



Hello from the Communications Team!

Welcome to our fourth Police Authority Newsletter "Dialogue", aimed at providing you with information on issues that have arisen as a result of our Police Authority Community meetings and to alert you to any other information that we think will be of interest to you.

For this edition we thought we should introduce ourselves and give you a quick insight into our roles at the Police Authority.



Naomi Walker, Communications Manager

Description - An adorer of sour cream and chive Pringles, all things Flemish and a huge 'Lost' fanatic.

Role - responsible for the developing and delivering of public consultation activities, external publications and community events as well as coordinating internal and external communications, giving feedback to the public about the Authority and making sure that the public views on policing are fed into the Authority's performance scrutiny and planning process.

Why get out of bed in the morning? "I live such a hectic life... balancing the intricacies of my quest for the perfect lipstick between being a wife and mother and doing a job I really enjoy...give me a reason to stay in bed!"



Ian Dickinson, Administrator

Description - The proud owner of 'Dads taxi's', all things Maltese and a Preston North End Fan (well, someone has to be)

Role - to assist the Communications Manager in the delivery of public consultation activities, external publications and community events as well as co-ordinating the Authority's Independent Custody and Animal Welfare Schemes and servicing Police Authority Committees.

Why get out of bed in the morning? "My wife tells me to!"



Danielle Norton, Administrative Assistant

Description - I enjoy going to the theatre and the cinema, eating out and spending time with family and friends.

Role - to assist in the provision, maintenance and development of the Police Authority website including responding to all communication received through the site. I work with the Communications Manager to achieve delivery of public consultation activities and community events and assist the scheme administrator for the Authority's Independent Custody Visitor Scheme.

Why get out of bed in the morning?

Interesting question... "It's generally a struggle but I am lucky to have such a diverse and interesting role to undertake when I do get to work and outside of work, there is always shopping..."

what affects your confidence?

As you are aware the Police Authority regularly measures the public's confidence in Lancashire Constabulary through its resident's Panel "Opinion". Since the start of the panel in 2002 we have been asking how confident residents are in the police and what things affect the way they feel. From this we know what impacts on confidence and can take steps to address those issues that cause a decrease.

Currently confidence in the police is high at 88%. The table below details the most recent reasons given by our panel members. We will continue to keep you informed of the results in future editions of Dialogue.

Things that increase confidence:	Things that decrease confidence:
Positive/professional reaction from the police (31%)	No/slow response from police (27%)
Rapid response from police (27%)	Unhappy with police reaction/follow up (26%)
Increase in visible police presence (27%)	Negative media coverage (9%)

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We want to ensure that this newsletter is addressing the issues that are important to you. If you have any suggestions about any issues or topics you would like us to include in the next edition, please contact Naomi Walker on 01772 531214 or e-mail naomi.walker@lpa.lancsc.gov.uk

Operation Forecourt: New Car Crime Crackdown Launched

Police in the Pennine Division have launched a tough new crackdown on car crime and are warning offenders - there's no escape!

'Operation Forecourt' will see suspected offenders targeted 24 hours a day, with both high visibility and undercover patrols in hot spot areas and the use of 'rat trap' or 'sting' vehicles designed to help catch criminals in the act.

In a bid to encourage public participation in the

crackdown, there will also be crime prevention mail drops in affected areas giving motorists handy hints and tips on how to protect their car and its contents.

The move follows a slight increase in car crime over recent months - which is threatening to overshadow the huge reductions achieved over the past year.

Commenting on the initiative, Chief Inspector Stuart Noble said: "Car crime levels have been at

record lows but over the past two months we've seen a small rise in the number of offences and this is something we are very keen to call a halt to. We are not prepared to let car crime levels spiral. We are taking firm action and using every tactic at disposal to put the brakes on the recent increase."

Other tactics being used will include the high-tech Automated Number Plate Recognition system which works by scanning passing motor vehicle registrations and checking them against information stored in a variety of databases including the Police National Computer, local intelligence systems and the DVLA.

