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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 Safety Partnership and supported by Eastbourne Borough Council

### Neighbourhood Watch and its Many Partners

**'If we can't answer your query, we always know a man who can!'**

Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch Association (ENWA) could not function efficiently without the tremendous support from various local agencies. We get many requests from our members for help and advice and it is very important that if we cannot answer their query, we can contact other agencies to help solve the problem.

Their support is second to none and we know that we are doing our best for our members to bring the problem or concern to a satisfactory conclusion.

Examples of the organisations and agencies we work with, are listed below, showing some of the ways in which they help us to resolve issues. ENWA is primarily here to help prevent crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour, thus making Eastbourne a safer place to live, work and visit.

**Sussex Police:** this is our main partner without whom we could not operate. We work closely with all local PCSOs, and Police Officers of all ranks. We provide them with intelligence given to us by our members which can lead to a crime being averted, and report on cases of anti-social behaviour, drug abuse, domestic disorder and many other issues that need to be addressed. We also attend Street Meetings with the Police and other agencies where residents can raise any issues directly.

**Eastbourne Borough Council:** our work often involves contacting various departments within the Council. This can include parking problems, overgrown vegetation, dog fouling or dog control problems. We always obtain good co-operation from them.

**Trading Standards:** we deal with them on a number of occasions and direct our members to them for advice related to rogue traders, cold calling matters and scams.

**Environmental Health:** this department helps us in cases of fly tipping, noisy neighbours or neighbourhood disputes, litter, problems with seagulls and many other issues.

**Sussex Fire & Rescue Service:** we refer our members to them should they need advice on fire safety or to check fire alarms.

**Citizens Advice Bureau:** we seek advice from them for our members or refer them direct on issues of claiming certain benefits, completion of forms and matters such as legal disputes or debt.

**Crimestoppers:** we promote the use of them when a member wishes to notify criminal activity anonymously.

In addition to the above organizations there exists the **Crime Safety Partnership** who bring all the agencies together and prioritise matters that need to be addressed within the community. This ensures that the agencies work together and information is shared.

We at ENWA are very grateful to all the partners for the help and assistance they give to us and look forward to working with them in the future for the benefit of our members.



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## COLD SHOULDER THE CON MEN!

Some folk think that signs and notices are specifically there for them to IGNORE! - especially Con Men who come in all guises. Even some readers of articles warning them of these doorstep pests think that 'it would never happen to me' and forget they ever read it. But hopefully, Neighbourhood Watch members are far too sensible, and realize that NHW does its best to give accurate and up to date information about Cons and Scams that are very real in and around Eastbourne, so that even the most intelligent resident is not taken in by these oh-so-convincing strangers. Cold calling is still going on in No Cold Calling Zones in spite of all the signs of warning. If you are in one of these areas, please give them 'short shrift' and if they persist, ring the **Trading Standards Rapid Action Team (RAT) on 01323 463430** who will send someone out to the area immediately and confront the offender if you can still see them in your road/area. Otherwise they will take a detailed description from you for future reference and give you advice.

Recent examples of Con Men include a man in a Jaguar car stopping people in the street and offering to value items/antiques in their homes. REFUSE AND DO NOT LET THEM INTO YOUR PROPERTY. Another 'try on' is two men apparently with Irish accents, in an unmarked white van, calling to offer driveway and roof cleaning. They are extremely persistent to the point of intimidation, and if the resident succumbs, they find an excuse to get into the home, and on at least two occasions, jewellery has been stolen and Police informed.

**So be alert, keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours, and don't be afraid to report anyone who has not been invited to your door, to Trading Standards or the Police on 101.**

### Poem from a reader:

*Very early in the morning, or quite late  
after dark,  
Along the waterfront I come, it's really  
quite a lark.  
Who needs plastic bags, when no-one's  
looking on?  
Go on Rover, anywhere will do,  
Before someone sees, we'll be gone.*

*I know it looks revolting:  
A real threat to toddlers' feet;  
I know you'll feel sick as you walk past,  
Especially if you're going to eat.*

*But I don't care about the mess,  
Or that it might get stuck on your pram.  
I couldn't care less, if I'm causing you stress:  
That's the kind of ignoramus I am.*

*Yet one thing greatly puzzles me?  
As I foul your path every day:  
How comes no steps are taken  
To make me stay away?*

**If you witness dog fouling please take description of dog, owner and time/date of offence and report to EBC Environment Enforcement Officer on 01323 415380.**

