



# THE CO-ORDINATOR

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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**

## **ADULT ABUSE: Speak up, Speak out!!!!**

You may know that there's been increasing publicity around the abuse of vulnerable adults - especially following the tragic case of Fiona Pilkington in Leicestershire. Here in East Sussex, as part of a wider campaign prompted by the review of 'No Secrets', (the Government's guidance on safeguarding vulnerable adults) Sussex Social Care are planning a multi-agency advertising campaign for early autumn. The aim is to raise the general public's awareness of the ways vulnerable adults can suffer abuse and how to report it. The 'Speak up, Speak out!' campaign will start with thought provoking posters and leaflets available across the country backed up with a high profile radio ad on Heart fm, car stickers, online case studies and ads on the Stagecoach Rider buses.

Your help is needed to raise awareness in your local area, and to look out for vulnerable adults who might be at risk. It's not just older people, but anyone over 18 who might need support because of a physical or learning disability, mental health issue, or just because they are isolated or lonely. Abuse can be a single or repeated act, and may be:

\*\* physical (hitting or rough handling) \*\* verbal (shouting or swearing) \*\* psychological (bullying or intimidating someone) \*\* neglect (not providing food or heating) \*\* failure to act (not seeking medical help when needed) \*\* financial \*\* or sexual contact which someone has not or cannot consent to. It can be difficult for people to say when they are being abused. They may not realise it is happening, or be too scared to say anything, particularly if the abuser is someone close to them.

For more information about how to help promote the campaign, contact East Sussex County Council's Adult Social Care Communications Team on: [ascinformationcommsunit@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:ascinformationcommsunit@eastsussex.gov.uk) or call 01273 336401

If you are concerned about anybody, you can call Social Care Direct on 0345 60 80 191. Or, if it's an emergency then call 999.

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**\* \* \* \* LATEST THREATS \* \* \* \***

- Recent drug warrants across the town have been conducted with some success. Anybody with information regarding drug dealing, cultivation and usage should speak to Police staff direct or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.
- “Keep Cool this Summer” - Although the number of burglaries across the town are falling there is always a rise during the summer months because of people leaving doors and windows open or insecure. Because the best defence against any burglary is prevention please ask your PCSO for a copy of “Keep Cool this Summer. Alternatively, visit [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) or phone 0845 60 70 999 and ask for your local Crime Prevention Officer.

**A STICKY BUSINESS!!!**

Driving around Eastbourne recently, we have noticed that in some areas where we know there is a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in place, there is a noticeable absence of the little round Neighbourhood Watch stickers in peoples' windows.

It is easy to mislay them – or perhaps yours has deteriorated and you need a new one. Feedback from those who have displayed their stickers is very much that unwanted callers have definitely become much fewer. Also the local Police welcome the display of these stickers and do everything they can to support Neighbourhood Watch, which is encouraging. So, folks, if your stickers have got lost, or the dog has chewed them up, worry not! - just give your Ward Co-ordinator a ring (details on the back page of this newsletter). Alternatively, call 07733 480858 or e-mail [jan.newens@sky.com](mailto:jan.newens@sky.com)

These stickers, when clearly displayed, can be worth money to you as your house & contents insurance company SHOULD give you a discount on your premiums when you can prove that you are a member of Neighbourhood Watch.

**OPERATION “BLITZ”**

Op Blitz - operates out of the mobile Police CCTV vehicle every Thursday, Friday & Saturday night from 6pm to midnight - throughout the year!!!!

Sign up to Op Blitz and you will be given the number of the mobile phone used by the officers on the van. If you are bothered by under-age drinkers or any anti-social behaviour on these summer nights, just call the mobile number and the team can be with you rapidly.

Call 07733 480858 if you want to sign up to Op Blitz and a Data Protection form will be sent to you without delay.



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## SOME NEWS FROM YOUR PCSOs

**1. MEADS - PCSO Dave Smith - 07787 685811** - Next Meads Neighbourhood Panel meeting is on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm in the Universities Trevin Towers site, Room 116 – Gaudick Road. Two main priorities in Meads – a) anti-social behaviour by students – Kevin Mannall from the university deals with this and he can be contacted on 01273 643102 or [k.mannall@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:k.mannall@brighton.ac.uk). b) speeding/traffic issues – work in progress to deploy several speed checks in area.

