

## Spotlight on a Member



Sarah was born in Old Town, grew up and became first a Police

Cadet, then a Special Constable, before paddling across 'The Pond' to USA, where she worked as a nurse/paramedic for several years, then back to Eastbourne - Sarah is a much-travelled and clever lady. After returning here she joined a Private Ambulance Service, tending patients as they were transported to various parts of this country and Europe. Only a few weeks into the job, the ambulance was involved in a serious accident on the M25 where she broke her back and several other limbs, 10 years ago.

In spite of now being largely wheelchair-bound, and with other medical problems, she is determined to live life to the full. She worked for the Red Cross as a Manager for 3 years, and later joined Citizens' Advice Bureau as an Advisor for another 3 years, 'Unfortunately I can no longer do this job, due to my health' she told us: 'But I am still on the Equalities and Diversities Board, and hope shortly to join a government scheme to get shops and business in line with the Disabilities and Discriminations Act.'

A staunch Neighbourhood Watch member, Sarah feels it is a much-needed organisation. 'If everyone in the community could just spend a few hours helping others, how peaceful Life would be.'

## Why Join 'Operation Blitz?'

Some members are unclear as to exactly why they should 'join' Operation Blitz and what benefit it is to them personally. The main reason is that you have the equivalent of a 'direct line' to a team of Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers, who will be in a van very near to where you live. So if you witness any anti-social behaviour or under-age drinking/smoking, you can hit the number you have been given, and they will reply from inside their van, and be with you very quickly in order to deal with the problem. They operate out of a CCTV vehicle every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, from 6 pm - midnight, throughout the year, and by alerting them to a problem, you will feel safer when it has been dealt with, and you can sleep easier in your beds! So yes, it definitely is to everyone's advantage to apply to join. By ringing 07733 480858 you will be sent a form asking for your name and address and a few other simple details. Shortly after sending this back, you will receive the mobile phone number which operates from that CCTV van, and know that, should there be any trouble in your area, help will immediately be on its way.

## Entire Housing Development Joins Neighbourhood Watch!

The new Regency Park housing development, opposite the Sovereign Centre have joined Neighbourhood Watch, totalling around 160 properties. This increases the membership to over 10,000 properties in Eastbourne, and new enquiries are coming in almost every day.

So jump on the bandwagon and ring Jan Newens on 07733 480858 to find out about Schemes near you!

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## EASTBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

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

### CHAIR AT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Jan Newens, born on 12.3.45, is so good at keeping things in order she even managed to have her birthday with the numbers running in sequence (12345). Jan, now divorced, has two grown up children, one of them, Paul, lives in South Africa whilst the other, Maribel, loves to run marathons. Jan took over the Chairmanship of Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch in 2008 following the retirement of our previous Chairman, Lionel Lacey-Johnson. She is an unpaid volunteer and devotes many hours each week to the smooth running of our organisation whilst at the same time looks at ways where we can improve and expand. Jan got involved initially following a crime taking place which affected the quality of her life; she rang the Police on 0845 60 70 999 and really didn't expect much to happen but the Police quickly followed up her call and two lovely female PCSOs turned up to help and reassure her. At that time they said to her "Are you a member of Neighbourhood Watch?" Jan had no idea that Police and Neighbourhood Watch worked together to improve things for the community and when she heard Neighbourhood Watch had a desk in the Police Patrol Centre in Hammonds Drive she got really interested. There was no scheme in the area where she lived so she wasted no time in starting one up and has been involved ever since.



Jan's past career has been with secretarial and administration work and she got more involved with NHW under the guidance of the previous Chairman, Lionel, in setting up more efficient records and statistics. In doing this she began working closely with the Police, Crime Reduction Partnership and other agencies and became the obvious person to take over from Lionel on his retirement. Jan does a marvellous job and is respected by all who know her. She says "Our aims are to create a good community spirit, help to reduce crime and the fear of crime, look out for each other, especially the vulnerable, and assist Eastbourne Police and other agencies wherever we can in making Eastbourne a safer place to live, work and visit".

