Policing teams by April 07, twenty additional Police Community Support Officers. This additional resource will be deployed to 'new' satellite Police stations currently also being developed in the 'heart' of the community. The objective of these initiatives is to ensure that a uniformed presence is maintained in communities for the maximum amount of time.



## Local Contacts

To find out who's in your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, simply log on to [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk) and key in your postcode or street name. Alternatively, ring 0845 1 25 35 45.

### Non-Emergencies

0845 1 25 35 45 is the number you should use for all non-emergency calls to the police. By using it correctly, you can help to make sure that the busy 999 system is available for genuine emergencies and it will connect you straight through to the Constabulary.

### Emergencies

999 is the number to use when there is an emergency - for example, danger to life or a crime in progress. Please don't use 999 for non-emergency calls.

### Local Crime and Disorder Partnerships

To find out more about community safety in your area, please call the following;

[Preston City Council](http://www.preston.gov.uk)  
01772 903417

Or alternatively, visit [www.saferlancashire.co.uk](http://www.saferlancashire.co.uk)



# Eastern Division

## Commander's Introduction



“ This year is an exciting and challenging year that is full of opportunities for the Division. There will be great emphasis on Citizen Focus and I am looking for even further progress. This progression will fall under two strands – that of Neighbourhood Policing and the other being Quality of Service.

In respect of Neighbourhood Policing there will be further development of Shared Neighbourhood Teams. The Community Beat Managers, Police Community Support Officers and volunteers are already involved but response, road policing and the intelligence gathering function of the Division will also be included. The partners involved in this along with the police will, in the shared teams, provide a direct access for people in the community. There will be a shared approach to solving the issues that are of concern to that community and the teams will be sited, wherever possible, within the very heart of the communities they serve.

In respect of Quality of Service, Eastern Division has played a great role in its development and this will continue. Eastern Division now has the capability to carry out local surveys and analyse the information returned. This will be in support of the data that is produced by the force. Obtaining feedback from individuals and the local community will be a primary concern for this year in order to be able to focus our activity on areas that are of concern to the local community. ”

Chief Superintendent  
Dave Mallaby

### Locally, our policing priorities are to address:

- Violent Crime
- Criminal Damage
- Substance Misuse

## What the top three initiatives are in the division

### 1 Shared Neighbourhood Teams

Shared neighbourhood teams are made up of the following people; Community Beat Managers, Police Community Support Officers, volunteers, response officers, road policing, intelligence, special constables, neighbourhood watch co-ordinators, neighbourhood assistants, neighbourhood capacity officers, neighbourhood engagement officers, neighbourhood co-ordinators and administration staff.

The teams work from the same office based within the very heart of the communities they serve. Eastern Division has opened two of these shared neighbourhood teams in Blackburn, one at Bangor Street Community Centre and one at Mill Hill Community Centre.

### 2 Wipe-out - Who's wrecking your neighbourhood

**Vandalism is Criminal Damage, 'See it' – 'Report it' – 'Stop it'.**

The shared Neighbourhood Teams in Eastern Division are working within the communities to stop the devastating effects of criminal damage. They are helping to bring back pride and community spirit into our neighbourhoods.

### 3 Alcohol Action Plan

To minimize the harm caused by alcohol misuse in Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley, the Constabulary is working to the 'ALTN8' strategy promoting sensible drinking by;

- Reducing alcohol-related harm by encouraging sensible and responsible attitudes to drinking.
- Protecting individuals and communities from anti-social and criminal alcohol-related behaviour.
- Reducing the level of alcohol-related ill health, and effectively managing its effects.



## Local Contacts

To find out who's in your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, simply log on to [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk) and key in your postcode or street name. Alternatively, ring 0845 1 25 35 45.

### Non-Emergencies

0845 1 25 35 45 is the number you should use for all non-emergency calls to the police. By using it correctly, you can help to make sure that the busy 999 system is available for genuine emergencies and it will connect you straight through to the Constabulary.

### Emergencies

999 is the number to use when there is an emergency - for example, danger to life or a crime in progress. Please don't use 999 for non-emergency calls.

