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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**

.A BOOST FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The 1st of April 2008 saw the introduction of a new and enhanced model for partnership working between the Sussex Police and Neighbourhood Watch in Sussex.

The new model is based on the recommendations of Chief Constable Frank Whitely, the lead member on Neighbourhood Watch for the Association of Chief Police Officers.

In essence C.C. Whitely highlighted the need to align more closely Neighbourhood Policing with Neighbourhood Watch in order to maximise the full potential of Neighbourhood Watch. The recommendations resulted in intensive talks between Sussex Police and the Sussex Neighbourhood Watch Federation, which in turn have produced a role model for Police/NW partnership across Sussex.

The new model is based on more effective liaison at local, tactical and strategic levels and a greater consistency across the fifteen Sussex Police Districts. Starting at local level the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will become the primary link with N.W. Street Co-ordinators, the Street Co-ordinators should be overseen by a Ward/ area Co-ordinator who should sit on a District N.W. Committee and each District N.W. Committee is to have a representative who attends meetings of the Sussex N.W. Federation General Committee. If all this sounds pretty familiar to Eastbourne N.W. members it is because we have already developed along these lines. Further and local development along the suggested lines will include greater liaison between all members of the District Neighbourhood Specialist Teams (NSTs) and NW Co-ordinators in the setting up and attendance at Local Action Teams, Neighbourhood Panels, and Street Meetings.

Nothing in the foregoing alters the primary aims of Neighbourhood Watch which remain-

- a. To assist the Police to reduce crime by educating residents in good crime prevention methods and accurate reporting of incidents.
- b. Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities.
- c. To help provide reassurance to residents and help reduce the fear of crime.

In conclusion the new model for partnership represents a significant opportunity for Neighbourhood Watch to assist the Police in meeting the aims of the recently introduced Neighbourhood Policing strategy.

Operation Digit – Immobilise Awareness Campaign

Operation Digit is the name given to an awareness and implementation campaign by Eastbourne Police as a pilot scheme for Sussex Police to raise awareness of a pre loss/theft service where anyone can register and record their personal possessions on a secure database. The scheme is particularly suitable for the registration of mobile telephones and people are being asked by the Police to make use of this FREE service in order to reduce the number of incidents of theft of valuable property. Watch out for leaflets held and distributed by Mobile Phone Retailers.

For more information call the Neighbourhood Watch Office on 01323 414218 or PC Andy Hobbs on 01323 414174 or visit website www.immobilise.com



**Letter from Bob Gough –
Crime Reduction Partnership Co-ordinator for Eastbourne**

First of all may I say thank you to all Neighbourhood Watch members for taking part in this worthwhile scheme and to your chair, Lionel for letting me write an article in your newsletter



I manage the day-to-day business of Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership, which is a collection of local agencies, including the police and Eastbourne Borough Council who work together under statute to deliver crime reduction (including anti-social behaviour) throughout the Borough of Eastbourne. The fear of crime is exacerbated by daily shock/horror stories in both national and local media but Eastbourne and the South East region are one of the safest places to live in the country and over the last two years crime has been reduced by almost 20% as a result of the work of the local police and the Crime Reduction Partnership (CRP).

Don't take my word for it; I invite you to look at the facts:

- Overall crime is down 18% in the last 2 years.
- Burglary of people's houses is down 68% since 2003/4.
- Robbery is down 64% since 2003/4.
- Theft of a vehicle is down 54% since 2003/4.
- Theft from a vehicle is down 62% since 2003/4.
- Criminal Damage is down 10% this year compared to last.

Eastbourne Borough is only one of seventeen boroughs/districts in the whole of the South East that met and exceeded government targets set for crime reduction.

Neighbourhood Watch has played its part in creating a community spirit and offering crime prevention advice to prevent such crimes. Well done to each and every member.

