



THE CO-ORDINATOR

Your local NHW
Scheme
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**

HALLOWEEEEEEEEEEEEEN!!!!!! - a message from Sussex Police

While Halloween can undoubtedly be a great deal of fun for children who 'trick or treat' responsibly, it can also be a particularly distressing time of year for some of the more vulnerable members of our communities – especially the elderly.

If you feel vulnerable during Halloween you can display a Sussex Police "No Trick or Treat" sign, which are available on request from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT). These make it clear to any visitors that it's not worth knocking on your door and that you won't answer.

To get in touch with your local NPT you can call 0845 60 70 999, visit your local police station or send them a message via the Sussex Police website – www.sussex.police.uk. Advice for children and parents at Halloween:

- * Always go trick or treating with an adult.
- * Don't talk to strangers on the street
- * Only go to houses where you know the residents
- * Be visible
- * Don't knock on doors with a "No Trick or Treat" sign
- * Don't enter any house – stay outside
- * Stay in areas that are well lit with street lights - take a torch with you – just in case.

Change at the Top
Chief Inspector
Jayne Dando is the
new District
Commander for
Eastbourne. She
took over from Chief
Inspector. Dick
Coates who has
taken up a position
at Sussex Police
Headquarters.

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every day during 2008 (National Crime Survey 2007-2008)**

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book an appointment at a time convenient to yourself, please call:

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New Schemes – Quarter Ended 30th September 2009 In the last three months another 23 schemes have started up, covering an extra 387 homes.

Do you have friends or family living in any of the following roads? If so, please tell them about the benefits of being part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Ask them to contact 07733 480858 or jan.newens@sky.com for details.

Burlington Place	Hardwick Road	Hyde Gardens	Lushington Road	York Road
Albion Road	Avondale Road	Beamsley Road	Cavendish Avenue	Myrtle Road
Bedford Grove	Hartfield road	Mill Gap Road	Prideaux Road	Southfield Road
Abbey Road	Command Road	Eldon Road	Royal Sussex Cres.	Osborne Road
Avard Crescent	Greenway	Selsfield Close	Tilgate Close	Yieldings Close
Brand Road	Brodrick Road	Favgate Road	Mallard Close	Parkfield Ave.

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Various	Safe Cans / Book Safe / Candle Safe	£ 3.00 to £ 5.00
JN0005	24 Hr Segment Plug-in timer	£ 3.00
AM0205	Permanent UV Marker Pen	£ 0.50

Have you heard about “Operation Blitz”?

Police officers cruise the town 6pm to midnight on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in the CCTV van. If you have signed up to Blitz and you are bothered by Anti Social Behaviour or under-age drinking, you can call them on the mobile phone in the van for an instant response. For further details please call 07733 480858.



A Keep Britain Tidy Campaign

2009 Campaign now running.

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



Contact:
Mrs Jeanette Crouch

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****LATEST THREATS****



Beware of Bogus Callers Here's what you can do to keep yourself safe

When you hear someone at the door:

- * Take your time – a genuine caller will wait.
 - * Look to see who is there – window or door viewer
- If you do not recognise who it is:
- * Apply your door chain or door bar.
 - * Check all your doors are locked – burglars often come in pairs, so one may come in the back while you are being distracted at the front door.

Always ask for identification, but remember:

- ID cards are easy to copy. If in doubt, ask them to wait and call their company to check, once again, a genuine caller will not mind.
- Use your phone book or utility bill to find the number – don't accept a mobile number offered to you by the caller.

You don't have to let people in and if you are uncertain then don't, however persuasive or plausible the caller is. It is better to turn a genuine caller away than let a burglar in.

“Operation K9” - Hampden Park - Saturday 26th September.

What a lovely day we had on Saturday 26th!! The weather was fabulous (ordered specially, we're told) and there was a terrific turnout. It was all about dogs and the park and how they and their litter affects everyone else who uses the park. The PDSA were there, micro-chipping FOC, the NHS had a stall & they were explaining to people about the dangers of dog faeces. Also, Sue Criddle was on hand for advice. Next year will be an even bigger event – a Hampden Park Family Day!!!

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.

Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch is divided into nine wards which mirror the Eastbourne Borough Council Wards. Your Ward Co-ordinators, who also form the General Committee, are as follows:-

Meads	Roy Peacock	647729	H/Park West	Pam & John	507665
Devonshire	Nigel Goodyear	641211	Rollison		
Upperton	Colin Sargent	731909	St Anthony's	Nigel Parker	645529
Old Town	David Visick	724982	Sovereign	Tim Raggett	725414
Ratton	Alf Pulfer	507639	Langney	Vacant	
H/Park East	Keith Fillery	504052			

The Ward Co-ordinators deliver the newsletter to the Street Co-ordinators who, in turn, deliver the newsletter to our 8,405 member households. The General Committee meets four times a year. We are still looking for a Langney Ward Co-ordinator.

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Charity Clothing Collection Scam

Trading Standards are warning people to be careful when leaving clothing parcels out for reputable charity collectors. Reports have been received recently that the clothing bags left out for genuine charities are being taken by commercial companies and repacked to be sold on elsewhere. If you are looking to donate clothes to charity you may want to check when the collections will be or, alternatively, take them into the shops to avoid this problem

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