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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.*

## PROVE THE PROPERTY IS YOURS - NOT THE BURGLARS!!

One big problem that police officers have when they recover property believed to be stolen is managing to identify it. So we are all encouraged to security mark our valuables - and as a help Neighbourhood Watch is able to offer **UV Property Marking Pens** at much reduced prices. The following personal and home security aids are also available - and all at reduced prices.

Personal Alarms  
Window Alarms  
Shed Alarms  
Light timer switches  
Door chains  
UV Lamps for detecting forged notes

Call the NW Police Support Office on 01323 414218 for details.

Some people believe "it will never happen to me". Well, it might. Don't be caught out. Ring TODAY.

## DISTRACTION BURGLARY

Nearly all Utility Companies are now offering a free password scheme to help reduce the number of bogus callers and distraction burglars gaining access to your home by using false identity papers. To obtain advice on setting up your own password, contact the appropriate Utility Company from the list below. Remember, **NEVER** let anyone into your home unless you have verified their identity.

LET'S  
STOP  
CRIME  
TOGETHER

Atlantic Electricity & Gas	0800 052 0037
British Gas	0845 600 6113
EBICO	0800 622 838
EDF Energy	0800 056 3866
N Power	08457 145 146
Powergen	0800 404 5065
Scottish Power	0845 050 0922
Southern Electric	0800 622 838
Southern Water	0845 278 0845





Contact:  
Mrs Jeanette Bird

## Temple Bird SOLICITORS

*For specialist advice concerning:*

- *Wills and Estate Administration*
- *Enduring Powers of Attorney*
- *Inheritance Tax planning and Trusts*
  - *House Sales and Purchase*

***Wills and House Title Deeds stored free of charge***

Home visits arranged by appointment  
**Open Saturdays**

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## HERE ARE YOUR WARD CO-ORDINATORS

**Devonshire – Bob Andrews 732718**

**Hampden Park – Vicki Maclean  
506187**

**Langney – Cllr. Rob Slater 734777**

**Meads – Roy Peacock 647729**

**Old Town – Keith Scott 730316  
OR Derrick Martin 645504**

**Ratton – Alex Irwin 644374**

**St Anthony's – Nigel Parker 645529**

**Sovereign & Langney Point –  
Jim Harris 728479**

**Upperton – Colin Sargent 731909**

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch Association will take place at the **Church Hall, Christ the King Church, Princes Road on Thursday, 23rd November at 7.00pm.**

Notices with an outline Agenda will be issued nearer the date of the meeting.



This year's 999 Show was the most successful yet from a NW viewpoint. Chairman,



## ALARMING SALES TACTICS



East Sussex Trading Standards is warning the public to be wary of companies selling expensive home alarm systems that aren't always what they are cracked up to be.

They push their product door-to-door or by telephone and the targets are often elderly or vulnerable people.

The initial contact is often by telephone cold calling. They may pretend to be carrying out a security survey in the area and would like to visit your home. Once inside they use high pressure selling techniques to promote security goods which subsequently turn out to be very expensive.

*A recent complaint to Trading Standards involved an elderly East Sussex resident who was persuaded by repeated phone calls from a Home Security Company to spend £8,000 on security equipment and extended warranties.*

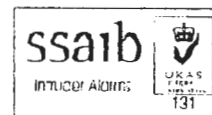
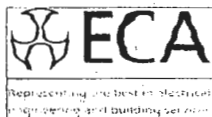
Tactics being used by these companies include quoting dubious crime statistics, and tales of robbery and assault to scare the householder into buying. They also try to make a visit appear official by pretending to be from Trading Standards or the Fire and Rescue Service.

**People not wanting these telesales can register with the Telephone Preference Service, which means sales calls can be blocked. Registration is free, and the TPS can be contacted on 0845 0700707 or online at [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk)**

Local Police Crime Prevention Officers are only too willing to give the public advice on home security, and can be contacted on 0845 6070999.



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## **BEWARE COUNTERFEIT MONEY**

Several times recently local residents have been "conned" into losing up to £20 in just a few seconds. It works like this -

Someone knocks at the door and asks if the householder could change a £20 note to enable the caller to "make a telephone call". They may give other plausible reasons but the outcome is always the same. The notes turn out to be counterfeit.

Don't be caught out!

Remember as an added safeguard you can buy a UV lamp to detect forged notes - see our item on page one.

## **TRADING STANDARDS COURSES**



A series of one day courses explaining the law on doorstep calling, what matters should be referred to Trading Standards, The Sales and Goods Act, and many other relevant subjects are being run by Trading Standards. For details of these courses please contact Louise Baxter on 01323 418224.



## **CAN YOU HELP?**

Information from Neighbourhood Watch has helped to prevent crime - it has certainly stopped unwanted and nuisance telephone calls.

We do need to get the information to more people. If you are able to deliver some Newsletters or help us as a Co-ordinator please ring the Chairman, Lionel Lacey-Johnson on 01323 728958.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN EASTBOURNE HAS THESE MAIN OBJECTIVES**

- \*TO PREVENT CRIME**
- \*TO ASSIST THE POLICE IN DETECTING CRIME**
- \*TO REDUCE UNDUE FEAR OF CRIME**
- \*TO IMPROVE POLICE-COMMUNITY LIAISON**

If you can help us achieve these please do call.