If you would like to join Neighbourhood Watch; Jan can be contacted on 07733 480858 or at jan.newens@sky.com

### NEW STYLE NEWSLETTER



We have for some time at Neighbourhood Watch been thinking about re-vamping our newsletter to make it a more interesting and informative read for our members. Well, now we have finally done it. First of all we have changed the name from "The Co-ordinator" to "Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch News", we have added colour to our pages and more advertising (to help pay for the additions) as well as adding a loose leaf two page removable feature, (pages three & four), giving contact details of your PCSOs (Police) and your Neighbourhood Watch Ward

Co-ordinators who now each give a report on issues in your area. We hope you like the new format and we would be very interested in your comments and ideas, or if you would like to advertise in our pages please call the editors; Pam & John on 01323 507665 or Alf on 01323 507639. Instead of just throwing this newsletter away after you have read it, please re-cycle it by passing it on to a friend or relative, they may wish to join, remember membership is free.

*Pictured above (seated left to right): Andy Horn, Printing Manger; Alf, John, and Pam, Newsletter Editors.*

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## Neighbourhood Watch Gets Things Done!

Neighbourhood Watch works incredibly closely with other organisations, including the Police and local Council. Earlier in the year, one of our Street Co ordinators (who deliver your quarterly newsletter) reported to their Ward Co ordinator (the guys who help recruit new Neighbourhood Watch members for the Street Co ordinators to deliver the newsletters to) that a dangerous, pointed, piece of metal had been left exposed, sticking out several inches but obscured by grass, near a new street sign recently erected in a Close in Willingdon Trees, on a grassed area where children play football. Neighbourhood Watch contacted the necessary department of the Council, and now the offending piece of metal has been safely removed. **Job done!**

A Close in Willingdon Trees had their road sign at ground level, which meant that no drivers could see it! Delivery vehicles not familiar with the area, were mistakenly assuming this little road was some kind of short-cut to a larger street. Result? Total chaos, with vehicles jammed at the end of the Close, no proper turning place, and a danger to residents' cars parked at the roadside. The Street Co ordinator of that Close reported the residents' concerns to her Ward Co ordinators, who contacted the appropriate department of the Council, and lo and behold, within a week or two, the Close sign was clearly displayed, high up on the house wall at the corner of the Close. **Another job done!**

A block of sheltered housing flats in Hampden Park were plagued by youngsters climbing through their broken perimeter fence and causing havoc within the grounds. Thanks to the combined efforts of local Neighbourhood Watch Ward Co ordinators and their local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), the Housing Association concerned were alerted, and the fence repaired within a couple of days. **SORTED!**

SO if you have any similar concerns or problems, contact either your Street or Ward Co ordinator (details on the flyer page for you to take out and keep) and we will do everything possible to solve them for you! If we can't do it ourselves, **WE KNOW A MAN WHO CAN!!**

## Neighbourhood Watch Talks and Presentations

Do you belong to a Group or Club? If so, they may like to know a bit more about Neighbourhood Watch. **Book us for free** by ringing 01323 507665 – two NW Co-ordinators will talk to your members and bring along interesting leaflets on all aspects of safety and home security, together with samples of the varied selection of modestly priced security aids we can provide. If you wish, we can bring with us the PCSO local to your area, who will be pleased to chat over any concerns your members may have, and help to solve them. All we ask in return, is a nice cup of tea!



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## Tackling Cycle Theft Together

Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership is proud of the major reductions in most areas of crime across the town over recent years. Total crime has reduced by 9% when compared to the same period last year, that's 727 fewer victims. However, we are concerned about the number of cycles that are being stolen. Whilst reported cycle thefts have reduced by 7% compared to the same period last year, that's still 215 victims who have had the inconvenience and expense of having their cycle stolen.

