

# Lancashire Partnership Against Crime (LANPAC) Edition 2



## Introduction

Welcome to the first 2025 edition of the LANPAC quarterly newsletter! We're excited to share this update, featuring highlights from Lancashire Constabulary's Problem Solving Awards, the High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen Award ceremony, upcoming crime prevention events and key community safety projects.

Our inaugural newsletter received over 1,000 views, and we sincerely appreciate the continued support of our valued partners. Together, we remain committed to reducing crime across Lancashire.

## New Appointed Vicechair Person



We're pleased to announce that Russ Millhouse has been appointed as the new Vice Chairperson of LANPAC.

Russ is the Head of External and Public Affairs at the University of Central Lancashire, where he leads engagement with key stakeholders, including government officials and local leaders. With a strong background in public affairs, governance, and strategic communications, he brings a wealth of experience to the role.

Beyond his work at the University and at LANPAC, Russ is a Trustee of Blackburn Cathedral and a Governor at Broad Oak Primary School, Penwortham.

Russ is looking forward to supporting LANPAC's important work in making Lancashire a safer place, aligning with the University of Central Lancashire's dedication to strengthening partnerships and serving the wider community.

## Community Safety Projects

LANPAC's primary aim is to promote crime prevention and community safety initiatives throughout Lancashire.

On average, we launch nearly two new initiatives each week, aimed at protecting vulnerable elderly, preventing burglaries, enhancing public safety, and supporting young people. In urgent situations, we can quickly allocate funds to enable immediate responses.

Although we don't implement these initiatives ourselves, we provide funding for projects developed by Lancashire Constabulary in partnership with local communities. We believe that strong connections between community organisations and local police are vital for effective crime prevention. For more information on our funding guidelines, please visit our [website](#).

Below are some recent project highlights from this quarter.



### **Pub Watch Stickers**

Lancashire Constabulary is working closely with Pub Watch schemes to tackle alcohol-related crime, anti-social behaviour, and violence in the night-time economy. Pub Watch banning orders - decided collectively by publicans during monthly meetings - help identify and bar individuals responsible for unacceptable behaviour, creating a safer environment in licensed venues. To reinforce this initiative, window stickers have been introduced in the East and South divisions, clearly signalling that barred individuals are not welcome. These stickers serve as both a deterrent and a preventative measure.

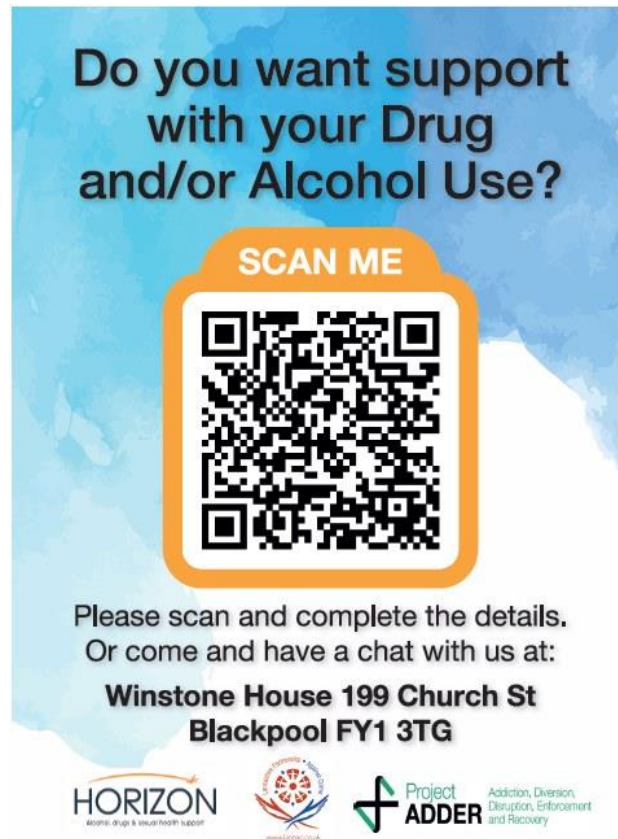


## **Bike Marking Events**

In partnership with local agencies, we have supported the purchase and distribution of over 4,000 Bike Register kits for Lancashire Constabulary. The Bike Register system, used by all UK police forces, has registered over 1 million bikes to date. With an estimated 191,000 bicycle thefts in 2023, bike registration acts as a strong deterrent and significantly improves the chances of recovering stolen bikes.