It is capable of reading more than 1,000 vehicles per hour, identifying vehicles of interest regardless of speed or how

busy the road is. This will help officers discover not just stolen cars but also vehicles used by suspected criminals.

Chief Inspector Noble said: "A lot of excellent work has been done by Police, partner agencies and the public over the past 12 months to reduce car crime levels but sadly offences have started to rise again over recent months and this is simply not acceptable.

We will be doing everything we can to address this and I am appealing for the public to do the same by keeping their vehicles and contents safe, with valuable items like phones, cash, bags and satellite navigation systems removed from the vehicle altogether. If this happens, then I am confident we can return to the low crime levels we have enjoyed over recent years."



police surgeries for rossendale hate crime victims

VICTIMS of hate crime are being offered help and advice at a series of Police Surgeries at Haslingden Library, Deardengate, Haslingden.

The surgeries will take place on the first Tuesday of every month, starting on Tuesday April 3rd from 10.00am to 12 noon.

They are being run by PC Sue Parker from Pennine Division's Hate Crime and Diversity Unit.

PC Parker said "Just like those already in operation in Burnley and Pendle, are for anyone who feels that they are being singled out for abuse because of their age,

gender, sexual orientation, disability, faith or race.

They are being held in a community venue because we know that not everyone feels comfortable visiting police buildings.

During the surgeries we will be able to offer help and advice, contact points for other agencies and access to a team of officers dedicated to investigating hate crime offences.

If you are affected by hate crime, then please come along and speak to us, don't suffer in silence."

Stamping down on boozy behaviour

Over recent years underage drinking has been one of the most prominent concerns raised at Police Authority Community meetings.

Therefore, it comes as no surprise that Neighbourhood Police Officers have been stamping down on damage and boozy behaviour in the Brunshaw area of Burnley.

Following complaints about underage drinking, mud throwing and criminal damage to vehicles, extra patrols

have been carried out resulting in a number of young people receiving warnings, fines and in one case, an Acceptable Behaviour Contract.

Brunshaw Community Beat Manager PC Janet Cowley said "This behaviour is not something either local residents or the police are willing to put up with. We are tackling the problem head on".

Custody Developments

Some people who come into custody have physical or mental problems. Problems around alcohol or drug-related abuse or misuse are common and police officers are often placed at considerable risk from prisoners who are violent. These problems however, are overshadowed by the impact of a death in custody for the family and friends of the deceased and also the police officers and staff involved.

Therefore, the Home office recently issued guidance on how police forces should put in place safeguards to help raise the standards of care for those in custody.

Over the next few editions 'Dialogue' will take a look at the guidance and focus on the practical issues



surrounding how the police, with the help of the community through the authority's independent custody visitors scheme; can minimise the risk to those in custody.

Make sure you don't miss the first feature on 'hands on' equipment (for example, ligature knives and defibrillators) in our next edition.

APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT LAY MEMBER ON THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Police Authority has an Audit and Standards Committee which has two main roles

- ensuring that ethical standards are maintained across the Authority, by both Authority Members and Officers.
- overseeing both internal and external audit activity and ensuring the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control systems

Two Independent Lay Members from outside the Authority are appointed to this Committee to help increase public confidence, provide a clear signal that the Committee is fair, and bring a wider perspective from their outside experiences.

Following advertisements in the Lancashire press, an appointment process has recently been completed for a new Independent Lay Member to serve on the Committee.

The Authority has appointed Mr Douglas Soper, for a four year term of office commencing on the 1st April 2007. Mr Soper is a CIPFA qualified accountant who has served at senior levels of management in the health service and elsewhere, and has recently retired from his post as Chief Executive of Wyre Primary Care Trust.

did you know...

