A COUNTY council clampdown against dangerous parking is set to boost safety at the school gates.

Many parts of Lancashire have schools where drivers ignore zigzag “safety zones” in front of school gates. The resulting congestion is a danger to children. But new traffic regulation orders (TROs) for 2008 will make it easier for parking attendants to enforce parking restrictions on zig-zags.

County Councillor Tony Martin, Cabinet member for Sustainable Development, said: “People have complained for years that a minority of selfish parents park their cars right next to the gates, making it very dangerous for children trying to cross the road.

“Some would drive their car right into the school hall if they could. Parents, pupils and teachers are the winners in this move.

“It has always been an offence to park on zig-zags, but – until now – parking attendants have only been able to inform the police, giving the offender the chance to drive away.

“The changes will mean that parking attendants will now be able to issue £60 penalty charge notices, which should be a strong deterrent.

“I have seen cars parked two abreast outside some schools – with children trying to navigate their way through the traffic. It is shocking and completely selfish.

“Many headteachers are sick of writing to parents asking for some consideration. It is about time that something was done.”

Surveys have already been ordered to ensure that zig-zag roadmarks and signs are up to legal standards at all of Lancashire’s 600-plus schools.

The TROs will be introduced on a district-by-district basis. By late spring, schools in every part of the county will be included. Until then – and after then – the existing offence of obstruction will continue to be enforced by police.

Time for action - headteacher

HOLY Trinity CE Primary School is one of dozens, possibly hundreds, of schools county-wide which will benefit from extra enforcement of school “zig-zag” zones.

John Aspin, headteacher at the Stacksteads school, said: “I have sent many letters to parents telling them to park considerately. It sometimes works – but doesn’t last.

“Some parents drop their children off on the zig-zags. They think it will only take a few seconds – but parking there causes a danger to other people trying to cross the road.

“Almost every school can report near-misses and some have actually had children being hit by cars.”
Providing • food safety • welfare advice

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Write to:

Preston

questions answered by your friend in the know

Ask Shirley

Road repairs

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To get the road adopted, the person who owns the road (must likely the developer) has to apply for what is known as “Section 38” Agreement!

This is the process that has to be gone through by the land owner to get a road adopted.

Developers who wish to build a road to be main- tained by the council will normally be expect- ed to enter into an Agreement under Section 38 of the Highway Act 1991, a function that is under- taken by district coun- cils on behalf of Lancashire Highways. Before this process the road has to be brought up to Lancashire County Council’s adoption standard. Please contact Lancashire Highways on 0845 0300311 who can inform you if the process is underway. For any existing defects you will have to contact your developer first.

Learn to drive

My daughter is plan- ning to learn to drive this year. Is there any information available to help her get started?

Mrs R, Preston

Lancashire County Council Road Safety Group’s Pre-Pass Support scheme helps learners and friends and family planning to accompany them on practice sessions. There is the opportunity to attend a free course and receive a free CD ROM.

For more information call 01772 530316 or email roadsaFety@env. lancashire.gov.uk

Permit worries

I have fitted a new kitchen in my home and as a result I have a large amount of rubbish which I need to take to the tip. Do I need a permit in order to get rid of it and, if so, how do I go about getting one?

Mr K, Cockfield

Lancashire’s Household Waste Recycling Centres are open daily from 8am to 7pm except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day. You will only need a permit to take any rub- bish to the site if you want to use a van or a twin-axle trailer (less than 3m long). You can get one by ringing 0845 0300037 or applying online at the above address. To find your nearest site go to www.lan- cashire.gov.uk/environment/waste/

The sites are designed to help you to recycle as much rubbish as possi- ble so you should be able to recycle your cardboard and old units, but if you’re in any doubt just ask one of the staff.

“Here To Help” staff are available on all the sites.

Childcare

My family and I have recently moved to Preston and I am look- ing to find a local child- minder who can look after my two young chil- dren. Where can I find their details and how much will they cost?

Mr M, Preston

The Childcare Information Service will be happy to help you. You can contact them on 0800 1950137 or email them at childcare. informationservice@ esc.lancscc.gov.uk They can provide a personal- ised list of child- minders providers that can be posted or e-mailed to you. Details should include contact num- bers, available working hours and cost. Local, registered providers can also be found on the web at www.childcarelink.gov.uk/ lancashire. For details about available places you should then contact the childminder directly.

