



EASTBOURNE CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”

The Home Office has launched a “keep crime down project” this week as a result of an increase/concern of an increase in domestic burglary in many parts of the country.

Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership wants to ensure that residents and visitors are made aware of the fact that domestic burglary in Eastbourne is not going up but is still going down. From April 03 to March 08 this offence has reduced in Eastbourne by nearly 70%. This twelve months compared to last there has been a further reduction of 20%. We have the lowest burglary crime rate per 1000 population in comparison with our most similar districts/boroughs throughout the country and Eastbourne Policing District has the best detection rate for this offence in the Sussex Police Force Area.

Neil Fuller, Director of Eastbourne Borough Council and Chair of the Partnership stated, “Fears for an increase in burglary during the credit crunch have not been realised in Eastbourne, indeed our direction is very much still downwards, and the partnership will do all we can to keep it that way”.

Ian Williams, Detective Inspector for Eastbourne added, “The strong partnership, systems and processes mean we continue to reduce overall crime and in particular burglary dwelling which has become a problem in other parts of the country during the economic downturn”.

Bob Gough, Co-ordinator for the Partnership stated, “The Government of the Southeast is in possession of a case study in relation to our successful reduction of acquisitive crime over the last few years, as we are seen as an area of good practice by them. Whilst the Partnership supports the new campaign it is important that the fear of crime should not increase in Eastbourne as a result.”