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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**

EASTBOURNE CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP would like to hear how safe you feel

What do you think about crime and safety in your neighbourhood? If you live in Eastbourne, the Crime Reduction Partnership wants to know what you think about crime and anti-social behaviour in your local area at the moment - and what you tell us will influence our action to make the District even safer.

Chair of the Partnership and Senior Head of Community at Eastbourne Borough Council, Ian Fitzpatrick, "We know that Eastbourne has a very low crime rate which we are continuing to reduce further, however, we want to know what causes concerns to the community so that we can ensure that we do all that we can to reassure people. The results of the survey last year helped us to focus on several areas within the district. I would encourage residents to have their say, even if they completed the survey last year, and make their views heard on what they are most concerned about in their local area in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour."

Flyers and posters are being distributed across Eastbourne and the survey can be found online at www.eastbourne.gov.uk/safetysurvey It can also be accessed via the computers at libraries across East Sussex free-of-charge. If you require a paper copy, please call 01323 466525.

The five East Sussex community safety partnerships - for Hastings, Rother, Eastbourne, Lewes and Wealden - have worked with East Sussex County Council's Safer Communities Team to run the survey across the county. This will enable us to collect information from residents across East Sussex, which will be used by all agencies in the East Sussex Safer communities Partnership.

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

- Break-ins - Sheds and Garages in Kingsmere, Kings Park and Meads areas - Don't forget, we can supply Shed Alarms @ £8.00 each.
- There have again been reports of aggressive cold callers in the town. The police are informed beforehand when "legitimate" companies have people in the area so, if you have any concerns, report it in. If the cold callers are not authorised, a police unit will be sent out to you.
- Various "scam" telephone calls around - often these people already have some of your personal details. Do NOT – EVER give out your personal or bank details to ANYBODY!!!

Some News from the Neighbourhood Panels

Panels 1 & 5 – Ratton & Rodmill - Following 2 recent injury accidents involving Ratton school pupils on Willingdon Road, The Panel together with Ratton School have organised a petition calling on ESCC to reduce the current speed limit from 40 to 30 mph on Willingdon Road southwards from Willingdon roundabout. Ocklynge School has also given its support to this request and it was supported in the accident report by the local police officer. County Councillor Colin Belsey presented the petition to the Chairman of the County Council on 30th March. The Panel has also been successful in setting up a "No Cold Calling Zone in Rodmill. The message is "This Community says "NO DOORSTEP CALLERS HERE!"

Panels 3 & 6 - Hampden Park West & East - Next meeting is 1st June – Hampden Park Railway Club. Main issues around use of the railway crossing (see page 3) and Friends of Hampden Park appeal (see below).

Panel 15 – St Anthony's & Langney Point - Dog fouling is one of the major issues (as with most of the other Panels). Supply & placement of more dog bins is being looked into plus more inspections by Dog Warden.

Panel 21 - Sovereign Harbour – Inconsiderate parking/speeding, dog fouling and littering. All being addressed slowly but surely.

The Friends of Hampden Park are seeking help to make the Decoy Pond a "Swan Lake" again.

Money is needed for essential work to restore the water quality and improve the ecology and natural habitat in order to get our swans back - they had to be taken away due to shallow water, parasites etc and dying cygnets.

The Friends have arranged with NatWest Bank that anyone who wishes to make a donation just needs to go to the counter and the clerk will do everything else. No need for a pay-in slip or anything. It is "The Hampden Park Pond Appeal"

Follow progress at::

www.friendsofthehampdenpark.co.uk



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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE

Stay safe on the railway in Hampden Park and Willingdon this spring/summer is the message from British Transport Police to children and young people. Spring/summer is traditionally a time when incidents such as stone-throwing, putting obstructions in front of trains, trespassing on the tracks and line-side vandalism increase on the railway with children and young people off school and the onset of lighter nights.

PC Denise Hamilton-Harris, BTP Crime Reduction Officer, said:

“During the school holidays we traditionally see an increase in vandalism and stone-throwing offences on the railway and recently we’ve seen objects such as shopping trolleys, children’s buggies and other objects left near the tracks in the Hampden Park and Willingdon areas.

“We are hoping that this year, by working alongside colleagues from Sussex Police and Network Rail targeting hot spot areas and through the education work we do, we will reduce the number of incidents and deter the majority of youngsters from messing about or hanging around near the railway.”

She added: “This spring/summer, stay safe and stay off the railway because it is not a playground and it is not somewhere children or young people should be hanging around. It can be a very dangerous place and people shouldn’t risk their lives for what they may see as a bit of harmless fun.

“Parents and adults must also take responsibility and emphasise the dangers to your children, and if you live near the railway, ask yourself if you know where your children are playing?” **As well as targeting vandalism and trespass on the railway, BTP is also warning motorists against taking risks at Hampden Park level crossing.**

PC Hamilton-Harris said: “The majority of drivers respect the lights but a small minority are still prepared to run the risk to save time on their journey.

“This sort of impatience is reckless and dangerous and we are working closely with Network Rail and Sussex Police to address the problem.”

There are more than 7,600 level crossings across the UK railway network and research has shown that 95 per cent of incidents at level crossings are caused by misuse with people ignoring the lights, signs or sirens. PC Hamilton-Harris added: “It is imperative that pedestrians and drivers do not take risks at rail crossings, which are perfectly safe if used correctly.

“This is a busy area with trains utilising the crossing and pedestrians and drivers need to be aware of the potential danger.

“Safety procedures are in place for a reason and for the sake of waiting for just a couple of minutes, people are urged not to risk endangering their lives, or the lives of others.

“For those that do decide to act irresponsibly there are penalties in place which could see the offender receive a fine, points on their licence or even a prison sentence.”

Members of the public can report any dangerous activity near the railway lines in Hampden Park and Willingdon to BTP on

Freefone **0800 40 50 40** or Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

In an emergency call **0207 320 999**.

DON'T FORGET!!!!

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL GO TO:
www.eastbournenp.org OR CALL 07733 480858 OR E-MAIL: jan.newens@sky.com

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PANELS ARE GETTING THINGS DONE!!!!!!

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	504042			

The Ward Co-ordinators deliver the newsletter to their local NHW Scheme Co-ordinators who, in turn, deliver the newsletter to our 9,500 plus member households. The General Committee meets four times a year. We are still looking for a Langney Ward Co-ordinator.

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