The CRP at Eastbourne is not complacent, as a result of a formal analysis of all crime and anti-social behaviour we have developed a comprehensive plan – which includes the further development of Neighbourhood Watch – to address the following priorities, which continue to concern the communities in Eastbourne and these include:

- Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage.
- Low level Public Place Violent Crime particularly related to the night-time economy in the Town Centre.
- Possession and supply of illegal drugs.
- Community Consultation & Engagement.
- Further reduction of crime in Devonshire Ward.

The CRP are determined to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and as our plan is actioned you will see that Eastbourne will become, over the next 3 years, even safer than it is today. And remember it is one of the safer and best places in the south to live, work and visit today!

Play your part and be part of Neighbourhood Watch.

Best wishes,

Bob Gough

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 5th and 6th 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!



****RECENT THREATS****

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Most thefts from vehicles occur when attractive items are left on seats or otherwise in full view from the outside. Contractors vans are particularly vulnerable with expensive tools being stolen, even ladders, left on the van roof, have been known to disappear overnight. Please remember to remove valuable items from the vehicle before parking up for the night and if it is not practicable to remove all items have a proper alarm system fitted. Also, if you have to park in the street try to park under a light.

SUMMER SECURITY

Please be aware of the extra risks to home security that are brought about by the warmer weather. Be careful not to leave windows and doors open when your home is unattended, opportunity burglaries have occurred involving the use of small children who are trained to get in through very small windows and it only takes a minute to get in through a main door left open "for ventilation", also try to remember to lock your front door when working in the back garden.

DISTRACTION BURGLARY

There continues to be too many distraction burglaries. Most victims are elderly and it seems that a number of incidents go unreported due to the fact that some victims are either frightened to call the Police or do not know what number to call or even that they are unaware that a crime has been committed.

Will all NW Co-ordinators please try to identify those members of their schemes most at risk and try to impress upon them the importance of reporting correctly-remember if a crime is in progress it becomes a 999 call, if a report of a recent incident or any concern the number to call is 0845 60 70 999. and if the caller wishes to remain anonymous then use the Crime Stoppers number 0800 555 111.

Welcome to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

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

- Meads-** St Gregory Close, Cranborne Avenue
- Devonshire-** None
- Upperton-** None
- Old Town-** Farlaine Road, Priory Heights, Pashley Road
- Ratton-** Park Avenue, Wish Hill
- Hampden Park-** None
- Sovereign-** Trujillo Court/Callao Quay, Kingsmere Community Association
- St Anthony's -** None
- Langney-** None

Farewells to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

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

- Devonshire-** Pevensey Road
- Ratton -** Upper Ratton Drive
- Hampden Park -** Dallington Road, Lakeside Court
- Langney-** Offham Close, Castle Bolton

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.



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Working to improve the Well-Being and Quality of Life for older people supports Neighbourhood Watch in its efforts to make Eastbourne a safer place to live.

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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-

Devonshire Cllr Nigel Goodyear 641211

Hampden Park

(East) Keith Fillery 504042

(West) Roger Strange-Burlong 508863

Langney Jan Newens 768521

Meads Roy Peacock 647729

Emergency Text Service Launched

Sussex Police officially launched a new emergency SMS text service for hearing and speech-impaired people on the 6th May. The new **65999** emergency text number will improve access to the emergency services for those unable to use a voice telephone. Users of the new 65999 number simply need to type the emergency service required i.e. 'police', 'fire', 'ambulance' or 'coastguard'. They then type details of the nature of the emergency, along with the exact location, and send the message to 65999.

Old Town David Visick 724982

Ratton Alf Pulfer 507639

St Anthony's Nigel Parker 645529

Sovereign Gill Ashby 646563

Upperton Colin Sargent 731909

IMPORTANT CONTACT
TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE. Crime in progress - 999

Recent Crime / Concern- 0845 60 70 999

Crime Prevention Officer-

0845 60 70 999 Ext 77463

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
SOLICITORS

For specialist advice concerning:

- Wills and Estate Administration
- Lasting 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

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