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Skelmersdale Rural newsletter
incorporating Skelmersdale Rural, North and South,
Ormskirk, Derby and Southern Parishes

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Violent crime crackdown

Police in Skelmersdale completed a violent crime operation last month. The operation took place because we typically see an increase in the number of violent incidents with the warmer weather which are often fuelled by alcohol. High-visibility patrols were increased in the town, warrants were executed and stop checks carried out. The neighbourhood policing team worked together with the support unit and police dog handlers to complete 100 stop-checks to search for offensive weapons or dangerous instruments on the main routes into Skelmersdale between the 5th and 7th of August.

Six men were also arrested during a number of search warrants executed under the Misuse of Drugs Act in the Old Skelmersdale area. 11 properties were targeted after police received intelligence to suggest criminal activity was taking place.

Three properties on Willow Hey, two addresses on Tarlwood, two properties on Windrows and properties on Ferndale and Berry Street were raided. In addition, two garages – one on the The Tamneys and one on Tarlwood – were raided.

We are keen to work alongside the local community and reassure them that we are cracking down. Any violent behaviour can be reported to us on 0845 1 25 35 45.



Crime prevention advice given



Local officers PCSO Cronshaw and PCSO Benson attended The Green Fayre at Beacon Park to speak to local residents about any concerns they have in their area and offer crime prevention advice. They also took the neighbourhood van, uniform and specialist equipment along for children to look at and try on. The team are committed to taking action to address the points raised by residents.

The neighbourhood team at Skelmersdale often attend school and church fetes when our duties allow.

know your local team

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News in brief

Local officers both in uniform and in plain clothes have been targeting off road motorcycles in Parbold. One motorcycle was seized in the Chapel Lane field's area. Trading Standards have also attended many local garages to advise staff regarding the sale of petrol to youth people.

Around 40 officers from across Lancashire Constabulary including the neighbourhood policing team carried out a series of co-ordinated early morning raids in Skelmersdale as part of Operation Nimrod. The raids which were conducted over two days were targeting drug dealing activity in the town in response to concerns from the local community. Eight men were arrested and charged with supplying, intent to supply and concerned in the supply of class A and B drugs as a result.

Local officers are liaising with residents and specialist officers regarding an increase in aggressive behaviour of wild geese in the Parbold area.

Officers in the rural areas have attended local schools at key times due to traffic and parking issues. They will continue to do this when the new school term starts.

55 vehicles in and around Ormskirk have recently been broken into and property taken. Please ensure you lock your vehicles and keep property out of sight.

Have you joined Rural Watch yet? If not speak to one of the team. It is a scheme in which we provide you with essential up to date information regarding crimes, suspicious activity, crime prevention advice and latest news via text or email and is free to join.

The Ormskirk Town Centre neighbourhood policing team has recently launched a new Pubwatch scheme in partnership with local licensees of the town. The scheme allows an exchange of information with regards best practice in and around the town centre pubs to ensure members of the public have an enjoyable and safe night out.

Know our top priorities

Skelmersdale Rural:

Anti-social behaviour in the areas and grounds of local schools.

Skelmersdale North:

Anti-social behaviour and large groups of youths congregating around McColl's and Bargain Booze off licences and around Rowland's Chemist, Ashurst, particularly during the evenings.

Skelmersdale South:

Anti-social behaviour and street drinking on Tanfields play area.

Ormskirk:

Anti-social behaviour and youths congregating at McDonalds between 7pm-10pm.

Southern Parishes:

Anti-social behaviour in the quarry, Aughton, evenings and weekends.

For information about last month's priorities and the action we have taken please visit www.lancashire.police.uk and type your postcode in the My Neighbourhood box.

September's theme for Operation Pathway, which aims to reduce casualties from road traffic collisions, is seatbelts and child restraints. Please ensure that you belt up every trip and that your children are safely strapped into the correct type of seat.

A cannabis factory with an estimated street value of over a quarter of a million pounds has been uncovered at a set of warehouses on Renacres Lane, Halsall. The raid was conducted as a result of intelligence received from the local community.

Lancashire Constabulary is running a week long rural crime operation starting Monday, 19th September to highlight issues surrounding theft, burglary, vehicle and wildlife crime. The operation will involve a range of activities including crime prevention work, vehicle stop checks, offender targeting and wildlife patrols. To find out what we are doing in your area visit www.lancashire.police.uk, follow us on twitter [@lancspolice](https://twitter.com/lancspolice) or facebook www.facebook.com/lancspolice.



PACT and events

Come along and meet your local officers at the following Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings:

Skelmersdale Rural

Monday 5 September 7.30pm,
Newburgh Primary School, Back Lane

Skelmersdale North

Monday 5 September 7pm,
Lambourne Meeting Rooms, Ashurst

Skelmersdale South

Wednesday 7 September 7pm,
Police Office, Coronation Park, Old Skelmersdale

Ormskirk

Please see website for details

Southern Parishes

Tuesday 6 September 7pm,
Village Hall, Winifred Lane, Aughton



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