



THE

# 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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## A Word from the Chairman

Having been “in the Chair” now for a year or so I have concluded that a major problem facing Neighbourhood Watch in the Eastbourne area is that very few ordinary members appear to be reading, and acting upon, the information and advice contained in this Newsletter and the leaflets delivered by the more conscientious Co-ordinators. At the Neighbourhood Watch Police Support Office (**NWPSO**) we receive a number of telephone calls that should really be directed at the Police or Trading Standards using the telephone numbers that have been listed in every previous issue of the Newsletter.

Also it appears that some sections of the community only become security conscious **AFTER** a burglary or other incident has occurred in their immediate vicinity. As I wrote in the last Newsletter, **NW** is a **PREVENTIVE** affair and many of the incidents that occur could have been prevented had the victims taken and acted upon the advice given in the Newsletters and leaflets that are freely available.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the AGM in November when we can discuss these problems in more detail.

**Lionel Lacey-Johnson**

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## Finances

The policy throughout Sussex is that membership of Neighbourhood Watch should be free and that there should be no charge for leaflets and Newsletters.

We are generally funded via grants from The Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership and Eastbourne Council. Our major expense is the printing of this Newsletter, but we also need to set aside smaller amounts for the hire of suitable venues for meetings and advertising displays. We also have to keep a considerable reserve in case the Ringmaster messaging system should need attention.

In order to expand the work of NW in Eastbourne we are beginning to run a programme of displays and presentations, aimed at informing the public of the threats to security and recruiting additional Co-ordinators to fill the large gaps in our cover of Eastbourne. The more money we have the greater the efforts that can be made to warn the general public of the dangers to our homes and property, thus helping the Police to decrease the number of successful thefts and scams – particularly amongst the more elderly.

**Annual General Meeting of  
Eastbourne  
Neighbourhood Watch  
Association**

**The AGM is to take place at**

**Church Hall  
Christ the King Church  
Princes Road**

**(ASDA Roundabout end of  
Princes Road)**

**on**

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

**At 7.30 pm**

Notices with an outline Agenda will be issued in October.

**Ringmaster Messaging System**

We have received complaints from some Co-ordinators that they have not received any warning messages via the Ringmaster for some time. We are currently experiencing some technical difficulties with the new machine which apparently cannot cope with sending messages to all 200 Co-ordinators at one time.

Arrangements are being made to have a technician from the makers to attend to the problem. It may be that we will have to send messages in groups, say one or two Wards at a time. In the meantime we will continue to contact individual Co-ordinators via the telephone, informing them only of a particular threat in their immediate area.

**NOTE** – The office at Hammonds Drive is manned Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday for four hours per day.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN ACTION...**



*Contact:  
Mrs Jeanette Bird*

**Temple Bird  
SOLICITORS**

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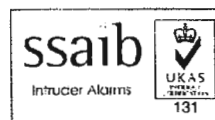
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Tel 01323 732355  
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Reg Collins and Nigel Parker man the NWPSO display at the recent 999 Show



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## “RAT ON A RAT”

The last published edition of ‘Policing Sussex’ carried a report under the above heading of the successful campaign in September 2004 against drug dealing. Dozens of dealers were taken off the streets in a series of raids across Sussex.

The article went on to encourage people to tell the authorities about drug dealers by using the **CRIMESTOPPERS** phone line – 0800 555111.

This is still relevant for drug dealers and all types of crime – and remember –  
**IT IS ANONYMOUS.**

## Forthcoming Events for your Diary

19<sup>th</sup> October - 7.30 pm - Sussex NW Federation AGM. Police Headquarters, Lewes.  
24<sup>th</sup> November - 7.30 pm - Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch AGM – See Previous Page

## Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch Displays -

27<sup>th</sup> October - 10.30 am - 3.00 pm - Arndale Centre, Terminus Road  
19<sup>th</sup> November - 10.30 am - 2.30 pm - Advent Fair, St Andrews School, Meads.

## Trading Standards

To report suspicious or rogue trading call (01323) 418202

To seek advice on suitable contractors call Contractor Call on (01323) 724433

## Abandoned Vehicles

To report an abandoned vehicle call (01323) 415941

## **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**

For giving changes of Co-ordinators details, obtain advice on how to set up a NW Scheme, General Enquiries about NW but NOT for reporting incidents that require Police action - (See POLICE above) call (01323) 414218.

To speak to the Crime Prevention Officer call (01323) 414103

## **Eastbourne NW Association**

### **Neighbourhood Watch Area Co-ordinators**

**Devonshire** – Bob Andrews (01323) 732718

**Hampden Park** – Vicki Maclean (01323) 506187

**Langney** – Cllr. Rob Slater (01323) 734777

**Meads** – Hetty Pittendrigh (01323) 644248

**Old Town** – Keith Scott (01323) 730316

**OR Derrick Martin** - (01323) 645504

**Ratton** – Alex Irwin - (01323) 644374

**St Anthony's** – Nigel Parker - (01323) 645529

**Sovereign/Langney Point** – Barbara & Bert Leggett – (01323) 479633

**Upperton** – Colin Sargent – (01323 731909)

**Secretary:** Juliet Heasman - (01323) 732796

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