



THE CO-ORDINATOR

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encouraging the Community to work together to fight crime in close co-operation with the
Police and supported by Eastbourne Borough Council*

WATCH OUT - LATEST SCAMS

Apart from the usual local scams there are three new threats coming to our neighbourhood.

Secret Shoppers Scam involves a business called Paid Surveys. Recipients receive a letter telling them they will be paid £350 for posing as potential customers at a number of retailers. An apparently genuine cheque is made out to the recipient with instructions to complete their first assignment which is to pose as a customer of a money transfer agency. They are asked to wire a cheque for £1,500 to a fake relative in Canada. However apart from the £350 cheque being counterfeit the money wired to Canada is collected by the fraudsters. Victims could also be liable for money spent in making the transaction, thus losing over £1,500!

Clothing Collections Trading Standards has experienced a rise in the number of complaints relating to clothing collection bags being left at homes for later collection. The problem is that some of these Collecting Companies are not registered charities and people are being misled into handing over their possessions to a profit making business. Some are even sham companies. Trading Standards request that copies of leaflets or bags, left by suspect companies, should be sent to them. If you are in any doubt about the organisation leaving leaflets or bags on your doorstep, please contact Trading Standards on 01323 418200.

Boiler Room. The City of London Police are concerned about a fraud involving mass sales of worthless or fake shares over the telephone. This type of fraud is known as Boiler Room due to the high level of pressure that is applied to potential customers. If you receive an approach of this nature you should contact the Financial Services Authority (FSA) on 0845 606 1234 for advice. There is a good leaflet produced by the Office of Fair Trading that gives advice on how to recognise all types of scam. Copies may be obtained via the N.W.P.S.O or the Police Crime Prevention Officer on 01323 414218 or 414103

Neighbourhood Watch in Eastbourne has a mission to:-

- Help to Prevent Crime - Assist the Police in detecting crime
- Reduce the fear of crime - Improve Police-Community liaison



WATCH OUT FOR —

CAR JACKING



Police in Scotland are warning of a new method of car jacking. Getting into your car you start up, get into gear, prepare to drive off by looking in the rear view mirror, when you notice a piece of paper stuck to the rear window. “ Not another ticket” you think, so you put the gear lever into neutral and get out of the car, leaving the engine running, to investigate the note. Simultaneously the car thief appears out of nowhere, jumps into you car and drives off!! **You have been warned!**

BICYCLE THEFT



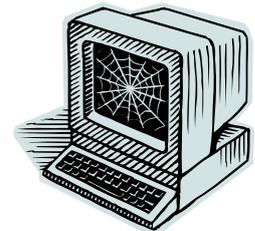
With more people going “Green” and taking to using a bike there has been a corresponding increase in bicycle theft. Police are often frustrated in their enquiries because the legitimate owner has not recorded important details such as the frame number and any other unique marking. Please make a note of the frame number and use a simple marking system such as a UV pen, then you will be able to PROVE the bike is yours.

IMAGES OF ENGLAND Legitimate photographic survey

We have been asked to point out that there is an ongoing and legitimate photographic survey being carried out of listed buildings which sometimes involves the photographing of private homes, shops, schools, country estates, farms and a wide variety of other buildings. The photos, which are only exterior shots, are being taken by members of local camera clubs and the Royal Photographic Society. Each photographer should carry a signed identification card. It is realised that owners of these properties may become suspicious and should they be so concerned they should call Julie Swan, Project Manager, Images of England, Telephone number 01793 414779 or email ioeenquiry@english-heritage.org.uk

WEB-WISE !!

Why not try out this site to protect your mobile phone and other household equipment - FREE



www.immobilise.com

Immobilise is the only ownership registration service supported by all the UK Police forces, and the mobile phone industry **for the registration of mobile phones.**

It is also supported by the Metropolitan Police, GLA and TFL for the registration of bicycles.

ACC Crime Prevention Service

With **BURGLARY** and **CAR** crime on the increase, we should all be asking:

HOW SAFE IS MY HOME ?

We conduct Surveys for as little as **£45.00**, we are independent, professional and totally confidential, with over 30 years experience.

The **Home Office** supply us with the latest up to date information.

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AND KEEP THAT BURGLAR AWAY**

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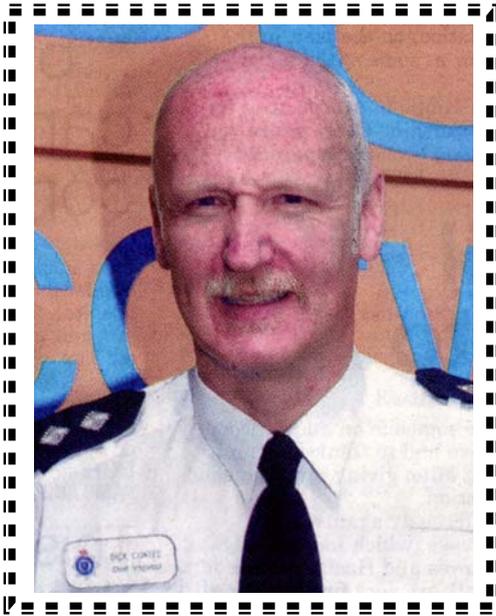
TRADING STANDARDS-

