

Building Stronger Communities

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Summer 2011

Campaign keeps kids..



Summer's here and right across the 6-week holiday period agencies will be laying on loads of activities as part of Safe4Summer - to ensure young people get involved in positive activities, learn new skills and stay out of trouble.

But the campaign isn't just about having fun. It's as much about giving personal safety advice, as well as getting young people to think about some of the issues that are important to them, from healthy eating and alcohol consumption to sex education and bullying.

And crucially, the campaign also prompts young people

to consider the impact their behaviour could potentially have on the wider community - from the cost of deliberate fires to the life threatening knock-on effects of making hoax calls to the emergency services.

Steve Sheridan, Wigan Borough Commander (Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service) says:

"Sadly, the summer holiday period poses many potential dangers to young people - from the risks associated with the family barbecue, to the often irresistible but tragic lure of dangerous buildings and open water.

"Some young people could find themselves involved in what looks like just a bit

of harmless fun - but other members of the community might not agree. So whilst young people may think they're not doing anybody any harm, their behaviour could upset other people, land them in trouble or put them at risk of personal danger.

"That's why all the partners involved in Safe4Summer share the same aims - to help everyone enjoy this time of year safely and responsibly, whilst ensuring resources are available to respond to real emergencies."

So make this summer memorable for the right reasons! Have some fun, keep out of trouble and stay Safe4Summer.

What is the Building Stronger Communities Partnership?

Agencies across the borough, including the council, police, housing, fire, probation, leisure trust, NHS and voluntary sector, who are working together, tackling crime, providing positive activities and making our borough a cleaner, greener, safer place to live.

To find out what's happening across Tyldesley and Astley, visit www.wigan.gov.uk/safe4summer

Did you know...?

Every time a fire appliance is called out to deal with a grass fires or wheelie bin fire, it costs in the region of £1970.

Atherton Neighbourhood Policing Team Update



Insp Liz Sanderson says:

Whilst vehicle crime was a real

issue for us last year, recent enforcement and education activities have led to some significant reductions.

However, I urge drivers not to become complacent and to ensure all valuable items are removed from vehicles when left unattended and double check vehicles are locked and secure.

Both the Tyldesley and Astley Wards are experiencing good reductions in ASB. We have again arrested an individual in relation to the breach of an ASBO and

placed them before the courts.

A new Section 30 Dispersal Order comes into affect in July in an area in Tyldesley, giving officers powers to disperse nuisance groups away from this ASB hotspot. Read more overleaf and at www.wigan.gov.uk/news

You can contact NPT on **0161 856 7319/Atherton. apt@gmp.police.uk**

CRIME SNAPSHOT

Vehicle crime is down. From July to August 2010 there were 25 incidents whilst this was down to 15 incidents over the same period this year. The same picture is true of burglary dwelling for the same period: 10 incidents last year, 4 this year.



Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Firestoppers 0800 923 9999

Don't make it easy for criminals!

Residents in Tyldesley and Astley are being urged to keep their homes secure as part of a drive to reduce burglary over the summer months.

As the weather gets warmer the temptation is to leave windows and patio doors open to keep the house cool...

But even if you're in the house watching TV or outside in the garden mowing the lawn, remember that open doors and windows might just be the open invitation that burglars are looking for.

Insp Liz Sanderson from Atherton Neighbourhood Policing Team said: "Whilst crime across the area continues to fall, we have very robust plans in place

to tackle the emergence of any patterns around burglary - as well as other crime and disorder.

"Often when we see a spate in burglaries, we are invariably dealing with a handful of opportunist thieves looking for an easy target, so I urge residents to follow some basic crime prevention advice and make it as difficult as possible for them."

Tips for beating the burglar and keeping your home safe include:

- Check that locks and security bolts on your windows and doors are robust and fit for purpose.
- If you have an alarm, use it.
- Burglars will check whether pets have access to

different parts of your house. This will often indicate that your alarm may not be fully activated.

- Make sure you store larger items such as bicycles in a secure shed or garage .
- If you go out for the evening, make it look like someone is at home by turning on lights and the radio.
- If you go away on holiday, use an automatic timer for lights and ask a trusted neighbour to watch your home.

Anyone with information about burglary or who sees anything suspicious in their neighbourhood can contact the police on 0161 8725050 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Tyldesley Pool

A local community group has expressed interest in taking over the management and operation of Tyldesley pool.

The council is currently considering the proposal and hopes to make an announcement soon.

For more information go to <http://www.wigan.gov.uk/News/PoolInterest.htm>



US-Girls

Wigan Sports Development is launching a series of sports opportunities for women aged 16-25 across the borough as part of the StreetGames national 'Us Girls' programme. The Sport England funded programme is part of the Active Women campaign to tackle the gender gap in sport.

They're currently looking for groups of young women interested in taking part in regular sports activities. This will be a great opportunity to get fit, active and socialise.

Groups and individuals who would like to take part in the Active Women's Project should contact Wigan Sports Development on 01942 828510.



LOTTERY FUNDED

New powers to clamp down on ASB

Residents of a community affected by anti-social behaviour are welcoming strict new measures designed to discourage groups from gathering and causing a nuisance.

Greater Manchester Police, Wigan Council and Wigan and Leigh Housing introduced a Section 30 Dispersal Zone around Samuel Street flats in Tyldesley after a recent spate of public order offences.

The issue has escalated recently to the point that some residents claim they feel intimidated and are reluctant to return to their homes.

Expected to last for six months, the order came into affect on Friday 8th July 00:01am and is due to end on Thursday 12th January 2012 at 23:59pm .

Inspector Liz Sanderson says:

"We want to reassure the public that the police will not

necessarily disperse groups in this area just for being in a group and we recognise that not all groups are causing a nuisance. This is not an exclusion zone or curfew area but it is designed to make the area a more pleasant, safer place for everyone."

The order covers an area which includes Green Street, Samuel Street, West Street, Lord Street and East Street.

For further details please contact Atherton Neighbourhood Policing Team by calling 0161 856 7319 or emailing atherton.apt@gmp.police.uk

To report incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area, contact Wigan Council's ASB helpline: 01942 404364.

Contact us

Environmental Services Helpline **01942 404364**

Wigan Council **01942 244991**

Police **0161 827 5050** (to report a crime)

Wigan and Leigh Housing **01942 705040**

NHS Ashton, Leigh and Wigan **01942 482711**