That when a Police Dog is retired from active service they do not receive any financial support or pension? Police dogs are often retired ahead of schedule due to being injured in the course of their work; or even injured protecting their handler. They are an integral part of operational Policing within Lancashire and provide an invaluable service to our County, loyally serving the handlers and the people of Lancashire.

Mrs Jay Nicholas, Secretary of the Retired Lancashire Police Dogs Benevolent Fund said, "Most of the Lancashire Police Dogs generally retire to their handler, who then has to take over all financial responsibility.

The Retired Lancashire Police Dogs Benevolent Fund is a newly formed charity which has been set up by a small group of Lancashire residents to give financial assistance and support to handlers so



that the dog can stay with the family it loves and trusts for the remainder of its life. The Fund, which we believe is the first of its kind in the Country, is completely independent although we have received tremendous support and encouragement from both officers and staff of Lancashire Constabulary.

Children from Balshaw's High School in Leyland made a fabulous donation of £300 to the Fund which was raised through a 'Stars In Your Eyes' Talent Show which the children staged in School recently. There are some extremely talented children at Balshaws and now that the entry age of the X-Factor has been lowered, who knows, maybe we'll see some of them on the X-Factor next year!

Pictured - Year 9 children from Balshaw's High School in Leyland with Deputy Head, Mr David Croft and Mrs Jay Nicholas, Secretary of the Retired Lancashire Police Dogs Benevolent Fund.



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Visit our new look website

Lancashire Police Authority has updated and re-launched the website following consultation with the public. The new site offers greater levels of accessibility for visitors, provides access to agenda papers for the Authority's committee meetings and information about our public meeting dates. The usual interactive



facilities where you can email us or email members with your questions, comments and queries or take part in consultation to register your views continue to feature on the site.

So log on now www.lancspa.gov.uk and tell us what you think.

coppers for cash

One of the core jobs for the Authority is to set the police budget each year and before we set this we have to make sure we consult with local people.

Both the Authority and the Constabulary want to see the police service get even better, but cutting crime and keeping people safe costs money.

The problem we face is how to match low levels of government funding and a limit on the amount of money we can raise locally from residents, with the growing demands on the service.

This year the Constabulary calculated that it needed another £17.6m a year extra. The Constabulary has sought to use its resources as effectively as possible, but it is reaching the limits of what that can achieve on its own.

We know that residents like a visible and responsive police service and that local neighbourhood policing teams have been well received. So as an Authority it was very important that we did not reduce the investment we have made already in neighbourhood policing.

So how do we solve the problem?

From consultation we know that over half of residents surveyed were willing to pay at least £10 more per year for their policing.

That increase gains the Constabulary an extra £3.3million for the service. This amount together with the Constabulary's own savings of £2.6m would provide:

- more detectives to deal with major crime
- more officers to respond to calls for assistance from the public



- more investment in technology, equipment and buildings to support the police in their work.

The cost

At the full Police Authority meeting on the 14th February 2007 it was agreed that we increase council tax for policing by an extra £10 on a typical band B property in Lancashire from £87.96 to £97.96 a year.

For a Band D property, the increase will raise the current £113.09 cost to £125.95.

Setting the grade for policing

Thinking about what targets we set for the police each year, we asked residents to tell us how successful you thought the constabulary had been in delivering on last year's objectives.

Areas of success residents identified included:

- Keeping the public safe and secure,
- Responding well to dealing with alcohol related and other antisocial behavior
- Keeping the roads safe
- Tackling violent crime
- Dealing with crimes committed as a result of prejudice against another person or group for reasons such as age, skin colour, religion, disability etc

- Dealing with crimes committed as a result of the use of or sale of Class A drugs such as cocaine and heroin

When asked about your priorities for the police for next year, you wanted them to:

- Continue to be accessible to everyone and visible in the community
- Keep you safe and secure
- Deal with alcohol related and other types of anti-social behaviour
- Crack down on violent crime
- Fight Terrorism
- Bring more offences and offenders to justice

Objective 1: To reassure the public, particularly those who are vulnerable.