“Buy with Confidence Scheme”

East Sussex County Council launched “Buy with Confidence Scheme” in May 2004. The aim of the scheme is to support and promote good and reliable businesses in the County. Businesses need to apply to join the scheme and there is an annual fee. Consumers looking for reliable businesses should call 01323 418215 or e mail

buywithconfidence@eastsussex.gov.uk

New faces - Eastbourne Police



Chief Inspector Dick Coates

Eastbourne Police has a new face. Chief Inspector Dick Coates is now the divisional commander based at Hammonds Drive. Chief Inspector Coates comes originally from Walsall. He joined Sussex Police in 1987 after serving in the Royal Military Police. His postings include Hastings and Rye divisions in the road policing unit, custody centres and patrol work. Married with a nine year old daughter, Chief Inspector Coates said, in an interview with the Herald, "Policing in Eastbourne has a very good reputation and I shall be looking to maintain those high standards and build on the already strong links with the community"

He takes over from Bob Gough, who is retiring from Sussex Police, and Bob plans to take up a post at Eastbourne Borough Council's Crime Reduction Partnership.

N.W.P.S.O - WHAT IS IT ??

Quite simply these initials stand for **Neighbourhood Watch Police Support Office**. The office is located in the Police Patrol Centre located at Hammonds Drive, off Lottbridge Drove. The office is staffed by four Police Volunteers, who are also members of Neighbourhood Watch, working only on the mornings of Monday (Jan Newens), Tuesday (Bill Winchester), Wednesday (Mike Bourne) and Friday (Lionel Lacey-Johnson).

The team operates two computers, the first is the Police main computer, which provides access to all incidents that have been reported, and also the Register of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, the second is the Messaging Computer, called



The NWPSO- Police Volunteer Mike Bourne using the Ringmaster Messaging Computer

The Ringmaster, which is used to pass messages to NW Co-ordinators, either by telephone or e-mail or fax. There is a telephone answering machine (Tel No 01323 414218), which will accept messages when the office is not staffed. Please speaks clearly, giving your name and telephone number and you will be called back when the next volunteer comes on duty. This telephone should be used to seek advice on Neighbourhood Watch matters and such things as changes to a Co-ordinator's details and should NOT be used to report crimes or incidents which should be reported to the Police, remember if there is an incident in progress you should always report using the 999 system, if you wish to report something that happened some time ago or you have other concerns then please use the Non Emergency number 0845 60 70 999. You will probably not receive an immediate response using the latter number but your incident will be recorded and could provide an important link in a series of similar incidents.

EXTRA : EXTRA -Did you know each month "The Herald" carries an article on Neighbourhood Watch? These articles give important topical information about home security and local scams. These articles provide an extra means of communication with N.W. members as they help fill the gaps between the quarterly Newsletters. Look for the N.W. Logo-usually located in the paper under "News From Community Groups."

Your N.W. Organisation - Ward Co-ordinators are members of the N.W. General Committee and each one represents one of the nine Eastbourne Borough Wards. Local N.W Co-ordinators are asked to bring problems / ideas connected with the organisation of N.W to their respective Ward Co-ordinators who then bring these problems/ideas to the General Committee at their quarterly meetings. Currently your Ward Co-ordinators and their telephone numbers are-

Devonshire Bob Andrews **732718**
Hampden Park **VACANT**
Langney Jan Newens **768521**
Meads Roy Peacock **647729**

** Vicki Maclean is moving back to Hastings. She will be sorely missed in H.P.

A Volunteer to take over as Ward Co-ordinator is urgently needed. **

INTRUDER ALARMS ~ FIRE ALARMS ~ CCTV ~ NURSECALL

ELECTROTEC
"Providing Safe Secure Solutions"

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 01323 729420

ELECTRICAL SERVICES ~ DOOR AUTOMATION ~ ACCESS CONTROL

Old Town David Visick **724982**
 or Derrick Martin **645504**
Ratton Alex Irwin **644374**
St Anthony's Nigel Parker **645529**
Sovereign Jim Harris **728479**
Upperton Colin Sargent **731909**

IMPORTANT CONTACT
TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE. Crime in progress - dial 999.
 Recent Crime or Concern-

Dial 0845 60 70 999

Crime Prevention Officer- 01323 414103

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH POLICE
SUPPORT OFFICE (NWPSO)

01323 414218 - Leave message if unattended and please speak clearly.

CRIMESTOPPERS (Anonymous info about any concerns) 0800 555 111

TRADING STANDARDS- 01323 418200.
CONTRACTOR CALL-01323 724433

ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER- 01323 415924



Contact:
 Mrs Jeanette Bird

Temple Bird
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- Wills and Estate Administration
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- House Sales and Purchase

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