### Local Crime and Disorder Partnerships

To find out more about community safety in your area, please call one of the following;

[Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk)  
01254 585513

[Ribble Valley Borough Council](http://www.ribbleside.gov.uk)  
01200 414412

[Hyndburn Borough Council](http://www.hyndburn.gov.uk)  
01254 380999

Or alternatively, visit  
[www.saferlancashire.co.uk](http://www.saferlancashire.co.uk)

# Northern Division



## Commander's Introduction



“ Northern Division is a great place to live, work, visit and seek an education. We are proud to be responsible for policing such a diverse area and recognise that we are living in an age where the public demand and expect a high quality service from us.

This year presents us with some exciting opportunities to deliver policing in a manner which is influenced by our communities. Neighbourhood Policing is growing from strength to strength within the division and our priorities are being set in partnership with local people. The division is continuing to be innovative in its approach to Neighbourhood Policing, with the creation of Neighbourhood Crime Teams. These will investigate, reduce, detect and disrupt crime under the priorities that have been highlighted by community representatives.

By continuing to engage with the public, and strengthening the communication flow between ourselves, other agencies and the public, we will develop our understanding of the needs and fears of people who live, work and socialise in Northern Division.

Chief Superintendent  
Gary Stephenson

## Locally, our policing priorities are to address:

- Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage
- Violent crime - including domestic abuse and substance misuse
- Burglary in dwellings
- Theft from vehicles
- Class A drugs and drug related criminality at local level
- Community cohesion
- Policing the shoreline

## What the top three initiatives are in the division

### 1 Operation Seaquest - policing the Morecambe Bay shoreline

The deaths of 23 Chinese people in Morecambe Bay in February 2004 had a major impact on both local residents and many other communities. The dangers associated with fast moving tides are often overlooked in the reckless pursuit of gain from these rich shores in a market where prices are soaring. We have worked hard after this tragic incident to establish the Morecambe Bay Action Group, which will ensure that the risk of harm to people engaged in offshore fishing is reduced and that local community concerns are addressed.

### 2 Sal's Place

Sal's Place is a drop-in centre where people suffering from domestic abuse can come and seek advice and support from a number of different organisations that offer support in an attempt to restart a new life free from abuse. This project was developed to improve the previously fragmented approach that was in place, when victims often relayed their story several times before the received help to alleviate their situation. It opened in April 2005 and has received support from a number of sources including Lancashire Criminal Justice Board, Lancaster District Community Safety Partnership, Lancaster Strategic Safety Partnership and Lancashire Partnership Against Crime (LANPAC). The centre will provide support and legal advice for anyone living in Lancaster, Morecambe and the surrounding areas and is located at: Floor B, St Leonard's House, St Leonardgate, Lancaster LA1 1NN Telephone: 01524 61747 Text: 07800 002272 email: info@salsplace.co.uk

### 3 Operation Cleansweep - attacking crime and grime

We are tackling crime and grime on the streets by planning ahead and co-ordinating our approach with other organisations who can impact on this issue. Through Operation Cleansweep, which commenced in August 2006, the police have joined with the Fire and Rescue service, environmental health, Probation Service and the City Council in order to blitz priority areas. They are following a structured programme that aims to stop the physical decline of community areas and reduce the fear and risk of crime.



## Local Contacts

To find out who's in your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, simply log on to [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk) and key in your postcode or street name. Alternatively, ring 0845 1 25 35 45.

### Non-Emergencies

0845 1 25 35 45 is the number you should use for all non-emergency calls to the police. By using it correctly, you can help to make sure that the busy 999 system is available for genuine emergencies and it will connect you straight through to the Constabulary.

### Emergencies

999 is the number to use when there is an emergency - for example, danger to life or a crime in progress. Please don't use 999 for non-emergency calls.

### Local Crime and Disorder Partnerships

To find out more about community safety in your area, please call one of the following;

Lancaster City Council  
01524 582059

Wyre Borough Council  
01253 891000

Or alternatively, visit  
[www.saferlancashire.co.uk](http://www.saferlancashire.co.uk)



# Pennine Division

## Commander's Introduction



“ 2005/6 was been another busy and successful year for Pennine with the division once again at the forefront of the Constabulary in respect of operational performance and policy innovation.