By providing high quality, flexible and responsive policing services which give emphasis to:

- Accessibility and Visibility
- Anti-social behavior, including alcohol-related
- Diversifying our workforce
- Equitable service delivery
- Positive engagement with young people
- Road Policing
- Safer environments
- Support of victims and witnesses

Objective 2: To reduce and investigate crime, particularly those offences that are of concern to the public.

By providing high quality, flexible and responsive policing services which give emphasis to:

- Acquisitive crime
- Counter- terrorism
- Crimes arising from prejudice (Hate crime)
- Crimes associated with Class A drugs
- Offences brought to justice
- Serious and organised criminality
- Violent Crime, including domestic violence

The Budget Process Explained

Who is involved in the budget process?

The Lancashire Police Authority

Lancashire Police Authority has a statutory requirement to approve and monitor the annual police budget and to set the police element of the council tax.

In doing this the Authority aims to provide the Chief Constable with the necessary financial and manpower resources to enable the delivery of an effective and efficient policing service across Lancashire.

The Authority has a Treasurer, supported by a Finance Team, who provides policy and financial advice to members and recommends a budget strategy to the Authority.

Members of the Public

Members of the public are consulted by the Authority

about levels of council tax and how much they would be prepared to pay before it is set.

For 2007/08, more than half of our citizens' panel indicated they were prepared to pay at least a £10 increase in their council tax bill for policing.

The Chief Constable

As well as being responsible for the day-to-day operation of the budget, the Chief Constable in a specific document 'Blueprint2', has reassessed the needs of the policing service for Lancashire, particularly in relation to 'protective services' which include serious and organised crime, major incidents, vulnerable people and counter-terrorism.

As a result, a review of force-wide operational policing services was undertaken to see how far the existing budget could be re-allocated to assist with these protective services.

How is the Lancashire Police Authority Funded

The main sources of funding are as follows.

Police Grant

The Government allocates this grant which is the largest source of funding for the police service. The Government, within the framework of central government spending plans, decides the overall size of the grant which is allocated by way of the police funding formula. In recent years however the formula has been overridden by a flat-rate percentage increase for all police authorities.

Revenue Support Grant

The Revenue Support Grant is allocated by the Government and like the Police Grant is distributed according to the police funding formula, but again more recently this has been overtaken by a flat-rate increase.

National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR)

The NNDR is based on the rateable value of properties other than houses and flats. The rate at which the NNDR is charged is set nationally by central government and can increase every year by up to the rate of inflation. Income raised from this is collected by local authorities and paid into a national pool which government then shares out

among police authorities in proportion to their resident population.

The sum total of the Police Grant, Revenue Support Grant, National Non-Domestic Rates equates to 77% of the Authority's budget.

Specific grants

The Authority also receives a number of special grants from the Government each year to assist in the funding of specific national projects and initiatives. For instance, the Authority currently receives a specific grant to assist with the recruitment of Police Community Support Officers

Council Tax

Police Authorities are able to raise additional funding through local council tax to meet their budget requirement, subject to any restrictions that the Government may impose by way of "capping".

At present in Lancashire, the contribution made by council taxpayers in the whole of Lancashire to the total budget is 23%.

The Budget Process - who does what and when?

Who?	What?	When?
LPA	Review of the previous year's actual expenditure	May
Constabulary	Review medium term financial forecast (5 year financial review)	October
Constabulary	Blueprint2	
LPA	Public Consultation on police budget	November -January
Government	Announcement of the provisional Financial settlement for all authorities	November
LPA	Consideration of draft policing budget	December/January
Government	Announcement of final financial Settlement.	January
LPA	The LPA makes decisions in relation to final budget and Council Tax	February
Constabulary	Provisional Allocation of budget to department (police divisions etc)	March
Constabulary	Revision of budgets by departments in line with Divisional Policing Plans	March/April
Constabulary	Revised Budgets entered into Accounting System for monitoring purposes	April
LPA	Monitoring of performance against the budget	Ongoing

STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS

Police Authority Community Meetings help us to gain the views of local people and hold the Divisional Commander to account.

