



# 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, Crime Reduction Partnership and supported by Eastbourne Borough Council**

## Message from the Chairman

It is now five years since I became a member of the General Committee of Eastbourne NHW Association. At that time the Association was not in good shape with in fighting within the Committee, a general reluctance to become involved with the Eastbourne Police and no representative on the General Committee of the Sussex NHW Federation. After a troubled period I became Chairman at our own AGM in 2004.

I soon found that heading up an organisation that is completely reliant upon volunteers and a lot of goodwill is rather different from running a service unit or commercial business staffed by paid personnel who can be directed to do things!!

The fact that we have now achieved a high level of respect within the Crime Reduction Partnership is due largely to the fact that we have a firm base in a police station and that I have received unwavering support and understanding from the General Committee and all NHW Co-ordinators throughout Eastbourne, for that I thank you all most sincerely.

I shall be standing down at our **AGM on the 12th November at 7pm in Christ the King Church Hall near Langney Roundabout**. Some of you may remember that I tried to do this last year, which is when our Constitution decrees, this year I feel that I have passed my "sell by date" and it is really is time to go. It will be up to you all to elect your new Chairperson and General Committee, I shall be putting certain proposals to the AGM and I wish you to know that I have the greatest confidence in those that I shall be proposing. I do hope that you will all continue to give them the same degree of support that I have enjoyed for the last four years.

Thank you again.

Lionel Lacey-Johnson

Numbers Game – This is how things are looking today.

Wards	Schemes B/F	Schemes Added	Schemes Discontinued	Total Schemes	Homes Covered
1. Meads	47	6	Nil	53	1,498
2. Devonshire	18	4	Nil	22	573
3. Upperton	19	3	Nil	22	508
4. Old Town	23	1	2	22	733
5. Ratton	33	2	2	33	729
6. Hampden Park	20	1	2	19	901
7. St Anthony's	18	Nil	Nil	18	323
8. Sovereign	21	Nil	Nil	21	1,392
9. Langney	16	1	Nil	17	421
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>7,078</b>



## Householders guide to Self Defence in the home

It is comparatively rare that a person is actually confronted by an intruder but here is a brief summary of the advice given by the Crown Prosecution Service and the Association of Chief Police Constables.

- a. If you see or hear an intruder breaking in but the person is not actually very close to you, **call the Police immediately using the 999 system.**
- b. When householders are suddenly confronted by an intruder in their home it is likely that almost any amount of force they use to protect themselves and their family will be justified.
- c. Self-defence is a common law defence, which means that case law determines the test to be applied when an individual relies on it in court.
- d. One thing is clear from looking at the cases that deal with reasonable force-very few of them relate to householders tackling intruders. Generally speaking the Crown Prosecution Service does not prosecute householders who use violence in these circumstances.
- e. If you set a trap rather than calling the Police this is NOT seen as using reasonable force or acting in self-defence.
- f. If you chase after a person in order to affect a citizen's arrest you are still allowed to use reasonable force, but the legal degree of force in such circumstances is considerably reduced because you are not acting in self-defence. Going beyond a simple rugby tackle or a single blow or restraining action and inflicting further damage as punishment for the person's misdeeds would not be seen as reasonable force and could make you liable for prosecution for assault.

**It should however be realised that the Police have a duty to investigate ALL incidents of self defence** but generally speaking the Crown Prosecution Service do not prosecute householders who use violence in defence of the legal occupants of a home

### Channel Four



Programme-makers are appealing for Neighbourhood Watch members to come forward to help with a new TV documentary. Bafta Award-winning television production company Century Films is making a programme about people who have witnessed a violent crime or intimidating anti-social behaviour and have had to make the difficult decision whether or not to intervene. Jeanette Bell explained: "This will be an intelligent, thought-provoking, and above all non-judgemental documentary about a modern dilemma affecting our society. "It could be that you have witnessed a verbal or physical attack on a stranger and intervened on their behalf. Perhaps you intervened and suffered as a result.

"Perhaps you decided it was too dangerous to get involved. Or maybe you have been the victim of an attack yourself and a stranger has helped you."

If you have had an experience such as this and you would like to find out more about the film (without having to take part), call Century on: 020 7378 6106. Or email: [moreinfo@centuryfilmsltd.com](mailto:moreinfo@centuryfilmsltd.com). All calls will be treated confidentially

### Community Focus – Parking Enforcement

The new zones come into play from the 20<sup>th</sup> October. Look forward to free flowing traffic, a quiet town centre and lots of cars with sticky papers on windscreens.



