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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**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH STREET SIGNS

There have recently been several changes to the procedure for obtaining street signs. In the past, the erection of street signs has been free of charge - however, in line with the rest of the county, there will now be a charge of £15 for erection on top of the £32.50 which is the current purchase price of the sign itself. When applying for a licence to erect a sign, you will be asked to make a sketch of where, ideally, you would like your sign to be placed although the Highways Department will decide on the actual positioning of the sign. **Important Note:** Even though Neighbourhood Watch street signs are paid for by you, once they are erected on the highway, they become the responsibility of the Highways Department and may be moved or taken down for any reason by the Highways Department without consultation. Normally they will only be removed if the sign is damaged or reaches the end of its acceptable life - i.e. wording fades etc.

However, added to the above, there is now a drive by Government - Department of Transport - to "reduce street clutter" all over the UK. This means that our Eastbourne Highways Department will be commencing a project shortly to rationalise Neighbourhood Watch signs all across the town, i.e. re-positioning some of the existing signs in order to give greater coverage but less "clutter". The first signs to be looked at will be those where there is no current Neighbourhood Watch scheme in existence.

Series of bicycle thefts - Many bicycles, some worth £600-£700 - which were left unchained in cycle racks or in unlocked garages or garden sheds have been stolen across the town.

Ensure your bicycle is chained securely or kept in a secure shed or garage.

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01323 740517 - www.mmrfireandsecurity.co.uk



Neighbourhood Watch Members' Handbook You should, by now, have received your copy of the Neighbourhood Watch Members' Handbook. If you have not received your copy yet, please contact your Ward Co-ordinator whose telephone number is on the back page of this newsletter .

New Schemes – Quarter Ended 30th June 2009 In the last three months another 18 schemes have started up, covering an extra 631 homes but, with over 44,000 homes in Eastbourne, we have a long way to go to reach the target set for us by Bob Gough of the Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership who, in 2006, said he wants our membership doubled by 2010. At least we are heading in the right direction .

Don't forget, we can supply small security aids at very competitive prices:-

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LOOK OUT FOR YOUR FOREIGN STUDENTS THIS SUMMER

As another foreign student year approaches, please be aware that, if your students are subjected to incidents of any kind, from anybody, please report all incidents to the Police as soon as possible. If an incident is in progress dial 999. If your student reports an incident to you when he/she gets home, please report it to the Police on 0845 60 70 999 at that time - do not wait until the following day as vital time and evidence is lost.

It is only by recording these incidents that the picture will become clear and the Police will be able to direct resources appropriately and stop this problem.

Also, any business displaying the “red and yellow hand” exclusion notice in their windows or doors means that a student can go into any of these premises and ask for assistance should they need it - a “safe haven” for students.



2009 Campaign now running.

If you want to help organise a Tidy Up in your area call Colin Akers on 07872030297



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*****LATEST THREATS*****



Preventable incidents - could this have been YOU? - There are **still** too many incidents appearing on the Police crime log which could have been avoided. All these have taken up valuable Police resources and should never have happened if people had taken more care of their property. The following are just a few examples:

1. Theft from a house where the front door was left open whilst the owner "just popped next door"
2. Theft from a house where key to the patio door was left in the lock **on the outside of the door.**
3. Theft at night - entry to the house gained via an unlocked patio door.
4. Theft of stereo equipment from an unlocked vehicle
5. Theft of a wallet from an unlocked car, having been left in full view on the front seat.
6. Handbag stolen having been left momentarily in a shopping trolley whilst owner loading car.

UPDATE ON FIXED PENALTY NOTICES AND COURT CASES FOR DOG FOULING AND LITTERING

Since the last newsletter there have been 8 Fixed Penalty Notices issued for littering and only 1 for dog fouling, plus a Court Case for dog fouling which, unfortunately, has been adjourned until August.

A Date for the Diary - "Operation Canine" - Saturday, 26th September in Hampden Park - "Let's not complain, let's campaign!" "Scoop the Poop!" - WE CAN'T BLAME THE DOGS, WE NEED TO EDUCATE THE OWNERS!"

REMEMBER - if you know of any irresponsible dog owners who constantly allow their dogs to foul our streets and parks, contact our Community Enforcement Officers on 01323 415934, communityenforcement@eastbourne.gov.uk, or our Dog Welfare Officer, Sue Criddle on 01323 415934 - sue.criddle@eastbourne.gov.uk Surveillance will be carried out and Fixed Penalty Notices will be served!! Let's promote "responsible dog ownership".

EAST SUSSEX FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE can provide advice and FREE smoke alarms

Your local Fire & Rescue Service personnel would like to make an appointment to visit the homes of people most at risk from having an accidental fire in the home and to discuss fire safety issues that are specific to them. They will also ensure that you have working smoke alarm(s) within your home and, where you do not, they will supply and fit 10 year smoke alarm(s).

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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.

Devonshire Cllr Nigel Goodyear 641211

Hampden Park

(E) Keith Fillery 504042

(W) John & Pam Rollison 507665

Langney Jan Newens 749100

Meads Roy Peacock 647729

Old Town David Visick 724982

Ratton Alf Pulfer 507639

St Anthony's Nigel Parker 645529

Sovereign Tim Raggett 725414

Upperton Colin Sargent 731909

www.litteraction.org.uk/eastbourne

The Litteraction website is all about helping you to take action against litter. The aim is to offer a range of actions that you can take, from joining (or even forming) a local volunteer litter-collecting group to collecting litter on your own to exchanging views on the Litteraction forum and to writing to your Council to report litter.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK

Community Payback is essentially the replacement for Community Service, also more recently called Community Punishment. Courts are given the power to sentence offenders of certain crimes to undertake between 40 and 600 hours of Community Payback. This work is unpaid and demanding work that is aimed at giving something to local communities and forcing offenders to repay the community for the wrong they have done.

Community Payback has been widely used across Eastbourne under the supervision of Sussex Probation Service.

If you have any suggestions where Community Payback could improve your community, please e-mail: sussexcommunity.payback@sussex.probation.gsi.gov.uk

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