In recent years, the authority has widened out its consultation mechanisms to increase public engagement. There has also been an increase in other public meetings, such as the

introduction of PACT by the Constabulary and an increasing use of area committees by local authorities. Therefore, the authority is about to embark on a review of its public meetings and in the coming months will be seeking your views on how the authority can effectively engage with the diverse communities of Lancashire.

RAISING THE STANDARDS

In the next few editions of 'Dialogue' we will be taking a look behind the scenes of the Professional Standards Department who are responsible for dealing with complaints against police officers and police staff.

In the first of our in depth look at the Professional Standards Department (PSD) we focus on the Department's Reactive Unit.

The Reactive Unit's role within PSD is to respond to any incoming allegations from members of the public or employees and is staffed by 25 employees.

The unit deals with approximately 1,250 cases per year which range from the most common of allegations of incivility or assault, which can more often than not be rectified locally in Division, to the more serious allegations of corruption. At any one time, the Unit can have around 150 'live' cases on the go.

The total number of cases per year of 1,250 may seem high; however it is a lot lower than previous years. It may also be of interest to know that many complaints are received as a direct result of a member of the public being arrested.

Superintendent Tony Ronan said of the Reactive Unit's work, "To ensure the highest standards are maintained and our quality of service is not compromised, the Reactive Team works extremely hard to ensure that all cases are treated fairly and in a proportionate way."

So, when a case is received, what happens then?

Timeline

STEP ONE - Assessment

On receiving a case, an assessment is made looking at its severity and the speed with which it must be dealt with.

STEP TWO - Allocation

There are two ways cases could be dealt with. One is a local resolution whereby the matter is solved, explained, and settled with the

complainant by the local policing division or two, for more serious allegations, a full Professional Standards Department investigation would take place. For the most serious allegations, for example deaths in custody or corruption, the Independent Police Complaints Commission would also be involved.

STEP THREE - Investigation and Resolution

If referred to the PSD, two operational teams, under the command of a Detective Chief Inspector, would then fully investigate the case and be supported by an Investigation Support Team.

Direction and Control

If a complaint does not concern the conduct of an officer or member of staff, it may be about the organisation or procedures of the Force such as Operational Management Decisions, Operational Policing Policies and Organisational decisions. These complaints are Direction and Control issues.

All such complaints will be recorded and allocated to the appropriate department so that a complainant can be contacted to discuss the issues raised and give explanations as required. Organisational learning is a key consideration in dealing with Direction and Control matters, and action will be taken to rectify any failures in process.

RAISING STANDARDS NEXT MONTH:

Focus on the Intelligence and Anti-corruption team within PSD

crimestoppers

CRIMESTOPPERS is a way of giving information informally and without telling us who you are.

Every day hundreds of ordinary citizens use the scheme to help the police solve many crimes - not just the most serious. It is highly successful and proves that it is possible to do something to make society safer after all. One in ten calls to Crimestoppers results in an arrest.

How does it work?

- Phone any time at all on 0800 555 111. Your call is Free and the person you speak to will be understanding and helpful.
- You will NOT be asked your name, address or phone number.
- The police will NOT contact you - if you want to ring them back, they will give you a code number.
- You may get a cash reward if your information results in an arrest and charge.
- Any reward is paid out by Crimestoppers without you ever revealing your identity to anyone.
- You won't have to go to court.
- No-one will know who gave us the tip-off.

So, if you're fed up with seeing and hearing about crime, help stop it. If you have any information about any crime phone 0800 555 111



Your safety, our priority

In Opinion our residents' survey, we asked respondents about how safe they felt in various situations. Most felt safest at home and least safe in their nearest town centre both during the day and after dark. The two main things that made them feel less safe referred to-

- No/slow response from the police
- Unhappy with the police reaction or follow up.