**'I've changed my e mail from Bloggs.com to Piffle.co.uk'**

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2. **DEVONSHIRE** – PCSOs Ruth Seal – 07901 715967 Kathryn Harlow – 07787 685815  
Sue Robinson – 07787 685807 Zoe Ayres – 07917 013868:
3. **UPPERTON** – PCSOs Anita Edwards – 07787 685810
4. **OLD TOWN & MOTCOMBE**– PCSO Katarzyna Rudnicka – 07787 685818 Andrew Harlow – 07827 954577
5. **RATTON & RODMILL** – PCSO Austin Milson – 07787 685808
6. **HAMPDEN PARK** – PCSOs Brett Williams – 07787 685809 Lee Osborn – 07787 685807
7. **ST ANTHONY’S** – PCSOs Emma Kelvey – 07787 685804 Tony Holland – 07787 685821
8. **SOVEREIGN** – PCSO Martin Hylands – 07909 873787
9. **LANGNEY** – PCSOs Andy Monico – 07787 685819 Craig Oakley – 07787 685806  
Emma Kelvey 07787 685804

If a PCSO's number is on answerphone **DO NOT** leave a message to report a crime or suspicion of one. Use **999 for Crime in Progress, 101 for other crime**, or e mail [contactcentre@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:contactcentre@sussex.pnn.police.uk)  
**Crimestoppers** (anonymously) **0800 555 111**

## PULL OUT AND KEEP SHEET

## Eastbourne police chief Jayne Dando is moving on



Chief Inspector Dando is leaving Eastbourne as district commander and being posted to Sussex Police headquarters in Lewes from mid-November. She said this week:

“Having spent some time over the past days reflecting on my time here and what has been achieved, the friendships that have been forged through our partnership working are the thing that I will miss the most.

Whilst we all work for organisations or groups that have different priorities and structures, we share a common goal which is to make Eastbourne a better place to live, visit and work. We share a passion and drive that makes things happen.”

She will be replaced by Chief Inspector Steve Biglands.

***Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch has enjoyed working with Jayne Dando and her team, and wish her well in her new post. In turn, we look forward to meeting and working with Chief Inspector Steve Biglands.***

**EASTBOURNE  
COMMUNITY SAFETY  
PARTNERSHIP**

*Overall crime in 2010/11 has reduced by 18% compared to 2007/8*

Burglary of homes, criminal damage, shoplifting and anti-social behaviour have seen major reductions in the last 12 months

**Our priorities for 2011 – 2014 include:**

- Alcohol related crime and disorder including street drinking, violent crime in a public place, young people drinking & serious sexual offences
- Anti-social behaviour including criminal damage and arson
- Reduce re-offending
- Develop effective Neighbourhood Management schemes in a number of areas.

**Working to make Eastbourne an even safer place to live, work and visit.**  
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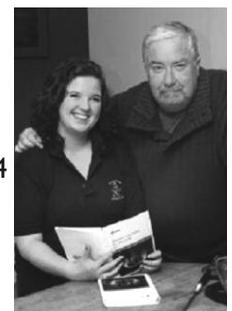
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## YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WARD CO-ORDINATORS

**1 MEADS:** Roy Peacock: 01323 647729: 'There has been a spate of cold callers, to which residents have said 'thanks but no thanks'. Several members have had the re-curring telephone Scam trying to make them turn on their computers to solve a "fault".

**2 DEVONSHIRE:** Nigel Goodyear: 01323 641211: 'With dark nights looming, test your outside security lights, if you have none, seriously consider having one fitted.'

**3 UPPERTON:** Colin Sargent: 01323 731909: 'The area is currently quiet. Regarding the recent alleged assault in Upper Avenue I have heard no update so far.'

**4 OLD TOWN:** David Visick: 01323 724982: 'An observant neighbour was concerned that a nearby resident was having unnecessary work done to their home. With help from the local PCSO the work was successfully cancelled.'

**5 RATTON & RODMILL:** Alf Pulfer: 01323 507639: AWC Colin Taylor: 01323 500511:

'The No Cold Calling Zone for the West Hampden Park end of the area will be delayed until 2013 due to Trading Standard's heavy workload. Please do not give work to doorstep callers, it is safer to use Trading Standard's "Buy with Confidence".

**6 HAMPDEN PARK EAST:** Keith Fillery: 01323 504042: 'The proposed No Cold Calling Zone has been okayed and will be in place by the end of the year. It's an offence to deposit items removed from homes such as fire surrounds, cupboards, builders' rubbish etc in garage areas; if caught you can be fined.'

**6a HAMPDEN PARK WEST:** John & Pam Rollison: 01323 507665: 'One of our PCSOs, Zoe, is transferring to the Town Centre, and we are pleased to welcome a new PCSO, Chris Wild.'

**7 ST ANTHONY'S:** Jon Harris: 07792 468658: Welcome to our new Co-ordinator for this Ward, and we hope you get to know him in the following months.

**8 SOVEREIGN:** Barbara Leggett: 01323 479633: Welcome also to Barbara, who hopes to get to know people in her Ward in the very near future.