Last year the number of crimes recorded was further reduced from an already low base. Crimes such as domestic burglary and vehicle crime remain at historically low levels and the numbers of detections have never been higher.

Pennine has set the agenda for Neighbourhood Policing in Lancashire with dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Teams now in place across the whole of Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale.

Given our success over the past 12 months, the year ahead will be challenging but we will strive to ensure that crime continues to fall and detections increase. We will also continue to develop our model of neighbourhood policing - local communities want access to and influence over policing in their area and we must continue to achieve this.

We must also continue to reduce fear of crime and increase confidence in policing. The daily interactions that we have with members of the public are crucial to the way we are perceived. This year we will systemise our approach to quality of service in order to improve confidence.

A busy and challenging time lies ahead. I am proud of what we are achieving and I look forward to the year ahead with considerable confidence.



**Chief Superintendent  
Jerry Graham**

### Locally, our policing priorities are to address:

- To continue reducing crime
- To improve quality of life for local communities by tackling anti social behaviour and improving the local environment
- To reduce the harm caused to communities by drug and alcohol misuse
- To make the roads in our communities safer with an emphasis on reducing child casualties

### What the top three initiatives are in the division

#### 1 MAPS (Multi Agency Problem Solving)

A number of MAPs teams have been established across Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale aimed at tackling local community safety and anti-social behaviour issues in a more dynamic and joined up way.

MAPs teams are made up of a number of agencies including the Police, Council, Youth, Probation and Fire Service - who work together to find solutions to problems in local communities.

Working from the same office, sharing information about crimes and community safety problems, and taking advantage of instant access to police intelligence, the teams are to tackle problems more quickly and effectively than ever before.

#### 2 Targeting Criminals on the Road

An accident waiting to happen - that's how police in Pennine Division see anti-social drivers, drunk drivers, drivers who speed excessively and those who drive without a licence, insurance or MOT, which is why a major new crackdown on their activities has been launched.

The project involves gathering intelligence on persistent offenders who are then relentlessly targeted by officers – their mission to remove dangerous and anti-social drivers from our roads and make communities safer for law abiding motorists and pedestrians.

This is done using tried and tested police powers of arrest and prosecution but also by harnessing new Police powers which allow officers to seize vehicles.

A number of offenders have already been successfully targeted, many of them receiving custodial sentences.

#### 3 Don't Do Damage

This project is a massive crackdown on criminal damage which accounts for a quarter of all crime committed in the Division.

As part of the ongoing 'Don't Do Damage' campaign, police are:

- Putting warning posters up in damage hot spots warning offenders of the penalties that can be imposed - £80 fine, being put before the court or even a prison sentence - and appealing for information from the public;
- Giving out crime prevention advice to those most at risk to damage in order to help reduce offences;
- Delivering an education package in all local schools to make pupils aware of the consequences of causing damage;
- Seeking to secure Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Anti-Social Behaviour Orders on repeat offenders;
- Working with local authorities to ensure that any debris which could be used to cause damage is removed;
- Working with the community on clean-up campaigns, again to make sure debris is removed and residents take pride in their neighbourhood;
- Employing Neighbourhood Watch and School Watch schemes to encourage people to look out for suspicious activity.



### Local Contacts

To find out who's in your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, simply log on to [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk) and key in your postcode or street name. Alternatively, ring 0845 1 25 35 45.

#### Non-Emergencies

0845 1 25 35 45 is the number you should use for all non-emergency calls to the police. By using it correctly, you can help to make sure that the busy 999 system is available for genuine emergencies and it will connect you straight through to the Constabulary.

#### Emergencies

999 is the number to use when there is an emergency - for example, danger to life or a crime in progress. Please don't use 999 for non-emergency calls.