The two main reasons that made them feel less safe were related to problems associated with groups of young people hanging around and seeing or hearing about anti-social behaviour.

Both of these issues are high on the Constabulary's agenda as Superintendent Bill McMahan, the Force lead on Citizen Focus

explains:

"We continue to work with local people and partners to make full use of the tools we have available in order to tackle these issues. These include making full use of our Youth Referral Scheme, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs), Dispersal Orders and, in appropriate cases, Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs). The Constabulary also works closely with other agencies to tackle anti-social behaviour. Taken together, we are committed to delivering neighbourhood policing and ensuring local people have a real chance to influence the way their local policing services are delivered. We will continue to work to address these issues and keep you updated on any developments".

graffiti artists given chance to "wipe the slate clean"

Youths responsible for graffiti in the Pike Hill and Briercliffe areas of Burnley have been doing their best to wipe the slate clean with assistance from local Neighbourhood Police Officers and Burnley Borough Council.

Following an investigation into recent incidents of nuisance and graffiti several youths were identified by Police and issued with letters giving them an ultimatum - clean it off or we'll clean you out with a £60 Fixed Penalty Notice for Disorder.

The initiative culminated in ten youths turning up at the Spar at Pike Hill and helping not only clean off all the graffiti but pick up all the litter too. And, when the Graffiti crew visited Briercliffe in the afternoon another four youths turned up to help out in their area.

Police Community Support Officer Dave Johnson said "Graffiti isn't welcome in our local neighbourhoods. It causes damage to property and makes people feel unsafe because although crime levels may be low, graffiti makes an area look run down".

Police Community Support Officer Rachel Lonsdale added "We were very impressed with the way the youths got stuck in and cleaned up the areas. I think some of them actually enjoyed it. Three youths at Pike Hill even volunteered to walk down to the telephone connection box at the Thornton Arms to clean that as well.

PCSO Johnson concluded "Rachel and I have built up a reasonable rapport with these youths and would urge them to keep the place looking good by not only behaving themselves



but by letting us know of anyone who continues to cause problems.

Both of us are great believers in making the punishment fit the crime so to speak and by getting the youths to clean up their own mess we feel we have achieved that."

BURNLEY EARNS RESPECT



You may recall that in January the government announced 40 "Respect zones" in England which will receive extra funding to fight anti-social behaviour. One of those areas announced by the Prime Minister is Burnley.

What does this mean?

It **does not** mean that Burnley is one of the worst areas for anti-social behaviour!

It means that Burnley is **leading the way in tackling** anti-social behaviour and people that behave unacceptably.

Respect, or the lack of it, does more than affect us as individuals. Understanding and adopting good behaviour is what makes society work as a whole and is why Burnley Community Safety Partnership is so committed to working with the public to promote a culture of respect.

Respect is a way to tackle bad behaviour and support good behaviour in Burnley's neighbourhoods. It's about tackling anti-social behaviour and creating a culture of respect.

Everyone is involved in their neighbourhood to some degree or other. Where we live is very important and how we behave is important too. Ultimately, if we all work together we can build mutual respect, tackle bad behaviour and live together without fear.

It's not about going back to the past or returning to the days of 'knowing your place'.

- It's about creating and, where needed, enforcing a culture of respect, which most people want.
- It's about showing tolerance, acceptance and common decency towards people around us - our family, friends and peers, people who are older or younger than us, people from different walks of life or who follow different cultures or religions.
- It's about being considerate of the consequences of our behaviour for others.

Anti-Social Behaviour is to be tackled not tolerated. Don't suffer in silence.

It's Your Call Hotline: 0845 605 2222.

In Burnley, the Respect Agenda is being delivered by Burnley's Community Safety Partnership.