Eastbourne Neighbourhood Sgt Ed Ripley has a few tips to reduce the risk, "Imagine leaving your expensive mobile phone or laptop secured to a lamp post by the side of the road for eight hours a day. People would think you had lost your mind. But this is exactly what cyclists do daily with their bikes in Eastbourne, and it can be irresistible to thieves. With these few measures we can reduce the number of thefts:

- Invest in a good-quality lock;
- Always lock a cycle when leaving it, even if it's only for a few minutes.
- Make sure you secure bikes to proper cycle stands or robust street furniture
- Make sure the bike and its lock cannot be lifted off that secure object
- Lock cycles through the frame, and secure or remove wheels. Also remove smaller parts and accessories that can't be secured, especially lights, pumps and quick release saddles
- Leave as little space as possible between lock and frame for thieves to insert bolt cutters.
- Never lock a bike through the front wheel only, as the rest of the bike may disappear.
- Don't leave your bicycle locked up outside overnight.
- Do not leave cycles in isolated places

## Light up Your Life!

Nights are drawing in, and intruders just love the dark! For just £3, delivered to your door, we can supply a plug-in timer for your lights. Remember to change the times occasionally, to deter unwanted callers. To order call Jan on 07733 480858 or jan.newens@sky.com



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Overall crime has reduced by 24% from 2003/4 compared with 2008/9  
Crime in 2009/10 continues to fall compared with 2008/9  
Burglary, criminal damage and violent crime have seen a major reduction over the last 12 months

**OUR PRIORITIES FROM 2008 - 2011 INCLUDE:**

- Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage
- Public place violence, particularly in the Town Centre at night
- Supply of illegal drugs

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## **SOME NEWS FROM YOUR PCSOs**

## **PULL OUT AND KEEP SHEET**

- 1. MEADS – PCSO Dave Smith – 07787 685811:**  
Brighton University - students return on Monday 27th September 2010. Police and the university have been working very closely together to deter any anti social behaviour when they return. Traffic - speeding and parking, this is on going and speed checks are conducted regularly and traffic wardens patrol the area frequently.
- 2. DEVONSHIRE – PCSOs: Brian Burton – 07787 685814: Mike Easton – 07787 685759:**  
**Kathryn Harlow – 07787 685815: Steve Parsons – 07787 685812: Ruth Seal – 07901 715967:**  
In August, David Archer, 54, of no fixed address, appeared at Eastbourne Magistrates Court where he was issued with a five year Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO). He is not to be in possession of any unsealed vessel, jar, bottle, glass or can containing alcohol in any public place in the Borough of Eastbourne unless such place is licensed to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises; he is not to associate with named other street drinkers; he is not to attend Eastbourne Railway Station in Terminus Road for any purpose other than lawful travel on the railway.
- 3. UPPERTON – PCSO Anita Edwards – 07787 685810:**  
Have issued more Fixed Penalty Notices to vehicles parked on the pavement in Mill Road and will continue to monitor each day, speed checks have been conducted in Kings Avenue and St.Anne's Road in conjunction with Road Policing Unit (RPU)
- 4. OLD TOWN – PCSO Zoe Ayres – 07787 685818: Lee Osborn – 07787 685807**  
Crime figures have dropped in Old Town and it has been a good summer all round. There have been a couple of Anti-Social behaviour incidents, however these have been sorted with the help of Eastbourne Homes.
- 5. RATTON – PCSO Austin Milson – 07787 685808:**  
We have been looking into expanding the new No Cold Calling Zones as, so far, they seem to have been successful. Speed checks have been done in Cobbold Avenue and more are to follow.
- 6. HAMPDEN PARK – PCSOs Brett Williams – 07787 685809: Sue Robinson – 07787 685820:**  
**Lee Osborn – 07787 685807:**  
There are ongoing issues with Anti-Social Behaviour in the Hydneye area of Hampden Park which PCSO Williams is working hard to get rid of. Also would like to advise people not to keep their key for Locking Wheel Nuts for your alloys in the glove box of your car, keep it in the house and out of sight.
- 7. ST ANTHONY'S – PCSOs Wendy Turner – 07787 685803:**  
**Emma Kelvey – 07787 685804: Tony Holland – 07787 685821: Craig Oakley – 07787 685806:**  
The nuisance motorbikes and mopeds that have been causing problems around Southbourne Road and Churchdale Road have been seized under Section 59 of the Road Traffic Act and regular patrols by NPT are being conducted to make sure there is no repeat.
- 8. SOVEREIGN – PCSOs Martin Hylands – 07909 873787: Tony Holland – 07787 685821:**  
We have been doing a lot of work on Operation Kracken on the Harbour; Op Kracken is all about boat and harbour safety and gathering intelligence relating to crime on the water.
- 9. LANGNEY – PCSOs Andy Monico – 07787 685819: Craig Oakley – 07787 685806:**  
The PCSOs are now holding Police Surgeries at Langney Shopping centre once a month, dates to follow in local press. These will be to offer crime prevention advice, meet and greet and for you to speak to your local officer regarding any problems or issues.