#### Local Crime and Disorder Partnerships

To find out more about community safety in your area, please call one of the following;

[Burnley Borough Council](http://www.burnley.gov.uk)

01282 425011

[Pendle Borough Council](http://www.pendle.gov.uk)

01282 661661

[Rossendale Borough Council](http://www.rossendale.gov.uk)

01706 217777

Or alternatively, visit [www.saferlancashire.co.uk](http://www.saferlancashire.co.uk)



# Southern Division

## Commander's Introduction



“ Crime in Southern Division has continued to reduce during the last year and the high number of crimes detected and, therefore, people brought to justice in the division, is unprecedented. Working with partners across the three districts covered by the division has been essential to this success and I am pleased to report that, together with our partners, we are continually building on our joined-up approach to tackling crime and disorder.

The division has been restructured this year to enable the further development of Neighbourhood Policing, and a total of 53 Neighbourhood Policing Teams are now in place across the division. One of the main priorities for these teams will be to continue to develop the PACT (Police and Communities Together) process in a more flexible way to enable them to better engage with, and work together with members of all of our communities to identify and address local issues.

In delivering Neighbourhood Policing and all other aspects of our work, staff within Southern Division strive to deliver a quality service. Our service ranges from the initial contact with the police through to being kept informed with what is happening with a particular case, and it is essential that, as a minimum, we meet expectations at every stage. We will actively seek feedback as to whether we achieve this to enable us to continually improve the quality of our service delivery.

Chief Superintendent  
Irene Curtis

### Locally, our policing priorities are to address:

- The reduction and detection of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour
- The reduction and detection of violent crime – including assaults and domestic abuse
- The reduction and detection of burglaries in dwellings
- The reduction of serious collisions
- The supply of controlled drugs

### What the top three initiatives are in the division

#### 1 The development of PACT - Asian Women's Group

Strong links have been forged between our Crime and Diversity Officer and the Asian Women's Forum in Chorley.

This has led to regular meetings between this group and the local Community Beat Manager (CBM) where local concerns affecting the community are discussed. These meetings have led to the formation of a further group, the Veiled Muslim Women's Group which is made up of very traditional Muslim females who meet regularly in Chorley to pray together. They do not attend any events where there is a possibility of any man being present and so do not normally get the opportunity to attend regular PACT.

The divisional diversity officer and the local CBM attend the meetings, sometimes for an informal chat, but also to deliver key reassurance messages, and to exchange information and community intelligence.

#### 2 Tackling Anti Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage

Anti social behaviour in the Birch Green area of Skelmersdale identified a need for a partnership approach to tackle the problem and find long-term sustainable solutions. Sixteen youths were found to be at the core of the problem and a multi agency team was formed to tackle the offending behaviour of these individuals. Tactics included warning letters, joint agency consequence visits, diversionary activities, tenancy enforcement and the targeted use of Anti Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) legislation. This resulted in one of the young people writing a letter to local residents apologising for his behaviour. It is anticipated that similar schemes will now be considered for other neighbourhoods in the division.

#### 3 Joined-up Services for Children and Young People

This South Ribble multi agency project aims to improve the quality of life for local children and young people. It focuses on the most vulnerable youngsters and aims to increase the opportunities they have to fulfil their potential.

This project is central to all of the South Ribble Partnership's strategic objectives and will to be piloted in the Moss Side area of Leyland in the near future.

The main objectives are to put in place the highest standards of protection for children and young people to create a Children and Young People's Partnership, to develop a web based service directory and information sharing protocol, and the implementation of geographical pilot projects to improve the quality of life for identified vulnerable children and young people.



## Local Contacts

To find out who's in your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, simply log on to [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk) and key in your postcode or street name. Alternatively, ring 0845 1 25 35 45.

### Non-Emergencies

0845 1 25 35 45 is the number you should use for all non-emergency calls to the police. By using it correctly, you can help to make sure that the busy 999 system is available for genuine emergencies and it will connect you straight through to the Constabulary.

### Emergencies

999 is the number to use when there is an emergency - for example, danger to life or a crime in progress. Please don't use 999 for non-emergency calls.

