



THE

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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 .

Inside this issue **Message from the Chairman**

Fire & Rescue

Although rather slow there has been some steady progress in getting the Association back on its feet again. The new Ringmaster computer is in place at Hammonds Drive Patrol Centre and is at the disposal of the Crime Prevention Officer (PCO), PC Trish Pybous, and her team of Volunteers who take their turn at the neighbourhood Watch Police Support Desk. The balance of the money obtained via the Crime Prevention Partnership is being used to purchase small items of security equipment which are being sold to N.W. Members at very favourable rates and recruitment of the new Co-ordinators is going well with some 20 new schemes having been started since January this year.

NWPSO

It has become apparent that the best way to meet the aims of N.W. is firstly to encourage each of the nine Eastbourne Wards, under the Ward Co-ordinators, to run their own recruitment drives and other events to help spread the word . The second change in method is, rather than ask Members to attend a meeting at which we are really only preaching to the converted, to ask other organisations for permission to have a small stall at which we can distribute leaflets, sell items of security equipment, generally answer questions about N.W. and encourage the start of additional schemes.

Cash Machine
Security

Please remember that N.W. is essentially a PREVENTIVE security affair. It is clear to all that are able to examine the Police incidents logs that 50% of burglaries, thefts from cars and successful door to door sales scams could have been prevented if the victims had read or listened to the advice given in the many N.W. leaflets or by the Police. Our job in N.W. is to help the Police to reduce crime in Eastbourne by hammering home that message on every possible occasion.

Nuisance Telephone
Calls

Lionel Lacey-Johnson

Security Equipment

Security Equipment for Sale

In conjunction with the Crime Prevention Officer at Hammonds Drive Patrol Centre we have a range of small and easily fitted items of security equipment for sale at special rates to N.W. Members. Such items include:-

Forthcoming Events

Window Alarms
Personal Alarms
Garage/Shed Alarms
Light Timer Switches
Door Chains
Safe Cans

Ultra Violet Marking Pens
Small UV Lamps for checking UV markings

How to contact
Police
NWPSO
Trading Standards
Area Co-ordinators

The Sussex Police are keen to promote the use of these UV marking pens and hope that more people will start marking valuable belongings such as TVs, DVDs, and car stereos. Enquiries should be made to the Neighbourhood Watch Police Support Office at Hammonds Drive, on (01323) 414218. An answerphone is available so if no volunteer is there when you call, please

Forthcoming Events at which Eastbourne N.W. will be represented

Emergency Services (999) Display, Western Lawns, Saturday/Sunday, 23rd /24th July.
N.W. will be in the Sussex Police Tent.

Neighbourhood Watch Police Support Office (NWPSO) News

Some confusion appears to exist over the purpose and distribution of the NWPSO Newsletter. This Newsletter, which is edited by Volunteers at the NWPSO desk, Hammonds Drive Patrol Centre, was originally produced to help fill the vacuum caused by the absence of the N.W. Newsletter, The Co-Ordinator during 2003 and 2004. Since the return of The Co-Ordinator the NWPSO Newsletter has become a media for informing the **Co-ordinators only** of events at the NWPSO and for disseminating information about crime in a more detailed form. Summaries of trends in crime and general information about Eastbourne N.W. and NWPSO activities will continue to be promulgated via The Co-Ordinator and distributed to all N.W. Members — currently some 6,000 copies.

Nuisance Telephone Calls

Many people are receiving telephone calls when the line goes dead when they pick up the phone. This can be caused when a telephone sales company targets an area and enters all telephone numbers in that area into a computer dialling system. To ensure that their reps. always have a call waiting, the computer dials more numbers than there are operators so that when you answer the phone the computer checks to see if an operator is free and if not, it automatically hangs up and tries again later. This can happen several times a day and if you call 1471 the call time is given but there is no ring back number. To stop this and other unsolicited calls you can register your telephone with the Sales Preference Service by calling 0800 398 893. Unsolicited calls should stop after 28 days.



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Cash Machine Security

Sussex Police warn members of the public to be on their guard when using cash machines. There have been several reports of copying devices being inserted into machines enabling PIN numbers to be read when legitimate customers insert their cards. When using these cash machines check that there is nothing unusual about the operation, that the slot is clear and there is no difficulty in inserting or retrieving the card. If you do experience such problems notify your bank immediately, cancel your card and report the matter to the Police on 0845 60 70 999.

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East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service News

Arson Reduction Team

The Arson Reduction Team is a team set up in partnership between East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service and Sussex Police. The team consists of a Fire Service Sub-Officer, a Sussex Police Sergeant, and Information Co-ordinator, a Dog Handler and Springer Spaniel, which has been trained to accurately indicate the presence of a wide range of accelerants to within a couple of centimetres.

The Team would be grateful for the help of the Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch in the following ways — If you see an abandoned vehicle, please call the Eastbourne Abandoned Vehicles Team on 01323 415941. If you have any information about arson or any other crime please call Crimestoppers, free and anonymously on 0800 555 111.

The Fire and Rescue Service is currently offering Home Safety Visits in Eastbourne. If you would like local firefighters to come to your home and offer guidance that will reduce the risk of fire, please call the dedicated **Home Safety Visit** line on **0845 230 0252**. A free smoke alarm will be fitted if considered necessary.

Important Information: Please ask to see an Identity Card before allowing anyone into your home.

Other Events for your Diary

Drama

Solomon Associates Production Company will be giving a presentation of their Distraction Burglary play commencing at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 14th June, at the East Dean Village Hall in Gilberts Drive, East Dean.

The production will last about 45 minutes and I have an assurance that it is excellent. Light refreshments will be provided (courtesy of ASDA) and it is anticipated that the afternoon will finish about 4.00 pm. This is a free afternoon for all and the theme of the play is an important one so please do try to attend.

Local A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Sovereign/ Langney Point Branch will take place on Thursday, 23rd June at 7.30 pm in the Hall of Christ the King Church, Princes Road. All most welcome.

When and how to contact

Police: Crime in progress — dial 999

Recent crime or suspicion — 0845 60 70 999

Anonymous information about a crime

Crimestoppers — 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 - (01323) 414218

For leaflets, etc. and to speak to the Crime Prevention Officer - (01323) 414102

Trading Standards

If in doubt about a Trader - (01323) 418200

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