Bike marking events are regularly hosted by Lancashire Constabulary Teams across the county. Recently, the South Ribble Policing Team partnered with LANPAC member CW Berry to co-host weekend events.

These sessions are promoted through [stay in the know](#), a platform where Lancashire residents can sign up for updates on local policing matters, including upcoming bike marking events.



### **Project ADDER (Addiction, Diversion, Disruption, Enforcement, and Recovery)**

A collaboration between drug and alcohol treatment services, Project ADDER and Blackpool Councils Public Health team have facilitated the introduction of signs designed to help those in need.

It was identified during discussions between all interested parties that an opportunity existed to improve the visibility and pathways into drug and alcohol treatment. The signs feature a unique QR code which links to local treatment services.

Blackpool Police station is the site for the first two. Further locations will be identified in the coming months.

### **Spring Crime Prevention Advice**

As the days get longer and many of us spend more time outdoors, it's important to keep your home and belongings secure. Here are some tips to help protect your property this spring:

**Secure sheds and garages:** Lock up tools and equipment when not in use and ensure garage doors are closed and secure.

**Check fences and boundaries:** Repair any broken panels or gaps in your fencing to maintain security around your property.

**Consider defensive planting:** Thorny hedges or plants near vulnerable areas can act as a natural deterrent to intruders.

**Use light timers:** If you arrive home after dark, set timers on lights to make your home appear occupied.

**Holiday preparations:** If you're planning to be away, ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property and push any post fully through your letterbox.

**Lock windows and doors:** Even when you're at home or just stepping out for a short time, ensure all entry points are secure. Opportunistic thieves often check for open doors or windows.

**Secure bikes and outdoor furniture:** Use heavy-duty locks to secure bikes, BBQs, and garden furniture to immovable objects or store them indoors when not in use.

**Be mindful of social media:** Avoid sharing holiday plans or location updates in real-time, as this can alert potential burglars to an empty home.

**Check security cameras and alarms:** Ensure they are in working order and positioned effectively to cover key areas. Consider installing smart doorbells for added security.

**Mark valuables:** Use property marking kits to register valuable outdoor equipment and bikes, making them easier to recover if stolen.

Stay vigilant and enjoy the season knowing your home is secure.

## Events Held

### Crime Prevention Webinar

In collaboration with Lancashire Constabulary, LANPAC hosted an online crime prevention webinar on Tuesday 17th December 2024, to help attendees stay safe during the festive season. The hour-long session welcomed 60 participants and provided practical advice on protecting homes, businesses, and online shopping.

Key topics included online shopping fraud, with tips on researching websites, secure payment methods, and avoiding scams. Cyber-security basics covered password security, two-factor authentication, and software updates, while an independent crime prevention specialist shared advice on deterring theft and improving property security.

The session ended with a lively Q&A, where attendees shared their queries and concerns.



## Modern Slavery Event

Lancashire Constabulary, LANPAC, Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, and the Pan-Lancashire Anti-Slavery Partnership recently hosted a key event, Tackling Modern Slavery Together.

Held at Lancashire Constabulary Headquarters in Hutton on the evening of Thursday 30th January 2025, the event welcomed over 80 delegates.

The purpose of the event was to raise awareness, share best practices, and inspire collaborative efforts to combat modern slavery within businesses and communities. Attendees heard from expert speakers, including representatives from law enforcement, businesses, and a survivor who courageously shared their lived experience. The event also provided valuable networking opportunities for professionals.



## Problem Orientated Policing (POP) Awards

Lancashire Constabulary hosted its 6th annual Chief Constable's Problem Solving Awards to celebrate innovative crime-fighting approaches across the county.

Over 25 nominations were submitted by officers and staff and reviewed by academic partners. Winners in each category presented their submissions to judges and more than 160 stakeholders at the ceremony, held at The Dunkenhalgh Hotel in Blackburn on Tuesday 28th January 2025.

