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But the Billingham headquarters of the

Said a senior Scottish and Newcastle official: "We have to watch our competitive position very carefully and thought that a price-cut was in order." But meanwhile

to match the Scottish and Newcastle price cut.

Said a spokesman: "At this stage we have no plans for any decrease in our prices."

faces chaos andlelight

On Wednesday night Runcorn was plunged into darkness with power cuts between 7 pm to 7.50 pm and between 9 pm to 10 pm.

Meanwhile local hardware stores have reported a rush on

candles and gas lamps. An official warning calls on people to turn off all appliances during power cuts leaving on only one lamp so they will know when the power is reconnected.

Motorists are being advised to drive with full beam headlights and to take extra precautions at traffic lights.

Meanwhile another warning of deeper blackout chaos has been issued by Electricity Council chief Mr Francis Tomba who has again called on a "relatively small number" of workers to call off their unofficial work-to-rule and overtime ban.

The District Commercial Engineer, Mr G. Nurbury has prepared a rota of unexpected cuts.

He said: "The power cuts are entirely due to the unofficial action of certain power stations and the lack of communication between them and the unions."

blitz in Cheshire rinking drivers

frequently an element of alcohol involved with one or more of the parties concerned, and in an attempt to reduce the possibility of a marked increase in accidents this winter, maximum use of the breathalyser, within the terms of the relevant legislation, will be made.

permitted, it was simply that the existing legislation was being enforced more strictly.

And he promised: "There will be no random breath-testing."

AUTOMATIC

The new clamp-down will be conducted on the same lines as in 1975, and will be aimed at the periods 12.0 noon to 4.0 pm and 9.0 pm to 4.0 am. All drivers involved in road accidents, committing moving traffic offences or being suspected of having consumed alcohol during these times will be automatically breathalysed.

The Police statement added: "The Chief Constable's view is that accidents where alcohol may be a contributory factor are happening at these material times and it is hoped that a campaign of this nature will help reduce this unnecessary risk for the great majority of the motoring community."

A police spokesman explained that the campaign was no more than the drink-driving laws

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"The quality of the roads leaves ours so far behind, but the driving habits and the behaviour of the drivers was disgusting." He said his most hair-raising moment was when two juggernauts overtook his car on each side, apparently racing each other, and the car was moving from side to side caught in the slipstream in the middle.

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Love of music led to wedding



Hallon Playschemes Association put on a display and creche in Shopping City on Friday to show parents just what is involved in the running of these schemes. think they are a good



Richard Bamber (left) has already been on the trip of a lifetime, and he is only six years old. Along with his brother, nine-years-old David (centre) and cousin Roger Woodhead, aged 12, the boys spent most of last month on the other side of the world. They flew to California with Mr and Mrs Tony Bamber, of York Street, Runcorn, where they picked up these souvenirs during a 2,000 mile tour round the Golden State.

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