Contact:  
Mrs Jeanette Bird

### Temple Bird SOLICITORS

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**Trading standards officers are warning of  
“Cashback” money transfer fraud**

**after consumers in East Sussex were targeted**

The victims are people selling items or services, particularly on the Internet. They get an offer from a person supposedly living overseas who is prepared to pay over the odds for the items being sold. The catch comes when the buyer asks for the extra money to be sent to a third party to cover the costs of the shipping. The victim apparently receives the money for the item into their bank and then sends the extra money to the third party. Unfortunately the scammer has paid by stolen or forged cheques and the extra “good” money paid by the victim has gone to the “third party” who turns out to be the scammer!

If in any doubt refuse to accept any deal that involves transferring part of the payment to a supposed third party.

Anyone believing they may have been targeted by this scam should contact Trading Standards on 08454040506

**Do you know all the guests at your open house party or BBQ?**

The increased popularity of “Open House” parties and BBQs has brought a new threat to your home security. An incident occurred recently when a stranger mingled with legitimate guests at a BBQ and, choosing his moment, asked for directions to the toilet. “up-stairs and first on the left” he was told.

On the way the thief entered two bedrooms and stole a quantity of cash and jewellery, which had been laying on tables, flushing the toilet to give credence to his story, he went down stairs and was never seen again! Moral, watch out for gatecrashers and do not leave valuables exposed to prying eyes.

**Halloween**

It is planned to enclose a few copies of the Sussex Police standard “Sorry, No Trick or Treat” leaflets with each NHW Co-ordinator’s copies of this edition of “The Co-ordinator but all NHW members should be aware of the following advice issued by the Police in order to protect the more vulnerable members of our communities, especially the elderly

**Advice to Parents**

Do ask your children not to visit the most elderly and other known vulnerable members of your society, especially those displaying the “No Trick or Treat” sign

Discourage the children from knocking on doors of complete strangers

You should know where your children are at all times

Do not let them go Trick or Treating alone.

**Advice to “Haunters”**

Do not go alone

Only go to houses where you or your friends know the residents

Stay with your friends unless an adult goes with you.

Do not go to houses with the “No Trick or Treat” sign

Do not vandalise anything or throw eggs or flour as this can cause a great deal of misery especially to older people and can be classed as criminal damage or even assault and end up with you being in trouble with the Police.

**Brits passive about crime ?**

Why is it the French and Germans are more likely to step in and confront anti-social behaviour than we Brits? A new report on crime labels the British public ‘passive bystanders’. We want to hear your views on this controversial topic.

**ACC** Crime Prevention Service

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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

**Reporting Incidents**

Generally speaking the standard of our reporting of incidents is still not as good as it might be.

Please always remember the golden rule-

Crime in progress or about to happen—Call 999

Concern or recent incident ---Call 0845 60 70 999

The Neighbourhood Watch Police Support Office (NWPSO) telephone number 01323 414218 should NOT be used to report incidents of criminal activity because-

- a. The desk is only staffed on a voluntary part time basis
- b. The desk officers have no direct access to the Police Control room which records all reported incidents for future reference.

The NWPSO number should be used to obtain advice on NHW administrative matters such as who to contact about non-criminal problems and the placing of NHW Street Signs.

<b>Devonshire Cllr Nigel Goodyear</b>	<b>641211</b>	<b>Old Town</b>	David Visick	<b>724982</b>
<b>Hampden Park</b>		<b>Ratton</b>	Alf Pulfer	<b>507639</b>
<b>(East) Keith Fillery</b>	<b>504042</b>	<b>St Anthony's</b>	Nigel Parker	<b>645529</b>
<b>(West) Roger Strange-Burlong</b>	<b>508863</b>	<b>Sovereign</b>	Gill Ashby	<b>646563</b>
<b>Langney</b>	Jan Newens	<b>Upperton</b>	Colin Sargent	<b>731909</b>
<b>Meads</b>	Roy Peacock			

**LITTER ACTION**

Did you know litter in your community increases the fear of crime. Bill Bryson is campaigning for a cleaner Britain. His comments in a Times article were – “The real worry with litter, it seems to me, is not those who drop it, but the millions who look at it and do nothing.”

Are you fed up with all the mess on our streets? Local “grot-spots” are Pevensey Road, Langney Road, Susan’s Road, Seaside Road and Bourne Street.

Why not report your local grot-spot to the people who are employed to do something about it.

**ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT OFFICER- 01323 415934**

Let’s help in the clean up of Eastbourne.

When reporting criminal activity or suspicion gather your thoughts together before picking up the telephone.

Dial the appropriate number, **speak** clearly and try to give as clear and as detailed description as possible of what is occurring.

Try and clarify the persons involved- age, height, clothing.

If any vehicles are involved-registration number (even partial numbers are useful), type, and colour

If you see any occupants and direction of travel if driven off.

An official Police guide to descriptions is being developed. More details in our next Newsletter.

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**Don’t forget our AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> November from 7 pm in Christ the King Church Hall near Langney Roundabout, Princes Road,**