Boiler help

I have had a grant from Warmfront for a new boiler. I have had problems and the installer is avoiding sorting it out.

Mrs G, Burnley

Warmfront is a govern- ment-backed scheme providing grants and subsidies to provide basic heating facilities and advice on a whole series of energy-saving initiatives. The contri- bution made by the householder can range from nothing to £1,000s depending on the work carried out and the eligi- bility criteria used for the grant.

A lot of the grants are dependent on the work being carried out by an approved installer. Even where work has been carried out at lim- ited or no cost, you are entitled for it to have been done properly and effectively.

It is normally the responsibility of the installer to correct defects.

The initial complaint should be made to the installer directly but, if this is not successful, should be escalated to Warmfront.

Complaints should be made by, or on behalf of, the customer to: 1) the contact centre on 0800 3166011; 2) if unable to resolve, it should be referred to the customer services team on 0800 488 0392; 3) it could be escalated to a manager or 4) it can be escalated for a written response to: Customer Response Team, Eaga House, Archbold Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1DB. If this process is followed, and it fails, Trading Standards can pursue the complaint.

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Travel plans extended after South Ribble shows public transport can work

By Martin Crabtree

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New bid to boost food safety

HUNGRY residents could be getting a better deal the next time they fancy a tasty meal from one of the county’s many food establishments.

Experts from the county council’s Trading Standards team and district council environmental health officers have teamed up to launch Recipe 4 Health, a benchmark for healthy eating.

The scheme has been running successfully in Chorley for the last 12 months and has attracted more than 50 businesses keen to prove that their meals and premises meet high standards.

And now businesses in Burnley, Rossendale and Preston are to get the opportunity to sign up.

Businesses wanting to carry the Recipe 4 Health logo must meet standards in four key areas:

1. Compliance with food standards and food safety legislation
2. Allergen/alcohol awareness
3. Healthy eating
4. Consideration for the environment

The award is also on offer to any establishment where food is served. Already schools, nurseries, a conference centre and a cricket club have joined.

Trading Standards officer Aamena Kapasi explained: “These days more and more people have meals out or take-aways.

“Recipe 4 Health is an indication that the business conforms to high standards regardless of whether they are selling you a sandwich or a curry.

“The scheme also ensures that customers are provided with healthy options.”

Businesses that have achieved the Recipe for Health standard will begin displaying their doorstickers and certificates soon.

By Martin Crabtree

Important information for all holiday club and after school club organisations

A new year may mean a new start, so if you are thinking of setting up either an after school club or holiday club, then help is at hand.

Whether you are thinking of a holiday club, after school club, breakfast club or a full day care provision, allowing time for planning is essential. Before you set up you will need to register with OFSTED, consult with your community, carry out market research, produce a business plan, secure funding and employ staff.

Please bear in mind:

- OFSTED registration can take up to 25 weeks;
- Recruiting quality staff can take months or longer;
- Market research can take a couple of months to put together.

If your club is already up and running and you need further advice, then our service is here to support you.

Day Care Briefing Sessions

The Sure Start, Early Years & Childcare Service hold Day Care Briefings on a monthly basis across Lancashire. The aim of the sessions is to give you:

- An overview of the support offered by the Sure Start, Early Years and Childcare Service;
- Information about national and local initiatives and regulations;
- Information about the national standards;
- The steps you will need to take to become registered;
- Details of five workshops available to support you in your application.

Development Workers and Registration and Training Officers will be available to talk to you about your proposals and give advice. After the session you will be able to book onto any of the five workshops which follow up the Day Care Briefing and will take you through the process of planning your childcare.

The Sure Start, Early Years & Childcare Service

For further information, or if you would like to book onto one of the sessions, please contact the Childcare Information Service on 0800 195 0137.

If you need help and advice on looking for childcare, working in childcare or help with training and development for childcare workers, then also call 0800 195 0137 or log on to www.lancashire.gov.uk/childcare

Available workshops are:
- Setting up – Organisation structures
- Business Planning
- Financial Planning
- Recruitment and retention of staff
- Are you ready to open?
- A new workshop to help you meet the requirements for registration and inspection.

Contact workshops for those setting up to apply for funding from the Sure Start, Early Years and Childcare Service.

0800 195 0137
www.lancashire.gov.uk/childcare
Father Christmas on the move

LANCASHIRE County Council’s Father Christmas was a big attraction to children when he joined councillors in meeting members of the public on the authority’s mobile unit.

