



# THE CO-ORDINATOR

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***The Newsletter of the Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch Association  
encouraging the Community to work together to fight crime in close co-operation with the  
Police and supported by Eastbourne Borough Council***

## **Annual General Meeting**

The A.G.M. of Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch Association was held in Christ The King Church Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007. Reviewing the failures and progress of Neighbourhood Watch over the past few years the Chairman stressed the need for more NW Co-ordinators and remarked on the great progress in Partnership Working with the Police. After the coffee break, during which Co-ordinators were able to talk to each other and compare views and problems in their own areas, the Commander Eastbourne Police District, Chief Inspector Dick Coates, pictured below with Chairman Lionel Lacey-Johnson, gave a very informative update on recent changes and improvements in Community Policing, stressing the value of the partnership the Police now had with Neighbourhood Watch and other Crime Reduction agencies and thanking Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators for their help in reducing crime in the Borough.

## **Security Education**

Good News!! It appears that our efforts, through leaflets and talks, to advise residents on good home security is at last having some good effect. The number of preventable crimes is at its lowest level for some time. We are now turning some, but not all, of our attention to helping the Police to reduce the number of incidents of Anti Social Behaviour. The Chairman has joined the ASB Panel of the Crime Reduction Partnership.



## **News from Sussex Neighbourhood Watch Federation.**

Due to recent financial constraints imposed on Sussex Police it has been decided to do away with the Crime Prevention Co-ordinators (CPCs) and to reduce the number of Crime Prevention Officers (CPOs). The CPCs were initially set up to provide direct support for Neighbourhood Watch groups throughout the County, the CPOs provide some assistance to NW Groups but their main task is to provide advice on Crime Prevention within the community, visiting recent victims of crime and advising on measures to prevent a similar occurrence. We have been very fortunate in Eastbourne in that we have had a very supportive CPO and we have our HQ in a Police Station with direct access to the District Commander and the Neighbourhood Policing Teams-now known as the Neighbourhood Specialist Teams (See NW Newsletter No 26). Other NW groups in Sussex are not so fortunate and a study is underway to find the best way of compensating for the loss of the CPCs and to come to some agreed plan to set up a standard organisation and level of Police support for all NW groups in the County. At the moment Eastbourne NW looks like becoming a role model for this re-organisation. Watch this space!!



### Neighbourhood Panels, Street Briefings and District Commander's Meetings.

More Neighbourhood Community Panels (Formerly known as L.A.Ts) are being set up throughout the Borough. The Panels provide an opportunity for residents to meet and discuss all forms of local issues of concern to the community. The Police aim to have at least one Neighbourhood Panel in each of the nine Eastbourne Wards. For more details on these Panels please contact the Police Sgt in charge of your particular Neighbourhood Specialist Team –(see contact details elsewhere in this Newsletter). Similarly Street Briefings are a more localised opportunity to highlight local issues and are conducted mostly by the local Community Police Officer and/or your local P.C.S.O. and, in future, your local NW Ward and/or Scheme Co-ordinator. The Police District Commanders meetings, such as that held recently in the Arndale Centre and ASDA, provide an opportunity for the public to meet Chief Inspector Dick Coats and members of the Neighbourhood Specialist Teams. In future the Neighbourhood Watch Police Support Office at Hammonds Drive will be helping to publicise these meetings with the help of the local NW Co-ordinators.

## RECENT THREATS –

### “PEDLARS”- SOME ADVICE

A “Pedlar” –sometimes known as a “hawker” is someone who travels and trades on foot, offering skills or goods for immediate sale. To be acting legally the person must hold a certificate signed by a Chief Constable. The certificates are normally valid for one year and apply throughout the UK. Certificates cannot be issued to persons under the age of 17. Should such a trader approach you you should ask to see his or her certificate. Persons without the necessary certificate are committing an offence.

### FRAUD BY TELEPHONE

Fraudsters have been calling people in Eastbourne saying they are from a Credit Card Company and informing the people called that they are concerned about some recent transaction on the victim’s account. The callers have been asking for details of credit cards held including the code number on the back of the cards. Please note that real credit card companies will never ask for such details over the telephone.

Should you receive such a call please call the Police on 0845 60 70 999 giving as many details of the call as you can.

