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# CO-ORDINATOR

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The Newsletter of the Eastbourne NW Association – ‘encouraging the Community to work together to fight crime in close co-operation with the Police and supported by Eastbourne Borough Council’.

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The first A.G.M. for 18 months took place at Christ The King church Hall on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2004. The meeting, which was attended by 51 members, unanimously ratified the appointments of the Executive Committee set up at the Extraordinary General Meeting held in the previous September with the exception of the post of Treasurer. Mr Derrick Martin had volunteered in September to become the Interim Treasurer on the understanding that he would not be up for election at the A.G.M. He had nominated a replacement, Mr Colin Sargent, and as Chairman I had seconded the nomination and Mr Sargent was unanimously elected into the post. We all owe Derrick Martin a vote of thanks for his hard work in sorting out the Association's finances and getting the bank account back into operation. I have now successfully bid for various grants from the Sussex NW Federation, The Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership and, I hope, Eastbourne Borough Council. The extra money will help us expand our activities throughout the Borough.

My personal learning curve has grown steeply! And I have had to amend my original concept of the main functions of the Association. It is clear that the primary function is to provide support for the Ward NW Groups and their Schemes. This Newsletter forms a vital part of that support along with the financial support necessary for the procurement of aids to better security and the running of events designed to spread the word to those people who are, as yet, ignorant of the value of the Neighbourhood Watch Movement.

Lionel Lacey-Johnson

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## 999 Display 2005

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The 2005 Emergency Services display will take place on the Western Lawns over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> July. The Eastbourne neighbourhood Watch Association has been pleased to accept an invitation from Sussex Police to have a dedicated table in the Police Tent from which we will be able to display a wide range of security items intended to enhance household and personal security. Advice will also be on hand on the setting up of new NW Schemes and hopefully we will be able to recruit new Co-ordinators. Volunteers will be needed from amongst our own members to assist at the table, working in two-hour shifts from 10.00am to 5.00pm on both days. Please let your Ward Co-ordinator know if you are prepared to help, giving your preferred two hour period or leave a message for the NWPSO on 01323 414218.

## Neighbourhood Watch Police Support Office (NWPSO) News

Many of the incidents that we see on the daily incident log might have been prevented had the victims taken the advice given in NW and Police leaflets and Newsletters. Such incidents include Burglary via unlocked doors or windows without security locks, theft of items from cars when the items have been left visible, theft of cars when car keys have been left on a hook too readily available to an opportunist burglar. Please help to reduce crime by acting on the advice given.

### Recent Trading Scams

We are still being hounded by unscrupulous advertising and actual approaches by so-called traders inviting us to take advantage of "good offers". The advice from Trading Standards is, as always, DO NOT enter into any contracts over the telephone or via unsolicited callers offering to carry out repairs, lay driveways, etc. Obtain as much information as possible about the callers and check with Trading Standards on 01323 418200.

### Bogus Callers

There has been an upsurge in incidents involving theft by bogus Gas, Electricity and Water officials entering premises under the pretext of reading meters, checking supply, etc. Please be warned not to let anyone into your premises until you have checked their identity and verified their details with the relevant company. Special Bogus Caller stickers are available free of charge from the NWPSO – call 01323 414218.



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**Mrs Jeanette Bird**

**Temple Bird  
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### Crime Statistics Update

Recent analysis of crime in the Borough  
Gives the following over the year  
figures

Total Crime – Down by 3.5% (-384)  
Detection Rate 30%

Burglary – Down by 41% (-387)  
Detection Rate 18%

Violent Crime – Up by 43% (+510)  
Detection Rate 47%

Vehicle Crime – Down 36% (-563)  
Detection Rate 15%

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## Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership

The Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership was formed in 1998 in response to the Crime and Disorder Act, which gave the Council and other key partnerships new responsibilities for the prevention of crime and disorder. The aim of the Partnership is to reduce crime, substance misuse, violent crime, vehicle crime, anti-social behaviour and burglary. The reduction of burglary, both business and domestic, is the main area in which Neighbourhood Watch can assist the police and other organisations and your Chairman attends regular meeting of that section of the partnership that deals with this subject. In attending these meetings the Chairman is not only able to collect updates on the situation but also has the opportunity to seek advice from the Partnership on the general running of the Eastbourne NW Association to the benefit of all concerned. If you wish to know more about the Partnership visit their website at [www.eastbourne.gov.uk/crime](http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/crime) or call 01323 415346.

## Sussex Police Authority

One of the major roles of The Sussex Police Authority (SPA) is to have regular consultation with the public. Consultation with the public occurs via Public Meetings at which members of the public can have their say on crime and police performance. Members of NW who have complaints about such things as police response times should raise their concerns at these public meetings. The next public meeting of the SPA in the Eastbourne area will take place in the Congress Suite of the Winder Garden, Compton Street, Eastbourne on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2005, starting at 7.00pm. If you want to know more about the SPA visit their website at [www.Sussexpoliceauthority.gov.uk](http://www.Sussexpoliceauthority.gov.uk) or telephone 01273 482351.

## Friends of the Eastbourne Hospitals –Fete -June 2005

A bid has been made to have a small stall at the Friends of The Eastbourne Hospitals Fete in June. As with the 999 display we will have volunteers on hand to offer advice on the setting up of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and there will be a display of Security items available through the NWPSO.

## **Security Equipment**

In conjunction with the Crime Prevention Officer at Hammonds Drive Patrol Centre the Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch Association is once again able to offer a wide range of Security Equipment at special rates to NW members. Such items include; Personal Alarms, Shed Alarms, Timer Switches and Anti-Climbing Fence Topping Strips. Please call NWPSO on 01323 414218.

## **Public Liability Insurance**

The NNWA has been unable to offer renewal of our Public Liability Insurance Policy beyond 15<sup>th</sup> January 2005 but the Home Office has announced that they are providing alternative cover funded by ANSWAR with no cost to individual Schemes/Associations. The cover will include such activities as attending meetings, Police Liaison, exhibitions and stickers/literature distribution. The Sussex NW Federation is registering Eastbourne NW Association as a participant in a "period of grace" cover until the end of March 2005, and will be keeping us in touch with arrangements for a more permanent form of cover.

## **When and how to contact**

**Police:** Crime in progress – dial 999.

Recent crime or suspicion – dial 0845 60 70 999

**Anonymous information about a crime**

Crimestoppers – dial 0800 555 111

## **NWPSO**

How to set up a scheme, report any crime that does not require an immediate response by the Police or ask for data protection forms – dial (01323) 414218

For leaflets, etc and to speak to the Crime Prevention Officer – dial (01323) 414103

## **Trading Standards**

If in doubt about a Trader – dial (01323) 418200

## **Eastbourne NW Association**

You can write to the Secretary at Flat 4, 8 Hurst Road, Eastbourne, BN21 2PL or email on [lincook@bn212pl.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:lincook@bn212pl.fsnet.co.uk)

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