He is pictured in Leyland with, from left, Chloe Wealthy, Joseph Grant and Alex Grant.

A full programme of entertainment was organised. There were races of all descriptions. The final of the local school football competition ensured that a good time was had by all.

The society also produced pantomimes for the children, by the children. A great deal of care, time and trouble were lavished on these productions. The musical director was a brilliant pianist called Sydney Duckworth, who was sadly lost serving in the Second World War.

The Co-op catered for all needs, from banking to the local showband, and was the Co-operative treat and then, led by a brass band, they were assembled on the Town Gate Square for the 60th Anniversary.

What I do know is that my road was to be plagued by such behaviour all of the time at all times of the day and night.

The Co-op had a row of shops on Foulridge Street in Kirkham. There were lovely shops which employed local people. We had a row of shops on Foulton Street, including a grocer, a bakery, a butcher’s shop, a drapery, a chemist – the offices, where you got the “divvy” was upstairs.

Some time ago I went to Beamish in Durham and saw the old Co-op shops there. They brought back many good memories.

MRS E LEWKOWITZ

Kirkham

Better behaved

I DON’T know why anti-social behaviour occurs - or what its perpetrators get out of it.

The Co-op was the Co-operative Shop with soul (November/December), where I get a lucky run - but any change or it may be that some was by adults.

It may signify a lasting respite is welcome. What I do know is that some was by young people, some was by adults.

Better behaved people, some was by adults. It is now quite a while since there have been any incidents. It may signify a lasting change or it may be that residents here have had a lucky run - but any respite is welcome.

T PILLING

Rossendale

Helping parents to make choices about their home and working lives

Are you struggling to balance work and family life?

Are you aware of your rights as a working parent?

Are you aware of your rights as an employer?

Do you need to spend more time with your child without giving up your job?

Parent Direct could be for you...

Parent Direct is a telephone and email support service for working parents to give them the information they need to juggle the demands of family and work. It builds on the existing Children Information Service (CIS) to provide additional help on employment legislation and support available for working parents.

For parents, it offers a one-stop service for information on all aspects of balancing home and work life. As well as childcare, the service covers maternity and parenthood rights, flexible working, time off for dependents, tax credits, grants, benefits and support. The service is accessible, friendly and authoritative, enabling parents to make informed choices using high-quality information.

For employees, the high-quality information provided helps staff to make well-informed decisions on flexible working and find the childcare they need, enabling them to feel supported in the workplace.

As part of the Parent Direct Service, CIS staff has access to the Opportunity Links’ estimator. The estimator is a user-friendly tool that calculates tax credits and the Tax and National Insurance savings from Childcare Vouchers, showing how one affects the other.

Personal details, including salary, hours worked and childcare costs are entered. The estimator can then show how much employees can earn through employee-supported childcare, calculate working tax credit and child credit, and demonstrate how working tax credit is affected by taking salary sacrifice and how any caring affects entitlement to the childcare element of working tax credit.

Lancashire Parent Direct can provide you with answers to these questions and many more. Parent Direct is a new service aimed at working parents, which provides accurate and up-to-date information advice and guidance about employment rights to help parents make decisions. Parent Direct aims to help parents keep up with these changes.

Parent Direct is delivered through Lancashire Children Information Service so information about childcare and family support is also on hand. For example, a parent seeking to return to work after childbirth will be able to access details of local childcare and discuss options for flexible working with a single enquiry, saving time and effort.

For further information, help and advice please contact the Childcare Information Service on 0800 195 0137.

Providing • bridge maintenance • paths

What is Stoke-on-Trent commonly known as?

Send your completed entry by Friday 18 January to Parent Direct, Vision, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ or save a stamp and email your entry to: vision@lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/vision.

For more information about Stoke-on-Trent see www.visittosteoke.co.uk or telephone 0872 23600. Steve Birks’ website - www.stevetablot.com - is worth a visit.

Virgin Trains has travel information, including special offers, at: www.virgintrains.com

Fares include complimentary seat reservations and may be bought online on 08457 222333, or by visiting any staffed rail station or rail-appointed travel agent. First TransPennine runs direct services calling at Lancaster and Preston to Manchester. A new fleet of 100mph diesel trains has recently been introduced offering improved standards of comfort and inter-city quality travel.

