



Your local constable's community policing letter. Ashton Hayes, Duddon, Clotton, Hoofield, Kelsall, Mouldsworth & Tarvin.
July - August 2012

All villages

I have received a number of complaints this month from concerned residents who have been visited by cold callers hawking goods door to door, typically selling from a holdall and usually overpriced dusters and tea towels etc. The seller will often say they are on a rehabilitation programme from the probation service and they are ex offenders. A particular company coming to my attention is called Morgan's Hawking. Their team of sellers wear identification bearing the company name and a mobile telephone number. The sellers are driven from the north west of England in a mini bus and dropped off in nice quiet villages like yours with the instruction to go selling door to door. Being visited by someone trying to sell you something from a holdall who says they have just got out of prison usually frightens most residents and makes them feel unsettled, sometimes residents just buy something to get rid of them. My advice is simply not to buy anything if you don't want to. Simply say 'no thank I don't want to buy anything please don't call again' and they will move on. If they don't and become troublesome please try to get the name of the seller and a description of them and direction of travel and call Cheshire Police on '101' and we will challenge their behaviour.

I can confirm Morgan's is not a charitable organisation it does not work with the probation service it is a company who recruit people who have previously been in trouble with police and the words 'working on a rehabilitation scheme for offenders' would appear to me as a misleading sales pitch.

From speaking to some of my residents who have raised this issue at my police surgeries the items purchased are overpriced and of poor quality and could be bought from a pound shop so please consider this before buying anything.

Clotton

The Headless Woman public house remains closed and I am informed a planning application has been submitted to redevelop the site. We have had a number of reports of suspicious activity since my last newsletter. There is on going work at the site which should be ongoing during typical working hours. However anything suspicious should still be reported to us on 101.

Tarvin

We continue to get misdirected parking complaints about motorists ignoring the double yellows on the high street. Your local council enforce simple parking offences like parking on double yellow lines.

Heritage crime

This has been highlighted in our recent publication you should have had through your door. If you witness any suspicious activity at any of Tarvin's listed buildings please contact us straight away by dialling 101 and inform us a heritage crime may be in progress.

Kelsall

Anti social/ suspicious behaviour - Recent reports from concerned residents of Hall lane reporting suspicious activity in the fields situated just after the bridge on Hall lane where youths in vehicles occasionally congregating in vehicles. I am happy to say that on checking the location regularly the problem seems to have ceased. However please continue to report any sightings via telephone number '101' if you see a return of anyone acting suspiciously.

Parking obstructions at the CO-OP - My £30 fixed penalty book and biro have been busy this month due to inconsiderate people leaving their vehicle on the double yellow lines outside the Co-op causing an obstruction to motorists turning out of Hollands Lane. Save yourself the dismay of getting a £30 fine and please use the Co-op car park or the Lord Binning rather than simply parking it wherever you like. You have been warned!

Further parking complaints have been made regarding Alexander Terrace and the newly built Reliance Court. The location has now been subject to a highways application for double yellow lines to put a stop to the recently raised issue of people parking on the bend.

1 x £30 fixed penalty has been issued last weekend due a silver car obstructing the pavement despite previous words of advice of where not to park.

Kelsall Primary School parking problems

A number of residents have complained about the parking chaos outside the school during term times caused by unreasonable parents dropping off their children. I have spoken to a number of motorists regarding this and issued plenty of verbal warnings.

With the assistance of the parish council this problem has been brought to the attention of the Highways team who are planning on making improvements before the new term starts. The CWAC parking enforcement team have also been notified.

Local Police officer drop in surgery dates and locations

Ashton Hayes at the village 'Community Shop' held on Tuesdays at 2pm; - 14th August 2012
Tarvin at the Community Centre library held on Thursdays at 2:30pm; - TBC
Mouldsworth at the train station car park held on Mondays at 2:30pm; - 13th August 2012
Kelsall on the car park of the community centre on Wednesdays at 2pm; - 15th August 2012

Our 0845 telephone numbers have now changed, to report a crime or to speak to us regarding any policing matter please dial 101 and select Cheshire Police.

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