### Did you know? Crime Statistics 2006/07

#### Risks of violence (2006/07 BCS)

Young men (16-24) .....	13.8%
Full-time students .....	9.3%
Unemployed people .....	9.0%
<b>Average in England &amp; Wales .....</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Older people (75+) .....	0.4%
Married people .....	1.7%
People who spend less than 3 hours a day out of the home .....	1.8%

#### Those most at risk of violence are:

- Young men (aged 16-24)
- Full-time students
- Unemployed people

The risk of violence varies by lifestyle characteristics, reflecting differences in people’s social interactions. For example, people who visit pubs and bars regularly are more at risk of violence than those who do not.

**WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT!**

### Worried about Premium Telephone Rates?

**Phonpayplus** the phone paid services regulator has launched an investigation into “Call 4 Cash Unclaimed Prize Draw” and has barred access to the Website pending the outcome of the investigation.

#### NW “Shop to Stop” Store

At Hammond’s Drive we have a variety of items (Security Aids, Leaflets and Stickers) available free of charge or at reasonable prices. For your price list contact Jan Newens **01323 768521 or 07733 480858**

### Recruitment of Co-ordinators

As most members will realise we have a constant problem with recruitment of Co-ordinators, not only to fill gaps in NW cover but also to replace those Co-ordinators who have, for one reason or another, had to give up. At the AGM the Chairman appealed to members to let him have their views on why recruitment was so difficult. So far two members responded to this appeal with some very well thought out and useful ideas, which will help us, plan future recruiting drives. **Thanks to them.**



## **Eastbourne Police Neighbourhood Specialist Teams (NST)**

There are three NSTs operating in Eastbourne. The leader of these teams is **Inspector Tony Wakefield** and each team consists of a Police Sergeant, up to two Police Constables and up to eight Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). The three teams have a designated area of responsibility: -

**Eastbourne Town NST**, under PS Julian Williams (tel 0845-60-70-999 Ext 77217), covers Meads, Devonshire and Upperton Wards,

**Eastbourne North NST**, PS Keith Wells (tel 0845-60-70-999 Ext 77246), covers Old Town, Ratton and Hampden Park Wards

**Eastbourne East NST**, under PS Steve Tullett (tel 01323 414073), covers St Anthony's, Sovereign and Langney Wards.

Queries relating to contacting the PCSOs should be directed in the first instance to the Police Sergeants in charge of each team or to the Neighbourhood Watch Desk at Hammonds Drive Patrol Centre on 01323 414218.

## **N.W. Street Signs**

Information on the erection or replacement of N.W. Street Signs can be obtained by calling the Neighbourhood Watch Office on 01323 414218. Leave your name and telephone number.

## **Latest from Langney**

A No Cold Calling Zone is being set up in the Shinewater area. The Local Action Team is beginning the consultation process this month with the launch date planned sometime in March. Residents are advised to have your say and visit the Shaftesbury Centre for more information. 01323 - 760654

## **Welcome and farewells to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes**

We are pleased to announce the following new N.W. Schemes-

**Meads-** Edensor Road, Gaudick Place

**Devonshire-** None

**Upperton-** None

**Old Town-** None

**Ratton-** Meadowlands Avenue

**Hampden Park-** Sumach Close

**Sovereign-** Windward Quay

**Langney-** None

We are sorry to report the loss of Schemes in the following areas-

**Old Town-** Priory Heights, Hill Road;

**Meads** – Milnthorpe Road

We thank all those who have given up through whatever reason for the support they have given to N.W. and all work they have undertaken over the last few years and wish them well in the future. Current number of co-ordinators is 214.

## **Community Focus – Forthcoming events**

The 2008 Emergency Services (999) Display is to take place as usual on the Western Lawns over the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July. Our Neighbourhood Watch displays and stand will be located in the Combined Emergency Services marquee close to the main arena.

**Do you feel safe in Eastbourne? Are we getting our streets back from the criminals?**

**What do you think Neighbourhood Watch should do to help in the fight against crime in 2008?**

**Contact your local ward co-ordinator and have your say. Do it Now!**

## **Operation “Blitz”**

This Police initiative is proving to be highly successful, with over 500 members of the public now signed up to the scheme. Neighbourhood Watch members can take some pride in the fact that about 30% of the 500 involved are already NW Co-ordinators. However you can never have too much of a good thing so if you are not a member of the scheme and would like more information please call the NWPSO on 01323 414218

**Try this website**

**[www.upmystreet.com](http://www.upmystreet.com)**

then insert your Post Code

**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

**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-



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**Old Town** David Visick **724982**

**Ratton** Alex Irwin **644374**

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

**Sovereign** Vacant

**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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Home visits arranged by appointment

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