For tickets and timetables, see www.trains.com

Britain’s Hotels has a fantastic January sale offering you the chance to stay at many of its 33 hotels at bargain rates. Details at www.britishhotels.com

B R I T A I N ’ S H O T E L S
Through the eyes of a child...

Hundreds of Lancashire children entered a competition to tell us what they think of where they live.

WONDERFUL countryside, great seaside towns, even the grey tarred streets .... hundreds of Lancashire children have been casting a fresh eye over proud Lancashire.

The child’s-eye view of the world is completely unprejudiced – so they see what the rest of us take for granted.

Community spirit is still there, fresh air is back, the town centres are looking better; the schools are happy.

That is what hundreds of children told Lancashire County Council in a writing contest that was judged on the annual Lancashire Day.

“Teachers in classes across the county used the competition to get children thinking and writing. Some pupils did drawings and paintings to accompany their entry.”

I love the sea breeze in my hair”

- Winner Angus Young (10)

Lancashire is as beautiful as a great red sunset on a summer’s evening. There is a vivid contrast between the bustling cities and the tranquil rural areas.

Lancashire’s countryside is the best in England, with its mountains and woods. All through the seasons the countryside is stunning; in the autumn as the leaves are golden, you see the most spectacular colours in the world.

A golden stream flows through the gaps in the canopies above.

In the summer, the sun shines down on everything, a wise orange eye floating in the sky.

The birds, twittering away to each other, in the most strange song.

Even in winter, you are astounded by the wonders it holds, the bare trees reaching up to the grey terraced streets ...

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TOWN criers were out in force on Lancashire Day to celebrate the county’s historic boundaries.

The traditional boundaries of the ancient County Palatine included Liverpool, Manchester, Salford and parts of the Lake District.

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Read about Lancashire’s past, present and future.

How can the children’s eyes tell us more about Lancashire than any commentator? We asked children to give us their own views. Here are their entries.

Holly Welsby (10), St James CE Primary School, Brindle
Calum Forde (11), St Mary’s RC Primary School, Preston
Abby Tomlinson (9), St Michael’s CE Primary School
Sarah Elliot (10), Our Lady Star of the Sea RC Primary School, St Anne’s

Stowellgate in 1768 he applied for a patent for the new machine he had developed.

A famous dish is the Lancashire hotpot which originated in the days of industrialisation. It consisted of meat, onion and potatoes baked in the oven and is still very popular today.

What makes Preston proud?

On 17 October 1979 it was the day the queen came to visit and lots of people were there to see her.

Today, there is a cricketer called “Freddie” Flintoff who plays for England and Preston.

Nick Park, who did Wallace and Gromit, grew up in Clitheroe.

SureStart

From the Lakes to Liverpool, forever Lancashire

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School desks shipped to Pakistan

Two old mobile phones could soon be helping to keep the elderly – with a collection and prize draw organised by Help the Aged.

Lancashire’s Help the Aged volunteers are asking people to donate their old mobiles. Each unwanted, reusable phone can raise £5.

Each donation will be entered into a draw to win a new Nokia phone – donated by S&I Solutions.

Donated phones should be accompanied by your name, telephone number and Help the Aged reference.

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Straight from the heart

Touching words give insight into how life can go wrong at an early age

By Sue Becker

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FORUM: On the ball

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Ribble Valley: Splashing out in Clitheroe

A number of public agencies have now agreed a common approach to warning out for the interests of older people.

For example, if you are concerned about your own, or someone else’s wellbeing, you should tell someone such as your doctor, health visitor or social worker.

If you are in immediate danger, or you believe a criminal act is being committed, you should contact the police.

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ROSENDALE: Children’s playgroup gets the sack

If you are a member of a community group and would like to find out more about Local Grants and other funding opportunities, why not contact your local county councillor for more information?

Log on to our website at www.lancashire.gov.uk or telephone 0845 053 0000 for contact details.

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The club is expanding rapidly and attracts a wealth of talent from all ages.

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Burnley FC scores with funding

FUNDING from Lancashire County Council’s economic development arm Burnley FC to get £1.5 million of funding.

Lancashire County Developments Limited (LCDL) initially worked with Burnley FC to develop space at Turf Moor into office units.

Following visits to other clubs, it became apparent that opportunities existed to include innovative projects that would help disadvantage young people learn new skills such as numeracy, literacy as well as help build confidence and interpersonal skills.

LCDL helped the club link up with the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) in East Lancashire to play a central role in developing and fronting the LEGI programme.

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