### **REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE:**

Crime in progress or about to happen:  
Concern or recent incident:  
Crimestoppers (anonymously)

**Call 999**  
**Call 0845 60 70 999**  
**Call 0800 555 111**

## **YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WARD CO-ORDINATORS**

**1 MEADS:** Roy Peacock: 01323 647729: 'For a couple of months we had problems regarding break-ins to local detached garages which the Police are dealing with. Four Neighbourhood Watch Street Co-ordinators are moving from the area, two have been replaced but one or two more are needed to keep existing Schemes going.'

**2 DEVONSHIRE:** Nigel Goodyear: 01323 641211: 'Positive remarks about Neighbourhood Watch in the Ward: in my three years of being involved, numbers of Street Co-ordinators are up, crime figures are down and I am confident this trend will continue. Volunteers to help us in our work are always welcome, to help make this Ward an even better place in which to live.'

**3 UPPERTON:** Colin Sargent: 01323 731909: 'We have a new Scheme of 36 homes in Churchill Close. The main problems in this area are dog-fouling, litter, and some anti-social behaviour in Gildredge Park. The Police have drastically cut illegal parking in Mill Road by issuing fines and are monitoring speeding in King's Avenue.'

**4 OLD TOWN:** David Visick: 01323 724982: 'We have had a few problems with 'cold callers' and more residents are asking for Neighbourhood Watch and Police No Cold Caller stickers, so hopefully we can get some new Schemes up and running.'

**5 RATTON:** Alf Pulfer: 01323 507639: 'In Ratton and Rodmill, serious crime is rare. Some anti-social behaviour on the borders of Ratton and Hampden Park has been quickly dealt with by Police. Parking in areas around the Hospital are a problem, this is being addressed with assistance from Police and other agencies.'

**6 HAMPDEN PARK EAST:** Keith Fillery: 01323 504042: 'We have gained one new Street Co-ordinator, with two more 'in the pipeline'. Following damage to new equipment in Tugwell Park, Police have enrolled some local residents into 'Operation Blitz' – see further details of this on page 6.'

**6a HAMPDEN PARK WEST:** John & Pam Rollison: 01323 507665: 'During this quarter we have enrolled 146 properties, and are in the process of setting up new Schemes totalling another 50 properties. We have also now enrolled a further four new Street Co-ordinators.'

**7 ST ANTHONY'S:** Nigel Parker: 01323 645529: 'I would like to see more active Schemes within this Ward so if you have friends or relatives that live close by, please get them to contact me to talk about the Schemes for the streets which they live on or email me at: [meganopheliajane@aol.com](mailto:meganopheliajane@aol.com). The more Schemes we have, the safer our community will be.'

**8 SOVEREIGN:** Tim Raggett: 01323 725414: 'I cover Langney Point and the whole of the Sovereign Harbour area. There are four Schemes in North Harbour, and I am keen to increase this number, so anyone interested, please ring me.'

**9 LANGNEY:** Chair Jan Newens reports: 'We have no Ward Co-ordinator at present in Langney. This is an active area with a good Neighbourhood Watch interest, so I would welcome any enquiries for this interesting voluntary post.' 07733 480858.

### ***A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY***

**OUR AGM will be on Wednesday 17th November 2010 at 7pm to be held at the Chaseley Trust, South Cliff Road, Eastbourne. ALL ARE WELCOME!**