**9 LANGNEY NORTH:** Clive Elrick: 07773 602216: We are delighted to have Clive on our team to look after Langney North.

**9a LANGNEY SOUTH:** Pam Gibbs: 01323 761255: Pam is joining us to look after Langney South and we hope she enjoys meeting new people in her area.

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## Eastbourne Ambulance Search & Rescue Dogs

**Eastbourne Ambulance Dogs** was initially formed in 2010 after two of the team had trained their dogs for Search and Rescue in Sussex. The team folded, so the Ambulance Staff had two trained dogs and nothing for them to do. They kept up the training to keep the dogs active, and then found out other members of the Ambulance Service wanted to train their dogs. An e-mail was sent to Paul Sutton the Chief Executive of the South East Coast Ambulance, to ask if they could form the Eastbourne Ambulance Search and Rescue Dogs. He was OK with this as a voluntary part of the Ambulance Service, to help with PR, and maybe, if needed, to look for pets that may have gone missing from a scene of an accident or similar. The name Ambulance Dogs comes from the name given to the first Search and Rescue dogs that worked in the first world war, finding injured soldiers missing after battle. We were asked to help Eastbourne Coast Guard once but were then stood down when the Coast Guard found the casualty, but we are always on call if needed.

My dog Nala and I helped the Birling Gap Safety Boat recover, sadly, the body of a dog that had fallen from cliffs in Eastbourne. Please, if you walk your dog near or on cliffs keep the dog on a lead. We have now taken the Ambulance Service Benevolent Fund under our wing and at events we raise money for them by selling Pin Badges and other items. We have four dogs in the team, and six staff. Nala is the first member of the team, she is a Fell Terrier and has trained with Sussex Police and Lake District Mountain Rescue Dogs and I am her handler and Team Leader of the Patient Transport Services (PTS) at Eastbourne Ambulance Station.



The second dog in the team is Charlie, he is a very handsome Springer Spaniel. Charlie has a great nose and has taken to the work very well and he loves all kinds of scent work. His handler is Mat Crossland, a Technician at Eastbourne Ambulance Service. Then we have Millie, she is a Collie Terrier Cross, and tends to win prettiest dog competitions when we go to dog shows. She certainly is a very pretty dog but we don't tell her handler, Vernon Weston, PTS staff at Eastbourne as it would go to his head! Last but far from least, the newest member of the Team is Fudge; she is a Labrador Springer mix and is the friendliest dog you can ever meet, a real credit to her handler Tony Witts PTS staff Eastbourne.

We also have our two assistants, Jill Wakefield and Paul Restell, who are hoping to become dog handlers in the future. We can be seen training in different parts of the town and at Herstmonceux Castle. The Castle is our favourite place to train, so thank you to the staff and owners for letting us use their facilities.

We hope that in the future we will be able to put together some Workshops, for other dog owners to come along and have fun with their dogs doing air scenting, etc. Please keep up with our work on Face Book, 'Eastbourne Ambulance Dogs'.

*William Pike, Team Leader*

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# Fire Starts when your Attention Stops



**East Sussex**  
Fire & Rescue Service

**East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service** is urging house holders to take care when they are cooking hot oil/fat in the kitchen, especially when easily distracted or under the influence of alcohol.

51% of all accidental dwelling fires for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove start in the kitchen.

Leaving cooking unattended for any length of time can have disastrous results as the oil/fat can easily overheat and ignite. A simple switch from the pan to the oven or a temperature controlled deep-fat fryer when cooking can help prevent the worst.

The smallest distraction when using a hot chip pan/frying pan could lead to a fire in a matter of moments. Using the oven is a safer and healthier way to enjoy your favourites, but if you do choose to deep fat fry or use a frying pan please don't leave the pan unattended. If your pan does catch light, don't throw water over it - **Get Out, Stay Out, Call 999**.

These fire safety tips could help reduce the risk:

## How to cook safely

- Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking on the hob. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe.
- Make sure saucepan handles don't stick out - so they don't get knocked off the stove.
- Take care if you're wearing loose clothes - they can easily catch fire.
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
- Double check the cooker is off when you've finished cooking.
- Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking, take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk.

## Take care with electrics

- Keep electrics (leads and appliances) away from water.
- Check toasters are clean and placed away from curtains and kitchen rolls.
- Keep the oven, hob and grill clean and in good working order. A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.

## Deep fat frying

- Take care when cooking with hot oil - it sets alight easily.
- Make sure food is dry before putting it in hot oil so it doesn't splash.
- If the oil starts to smoke – it's too hot. Turn off the heat and leave it to cool.
- Use a thermostat controlled electric deep fat fryer. They can't overheat.

## What to do if a pan catches fire:

- Don't take any risks. Turn off the heat if it is safe to do so. Never throw water over it.
- Don't tackle the fire yourself  
- **Get Out, Stay Out, Call 999**.



**NEVER**  
leave cooking  
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51% of fire calls are  
kitchen fires

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