The seven award categories covered areas such as partnership working, innovation, neighbourhood policing, offender targeting, and anti-social behaviour. Judges included Chief Constable Sacha Hatchett, Assistant Chief Constable Karen Edwards, LANPAC Chairman David Smith OBE, and representatives from local government.

The winning project, entered in the Partnership Working category, was a community initiative in Fleetwood's Park and Mount wards aimed at sustaining crime reduction. The Prosper Partnership, involving councils, schools, housing, and community groups, operates under the Government's Clear, Hold, Build strategy.

Joint runners-up included Blackpool Centurion, a multi-agency effort reducing anti-social behaviour in Brunswick by over 33% in a year, and Op Virage Plus, a crackdown on foreign vehicles committing speeding offences, led by the Safer Roads Unit and Road Crime Team.

David Smith OBE praised the awards, highlighting LANPAC's support and the importance of collaboration in tackling crime and strengthening communities.



*1 - Winning submission - Clear Hold Build*





*2 - Joint runner up submission - Operation Virage Plus*



*3 - Joint runner up submission - Blackpool Centurion*

## The High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen Awards

The High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen Awards 2025 Ceremony took place on Tuesday 25th February 2025, at Lancashire Constabulary Headquarters. This award honours young individuals making a difference in their communities, with over 56 nominations, the competition was tough.

The High Sheriff of Lancashire, Helen Bingley OBE JP DL, along with Chief Constable Sacha Hatchett and Russ Millhouse from the University of Central Lancashire, presented certificates to all the highly commended young people.

### **Winner - Sara Muszynska, 15, Preston**

Sara has been a dedicated member of The Foxton Centre for seven years, supporting youth, homelessness, and vulnerable women. She played a key role in securing a £2.4 million grant for

a new community centre, leading a powerful video campaign. Her fundraising efforts, including events like summer fun days and Christmas bingo, have raised over £800 for vital equipment. She has also developed leadership skills through Snow Camp, showing resilience and commitment to helping others.

**Runner-up - Kitty Blossom Gape, 13, Ormskirk**

Kitty, who has mild cerebral palsy, took it upon herself to educate her school community. She delivered a week-long presentation to over 1,000 students and staff, raising awareness about her condition and promoting inclusivity.

**Third place - Sophia Abbas, 10, Blackburn**

Sophia has raised over £10,000 for Alder Hey Children’s Hospital, funding essential equipment for grieving families. Inspired by the loss of her younger brother, she also donated 250 selection boxes to hospitalised children and provided Memory Boxes to support bereaved families.

These young people have demonstrated exceptional dedication, compassion, and leadership, making a lasting impact on their communities.

The award was sponsored by the University of Central Lancashire.



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*7 - Group Image*

### The High Sheriff of Lancashire's Shrievalty Rose Bowl

Each year, the High Sheriff of Lancashire selects the LANPAC-funded project they believe has made the greatest impact on crime reduction and community safety, awarding the winner the

prestigious Shrievalty Rose Bowl. With LANPAC supporting over 100 projects in the past year, choosing a standout initiative was particularly challenging.

This year's winner, chosen by High Sheriff Helen Bingley OBE JP DL, is Operation Commando, a Fleetwood-based initiative tackling rising youth-related anti-social behaviour (ASB). Led by PC Ben Reynolds and the Fleetwood Neighbourhood Policing Team, the project focused on young people - many from disadvantaged background's who lacked positive role models and structured activities.

Supported by LANPAC and other partners, the Commando Diversion Scheme provided outdoor educational experiences run by former military personnel and local police. Through team building, mentoring, and resilience training, the programme helped participants develop discipline, leadership, and social skills. Young people involved in ASB were identified by police, schools, and other agencies to take part.

The scheme had a major impact, contributing to a 40% reduction in youth-related ASB in 2023, fewer complaints in hotspot areas, and improved behaviour in local schools. Community confidence in policing also grew. One standout success was a previously expelled student who, after completing the programme, gained confidence, showed respect for authority, and began considering a military career.