Pennine Division welcomes latest Police Community Support Officer

Trawden, Laneshaw Bridge, Wycollar and Foulridge are the latest areas to benefit from an increase in the number of Police Community Support Officers in Pendle.

PCSO Robert Beck, a former town centre warden in Keighley, has joined Community Beat Manager Mark Whitehead and a team of Neighbourhood Response Officers on patrol.

Football fanatic Robert, who not only plays the game but also manages a six a side football team, says he is looking forward to his new role and in particular ensuring that those responsible for criminal and anti-social behaviour are shown the red card.

He said: "I worked as a Town Centre Warden in Keighley for three years before joining the Police so I am used to

being on patrol and working with different people and agencies to tackle local problems.

I think being a PCSO will be similar and I am thoroughly looking forward to getting out and about and meeting people to discuss, and hopefully resolve, any problems they may be experiencing with regards to crime and disorder."



PCSO Robert Beck can be contacted direct on mobile: 07985 519224 or you can leave a message for him on his voicemail: 01282 472987.

instant justice as police deliver a crushing blow to biker

Over the last 12 months there have been many reports through the Police Authority's Community Meetings of the noise and nuisance caused by people on mini motor bikes in their community.

However, we can report that a teenager who failed to listen to warnings about the illegal use of his mini-moto has been dealt a crushing blow by local police.



On Saturday, 17th February following complaints from residents, Neighbourhood Police Officers patrolling the Bank Hall ward of Burnley took the bike off the 15 year old and, with agreement from his parents, had it crushed.

The instant justice was delivered by local Police Community Support Officer Nigel Keates as part of an ongoing campaign by officers to crack down on the illegal and anti-social use of motorbikes across the Borough of Burnley.

PCSO Keates said "We received numerous complaints from residents living in the Bank Hall area of Burnley about this youth and his bike.

We caught up with him and issued a warning only to find him still whizzing around half an hour later. After speaking to him and his parents, the bike was seized and crushed.

We have issued repeated warnings about the use of mini-motos and motorbikes. There is now no excuse for anyone caught riding them illegally or anti-socially".

New Chief Inspector for Pennine

A new Chief Inspector has joined the team policing Pennine.

Chief Inspector Ian Sewart will carry out county firearms duties and lead Neighbourhood Policing and Diversity issues.

On his move Ian said 'I could not be happier about my new posting, the police in Pennine are a top performing Division and one in which I have not had opportunity to work in previously. I have already been impressed by the enthusiasm and

commitment to problem solving shown by those in the division and the innovative work that is being pioneered here. I look forward to meeting everyone and working to maintain our already excellent performance".



The next scheduled Police Authority Community Meetings for Pennine

BURNLEY

Padiham Town Hall, Burnley Road, Padiham
Monday, 18th June, 2007 at 7.00pm

PENDLE

Wheatley Lane Methodist School, Wheatley Lane
Road, Fence, Burnley
Wednesday, 27th June, 2007 at 7.00pm

ROSSENDALE

Edenfield Community Centre, off Exchange Street,
Edenfield, Ramsbottom, Bury
Thursday, 28th June, 2007 at 7.00pm

Heartless Hooligans Damage Saplings

Police have hit out at the hooligans responsible for destroying six saplings - worth around £1,000, which were purchased and planted with lottery funding at Marsden Park, Nelson.

The 15ft high trees were broken in half and scattered around during the wrecking spree which police believe took place some time around 2am on the 25th February.

Local Neighbourhood
Police Officer, PC Mark

Buckley said "This damage is completely mindless and made all the more frustrating when you consider that the trees were bought with lottery funding.

What they have done is terrible, don't protect them, give us their names and we will take action".

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 08451253545 or to call Crimestoppers free and anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Contact Details

In an emergency when you need an immediate response dial 999

Police Non emergency number - 0845 1253545

Call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Lancashire Police Authority - 01772 533462

Remember...

If the police don't know about a problem they cannot do anything about it.