

Derker

March 13th was unlucky for two men, caught stealing bricks from a property on Acre Lane.

While he was on his usual rounds in the neighbourhood, Environmental Enforcement Officer Andrew Cronan spotted the group loading up a van at the rear of the houses. Pretending to be a surveyor inspecting for storm damage, Andrew called 999. Andrew kept the men talking until the police arrived.

As a result the men have since been convicted of theft. One man received a Police caution, as this was his first offence. The second received a conditional discharge for 18 months, this means he needs to keep a clean record throughout this period otherwise he may be prosecuted.

This is just one example of the care that is being carried out for the local neighbourhood, to ensure that no one exploits the empty properties prior to redevelopment at sites across Derker. The Environmental Enforcement team, together with Safer Estates are doing an excellent job keeping the area safe as well as clean and tidy.

The Beatsweep week in March was a great success packed with fire safety checks, kerbside collections, a community quiz, the 'bake with Grandma & Granddad' event and the launch of the junior rangers - Derker's very own litter busting brigade. Many people of all ages enjoyed the various events, which have helped to make a big difference to the community.

By Julie Thompson of the Housing Market Renewal Team. If you wish to discuss the proposals for Derker, or if you have any concerns, please telephone 0161 652 8873, call in at our office on Flint Street, 9.30am – 12 and 2 – 4pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 2 – 7pm on Tuesdays or email derker@oldhamrochdalehmr.co.uk. You can also find out more by visiting www.oldhamrochdalehmr.co.uk