### Local Crime and Disorder Partnerships

To find out more about community safety in your area, please call one of the following;

[Chorley Borough Council](http://www.chorley.gov.uk)

01257 515151

[South Ribble Borough Council](http://www.southribble.gov.uk)

01772 421491

[West Lancashire District Council](http://www.westlancashire.gov.uk)

01695 577177

Or alternatively, visit [www.saferlancashire.co.uk](http://www.saferlancashire.co.uk)

# Western Division



## Commander's Introduction



“ We are continuing to see some excellent reductions in levels of crime across the division and our detection rates are second to none. Communities across the Fylde coast are now safer than ever before and we are tackling problems that matter to people through the improved information we get at the monthly Policing and Communities Together (PACT) meetings.

Together with our partners we are working hard to make in-roads into other areas of community concern such as violent crime, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. Working in close partnership allows us to provide a joined up approach to problems, tackling the root causes of crime. However, we know there is much more to be done particularly in terms of people's perception of safety.

In the coming year the challenges continue with the focus on the establishment of neighbourhood policing teams. Neighbourhood policing is no longer simply a matter for Community Beat Managers (CBMs), Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and our statutory partners, every member of the community has a part to play in addressing local problems. ”

**Chief Superintendent  
Russ Weaver**

### Locally, our policing priorities are to address:

- **Violent crime, including alcohol related violence and domestic abuse**
- **Criminal damage, resulting in reductions and detections**
- **Burglary in a dwelling, resulting in reductions and detections**

## What the top three initiatives are in the division

### 1 Springboard

The Springboard Project is a pilot project funded until March 2008. Its main aim is to target the top 60 Blackpool families with the most identified complex needs and vulnerability using a multi agency approach. Whilst the focus of the project is to offer support it is also about changing the way we deliver services in Blackpool in a more integrated way. The Team will provide a range of support for the identified families who have varied needs that cannot be supported by a single agency approach. This will enable the wider national agenda around every child matters and the government's RESPECT agenda to be implemented.

### 2 Awaken

Awaken is a multi-agency project set up to tackle the sexual exploitation of vulnerable children and young people under the age of 18 with priority given to those people under 16 and to those with greater prevailing risk factors.

Following the tragic disappearance of a young girl in November 2003, concerns were raised as to the extent and scale of sexual exploitation within Blackpool Council area. An initial problem scan identified the sexual exploitation of vulnerable children and young people presented a significant challenge.

Western Division and Blackpool Children Services set up a truly multi-agency team consisting of police officers, social workers, pupil welfare officers, and a primary care trust health worker. The team is managed by a police Detective Inspector and a Children's Services manager and all the staff are co-located, working together from Blackpool Police Divisional Headquarters.

### 3 Nightsafe

Blackpool's ground-breaking Nightsafe initiative is an innovative campaign to combat binge drinking in order to reduce alcohol related violent crime and anti-social behaviour. It is a multi-agency initiative which relies on the co-operation and commitment of local authorities, licensees, health authorities and hospitals to work together with the police to impact on the problem.

Boasting the message of "have fun but stay safe", the Nightsafe campaign aims to tackle some of the problems associated with the binge drinking culture now prevalent in many of the country's town and cities. It includes, for example, licensees signing up to a Discounting Drinks Protocol, Test Purchasing exercises with the underage, successful multi-agency visits, and Code of Conduct Cards.



## Local Contacts

To find out who's in your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, simply log on to [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk) and key in your postcode or street name. Alternatively, ring 0845 1 25 35 45.

### Non-Emergencies

0845 1 25 35 45 is the number you should use for all non-emergency calls to the police. By using it correctly, you can help to make sure that the busy 999 system is available for genuine emergencies and it will connect you straight through to the Constabulary.

### Emergencies

999 is the number to use when there is an emergency - for example, danger to life or a crime in progress. Please don't use 999 for non-emergency calls.

### Local Crime and Disorder Partnerships

To find out more about community safety in your area, please call one of the following;

[Blackpool Borough Council](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk)  
01253 477477

[Fylde District Council](http://www.fylde.gov.uk)  
01253 658658

Or alternatively, visit [www.saferlancashire.co.uk](http://www.saferlancashire.co.uk)