By addressing the root causes of ASB, Operation Commando created lasting positive change for young people and the wider community, making it a deserving recipient of the Shrievalty Rose Bowl.



## Upcoming Events

### Crime Prevention Expo

Attend the Crime Prevention and Community Safety Expo, hosted by Lancashire Constabulary, LANPAC, and Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at Blackpool Football Club from 10 AM to 3 PM. Explore over 40 partner exhibitors offering expert advice and practical resources to protect your safety and business.

Meet with Lancashire Constabulary's Mounted Branch, specialist units, and the Blackpool Neighbourhood Policing Team to discuss local issues.

Attend key crime prevention sessions:

**11:30AM** - Knife Crime Awareness, led by The JJ Effect.

**12:30PM** - Drug and Alcohol Awareness, led by Lancashire Constabulary.

**1:30PM** - Fraud Security Awareness, led by Lancashire Constabulary.

Plus, enter our FREE raffle for a chance to win valuable crime prevention items like video doorbells and CCTV cameras.

Don't miss out - protect what matters most! [Register here.](#)

### Business Crime Conference

Protect your business from crime at our essential conference on Wednesday 21st May 2025 at Blackburn Rovers Football Club, from 9 AM to 2 PM, with complimentary refreshments and lunch. In partnership with LANPAC, Lancashire Constabulary and Retailers Against Crime.

Hear from Lancashire's Chief Constable, Sacha Hatchett, and Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, on the power of partnerships in tackling business crime.

Gain expert insights on crime prevention, fraud detection, and more, while networking with partner agencies and businesses.

Explore over 20 exhibits showcasing the latest crime prevention tools and resources.

Secure your place today - don't miss this valuable event! [Register here.](#)

### Community Personal Safety Sessions

Your safety is a priority. Join us for one of three exclusive workshops designed to give you the confidence and skills to protect yourself in real-world situations. Hosted at Lancashire



Constabulary Headquarters, these expert-led sessions offer invaluable insights and hands-on training to enhance your personal security.

### **Event Details**

Dates: Wednesday 11th June | Thursday 17th July | Tuesday 12th August

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Lancashire Constabulary Headquarters, Hutton

### **Meet Your Instructors**

Zee Jogi - Guinness World Record holder and founder of Z's Defence Academy. A Blackburn-based self-defence expert with achievements including reaching Everest.

Doug Melia - Internationally recognised use-of-force specialist and founder of Safer Handling. A former Preston door supervisor and registered bodyguard with extensive real-world experience.

### **What You'll Learn:**

- Personal Safety
- Situational Awareness
- Edged Weapon Awareness
- Practical Self-Defence Techniques
- Understanding the Law on Reasonable Force

Regardless of your background or experience, these sessions will empower you with essential skills to boost your awareness, confidence, and ability to protect yourself.

Spaces are limited - secure your spot now! [Register here](#).

## **LANPAC Membership**

LANPAC is supported through member contributions and activities, with members ranging from national companies to small businesses, public services, and sole traders. Membership is open to all, with flexible fees based on organisation size.

### **Why should your organisation join LANPAC?**

As a LANPAC member, your organisation will benefit from:

- Confidence that your membership fee directly supports crime reduction and community prosperity across Lancashire, working closely with local police.
- Opportunities to sponsor community safety projects, aligning your organisation with impactful initiatives.
- Enhanced corporate social responsibility through active participation in crime prevention efforts.
- Invitations to exclusive events focused on crime prevention, offering expert insights and networking opportunities.
- The chance to exhibit at events, showcasing your products and services to a crime prevention-focused audience.
- Connections with other partner organisations and experts to collaborate on tackling crime.
- Regular updates featuring crime prevention advice gathered from trusted sources.
- The privilege to display the LANPAC logo on your materials (subject to guidelines).
- A direct link to your organisation on the LANPAC website, boosting visibility.

To join or for further information, visit the our [website](#) or contact a member of the LANPAC team.

Thank you for reading!

We're eager to hear from our readers, so please reach out if there's anything you'd like to see featured in future editions.

You can contact the team anytime at [lanpac@lancashire.police.uk](mailto:lanpac@lancashire.police.uk)

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