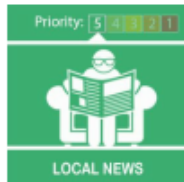

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New Police Task Force In Lancaster and Morecambe

Dear Derek

We want to let you know that from Monday (4 November) we will have a new task force of police officers covering Lancaster and Morecambe, tackling the issues that matter most to residents.

The task force is made up of a proactive team of four officers, with the responsibility for tackling local priorities including drug dealing, anti-social behaviour and burglary, alongside disrupting organised crime group activity and targeting outstanding offenders. There will be similar teams of four or five officers spread across nine areas in the county.

Specialist target teams are also being strengthened to tackle cross border crime and criminality, focusing on burglary and robbery and there has been an uplift in detectives following public feedback to prioritise investigations around major crimes, child exploitation and domestic abuse.

A new drone team is also operational across the force, with two drones paid for by the proceeds of crime, and a team of four officers funded by the council tax precept. This new technology has been invaluable supporting policing operations including events, missing people and warrants.

The task force will be a welcome addition to policing in Lancaster and Morecambe and will help us to continue tackling key crime hotspots, whilst allowing us to be more proactive in preventing the crimes that concern us all the most.

Kind regards

Lancaster and Morecambe Police

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Nosey Neighbour Campaign

Hey there,

It's not about creeping, sneaking or peeking. It's about looking out for people who may need a little extra support, especially over the winter months. Many people will know that, the elderly, isolated and unwell are amongst those most likely to suffer injury, experience accidents or fire in the home and during winter this risk increases significantly. And this year instead of targeting those vulnerable people directly Lancashire Fire and Rescue will be campaigning for all Lancashire's residents to look out for one another, those people that they know and those that they don't.

How do I get involved?

It's easy... Simply reach out to relatives, loved ones, friends and neighbours. Let them know they're not on their own. Check that they're warm enough and ask if there's anything they need help with. Look out for the warning signs and indicators that people may be struggling, pass on our key safety information and keep an eye on our social media channels for more info. Otherwise, let us do the talking – visit our website (www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/noseyneighbour) complete the form and order our free Christmas card which you can then post through your neighbours letterbox.

You can also get involved as a business too, complete the form below to order some Christmas cards, flyers and pin badges which you can display and distribute to help share the message.





Things to look out for...

Here are some of the things that you could be looking out for, some may seem really obvious, but it can be the smaller things, which we often ignore, that when left unattended can end up causing the biggest problems. We'll update these regularly, so keep checking this webpage for the latest safety advice.



Is their home falling into disrepair? Or are there signs that they may be struggling to maintain their property? This may be an indicator that they are struggling and could benefit from ours or our partner agencies support.



Are their curtains always drawn shut? It might be nothing, but it could be a sign that someone is feeling down or living in conditions which might be unsafe.



Do their escape routes appear blocked? For example with furniture or refuse... This might mean that in the event of a fire or other emergency they may struggle to evacuate their home. Gangways and corridors blocked by items might also generate a tripping hazard, which could lead to injury.



Are they leaving the house less? Has there been a dramatic change in their routine? Maybe they've stopped heading out for their morning paper or maybe they've fallen ill. Why not ask "how are you?" next time you see them?



Do they smoke inside the property? If they do, do they have a substantial ashtray? If you notice burn marks then please suggest they register for a free Home Fire Safety check.



Is their cooker top dirty or have they been using it as a means of storage? This is, in fact, one of the leading causes of house fires in Lancashire but it's super easy to avoid; remind them to keep it clean and keep it clear.



Are they using portable heaters? If they are, they should be least 1 meter away from items that could catch fire? With the heater themselves, do they look to be in good working order without frayed wires or damaged plugs.



Are they using candles? Candles and tealights, especially when left unattended create a huge fire risk. Remind them, especially if they're forgetful, of the risks posed by candles. Often, melting hot wax can run and cause other items to combust.



Is their house poorly ventilated or are their signs of damp? Mould patches on the walls and a 'damp smell' are major tell tail signs that a house lacks ventilation or is often too cold. Living in this environment can have an adverse effect on an individuals health, causing respiratory problems, infections, allergies or asthma.



Are there any faulty electricals? Exposed, damaged or frayed wires can spark and cause a fire, which will spread quickly. Keep an eye out for any faults and if something concerns you suggest a free Home Fire Safety Check.



If you frequent their property, have a look to see if they have smoke alarms installed, and if they do, do they know if they are working? Why not offer to test them for them if they struggle?



It's always best to get fire safety advice tailored to the individual and our free Home Fire Safety Check service can do just that. If you notice any of the above warning signs why not suggest they register for the service? You could help them fill out our online form or pass on our freephone contact number; 0800 169 1125.

Jane Williams, Prevention Support Manager for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service said of the new campaign;

"Before now, if you were to be labelled as a nosey neighbour, then the chances are you'd be offended.

"With this campaign we're hoping to challenge perceptions. No longer is 'nosey neighbour' a label to be feared. We want it to become synonymous with looking out for one another, especially vulnerable members of the community who may sometimes be out of sight and out of mind.

"Our message is simple; do something good today. Reach out and show them they don't have to struggle on their own. It's good to be a nosey neighbour.

You can follow the campaign's progress by keeping an eye out on our website and social media channels for news, updates and further information about the winter safety campaign.

Kind regards,

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

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New Knife Arch and Detectors In Your Area

Dear Derek

We want to let you know that a new knife arch and 30 hand-held metal detectors are now in use across Blackpool, Fylde, Wyre, Lancaster and Morecambe.

The new equipment, which will assist in searching suspects, comes after the force secured government funding to help tackle the problem of increased knife crime incidents.



The knife arch scans people as they walk through it and will be used to support events and operational activity. The detectors, which are stored in police vans across the area, will be used by officers when carrying out searches and as part of knife crime operations.

It's part of our commitment to taking more knives and dangerous weapons off the streets and keeping people safe. It's the first time our neighbourhood and response officers have been equipped with the metal detecting devices, which are an effective tool for use alongside stop and search.

We take all reports of offences involving a knife extremely seriously and we will continue to use all the powers at our disposal – such as section 60 orders – in areas where we identify there is an issue. Anyone who is found in possession of a knife could face up to five years in prison.

If you have any information about knife crime in Lancashire, contact the police on 101 or the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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