**2. DEVONSHIRE - PCSO Steve Parsons - 07787 685812** - Main issues – a) street drinkers between Salvation Army and Oasis Centre – PCSOs Parsons & Hill increasing hi-vis patrols in the area. b) Drug dealing in Burfield Rd/Marine Rd area - more hi-vis patrols in area. c) Dog fouling in Redoubt/Addingham Rd area - this information passed on to Sue Criddle, Dog Warden at EBC Tel: 01323 415380.

**3. UPPERTON / SAFFRONS / SUMMERDOWN - PCSO Anita Edwards - 07787 685810** - 12-15 fixed penalty notices have been issued to vehicles parked on pavements in Mill Road and increased patrols and ticketing will continue. Street drinkers are being dealt with robustly. Hi-vis patrols will continue and groups will continue to be moved on. Parking problems outside St.Thomas a Becket School – Anita has sent letter to parents re acceptable parking & warning them that tickets will be issued to vehicles which are causing an obstruction and will be towed away if necessary.

**4. OLD TOWN / MOTCOMBE - PCSO Zoe Ayres - 07787 685818** - Motcombe area has seen criminal damage to vehicles – wing mirror damage - please be vigilant and report immediately any individuals you believe may be involved. Further ticketing of illegally parked vehicles has taken place and will continue. Pavements in particular must be kept clear for pedestrians, mums with prams and disabled wheelchair users.

**5. RATTON - PCSO Austin Milson - 07787 685808** - Residents would like various parts of the neighbourhood designated as “no cold calling zones” as is now active in the Burton Road area. Ratton has the highest number of homes covered by Neighbourhood Watch (2,226) but want more. Ratton School and the residents of Park Lane would like a reduction of the speed limit – this is now being looked at by East Sussex County Council

**HAMPDEN PARK WEST – PCSO Sue Robinson - 07787 685820** - To report anti-social driving visit OPERATION CRACKDOWN at [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org) or call 01243 642222. For parking issues contact 0845 680 1129 or 01323 432000. Sue's next surgery will be in Brassey Parade on the 24<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm. Why not go along and have a chat. For more advice on crime prevention call 0845 60 70 999 and ask for your local Crime Prevention Officer.

**7. ST. ANTHONY'S / LANGNEY POINT - PCSO Wendy Turner - 07787 685803** - Environmental issues have been raised around the old storage building at the bottom of Moy Avenue (disrepair and broken windows) and the Horseye Sewer (danger and fly tipping) which runs along the same area. Inventive methods of dealing with these problems are being looked at with partner agencies. Parking outside the schools also a problem – Police patrolling as often as they can and enforcing parking restrictions using the powers they have.

**8. SOVEREIGN / KING'S PARK / KINGSMERE - PCSO Martin Hylands - 07909 873787** - Speeding vehicles and anti-social driving remain a problem - Speed Intervention Device (SID) has been deployed (displays happy face if driving below the speed limit and sad face if not). Also, our Roads Policing Department is very active in patrolling the hotspot areas. Anti-social (irresponsible) dog owners also still a problem. PCSOs and Dog Warden working hard to solve this problem and enforce the law. Agreed this problem will not go away quickly and relies on the whole community working together to tackle it.

**9. LANGNEY - PCSO Andy Monico - 07787 685819** - Litter and anti-social behaviour in Shinewater are still a problem – the Council have been contacted and asked for more cleansing along with increased numbers of litter bins. Untidy areas seem to attract anti-social behaviour. Thefts of cycles and mopeds are being investigated and progress is being made to bring offenders to justice. Remember to register your bike with Immobilise - [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) – if you do not have access to the internet, call your local PCSO who will register it for you. Community safety issues around Pigs Lane are being looked at including cleansing and lighting.

*The Neighbourhood Panels are getting things done!!!!*

*Find out more: [www.eastbournenp.org](http://www.eastbournenp.org) or call 07733 480 858 or email [jan.newens@sky.com](mailto:jan.newens@sky.com)*

**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.

\*\*\*\*\* **Please remember to leave your name and telephone number** \*\*\*\*\*

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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