

# Great Lever Community Newsletter

## February 2010



### Beat sweep is back

The beat sweep is coming back to Great Lever. A beat sweep is an initiative where we work intensively in an area alongside our partners from the Fire Service, Environmental Enforcement and Bolton at Home, to name but a few, to tackle issues of criminality, litter, graffiti, fly-tipping and undertake a general clean up of the area. This work will start on 8 March and run for one week.

### November month of action update

In November we took part in various activities to find out what was important to you in your local area, with several street surgeries and a community walk held.

During the community walk, fly-tipping on Marlbrook Walk was identified. A CCTV camera has been installed and two offenders were identified. Both were charged and have appeared in court, where they each received a £250 fine.

### Keep in touch

Sign up to receive our email updates – email us at the address opposite and quote GL updates.

### Crime figures keep falling in Bolton

Bolton has seen the largest drop in levels of crime in the whole of Greater Manchester over the past year.

From April 2009 to the end of January 2010, there have been 465 fewer burglaries (more than a quarter less than last year), 1,478 fewer incidences of vehicle crime (almost a 40 per cent reduction) and 52 fewer robberies (a 17 per cent reduction).

We will continue to focus on proactively targeting offenders in Bolton, to further reduce the number of people that fall victim to crime in the borough.

### Tackling anti-social behaviour

Following some incidents of anti-social behaviour in Bobby Heywood's Park, five warning letters were issued to local youths and their parents. Since this time incidents have reduced, but we continue to monitor the situation. Improved lighting and CCTV has also been agreed for the area.

### Pirate DVDs sent packing

In a recent large-scale counterfeit goods operation, our team worked alongside Trading Standards at Lever Street car boot sales, to deal with the illegal sales of counterfeit goods such as DVDs, computer games and contraband cigarettes. The operation ran throughout December and resulted in 13 people being arrested from Bolton, Salford and Manchester.

Warrants were carried out in Radcliffe and equipment used for copying DVDs was recovered. In addition, two cars were seized, over 6,000 DVDs and games and 30,000 cigarettes. This has led to a dramatic decrease in the number of traders selling counterfeit goods. Further initiatives will be carried out during 2010.

### Great Lever Policing Team



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#### UCAN Centre, Calvert Rd

Fri 26 February, 10am-12noon

Mon 29 March, 2-4pm

#### Bobby Heywood Park Community Centre

21 Feb and 28 March, 2-4pm

#### Housing Office, Holmswood Rd

Fri 12 March, 11am-12 noon

#### Nightingale Centre, Rishton Lane

11 and 18 February, 5-6pm

#### Police Caravan

Mon 22 February, 2-3pm, Viking St

Wed 24 March, 12-1pm, Croft Lane

For further information on crime and community safety, log on to [www.besafebolton.org.uk](http://www.besafebolton.org.uk)

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