



THE CO-ORDINATOR

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encouraging the Community to work together to fight crime in close co-operation with the
Police and supported by Eastbourne Borough Council**

LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

As with most jobs my time as Chairman has met with both successes and failures. The most important success has been the establishment of a very harmonious working Partnership with the Eastbourne Police. We are very fortunate in Eastbourne in that we are one of only three Neighbourhood Watch organisations in Sussex that has a base in a Police Station, with access to incident logs and a facility for sending alert messages to all our Co-ordinators. We have direct access to the Crime Prevention Officer and to the three Police Neighbourhood Specialist Teams. Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find more about these teams and you should note that each team contains a number of Police Community Support Officers. The PCSOs provide a valuable link between the regular Police and our N.W Co-ordinators. Finally, there now exists a signed Partnership agreement between the Commander of Eastbourne District Police and myself. This agreement lays down how N.W can help the Police to reduce crime in the Borough and how, in turn, the Police will help us to achieve our aims.



The main failure has been in the uphill struggle to increase the number of N.W Schemes throughout the town. The map showing the locations of all our Co-ordinators shows quite clearly that we have some large and worrying gaps in the coverage. Comparing these gaps with crime analysis maps showing the worst crime “hotspots” indicates that there is clear link between the two. In an effort to remedy this situation we have just launched operation WAVE, (Watch asking for volunteers in Eastbourne).

This involves the systematic targeting of roads

that have no N.W. Co-ordinators. With the help of the PCSOs and Police Cadets, letters will be delivered to properties in these roads, explaining the value of N.W., and appealing for volunteers to set up N.W. Schemes in their area. You will find more information on WAVE elsewhere in this newsletter, please take a little time to read it, pass the word around and, if you have any bright ideas as to how we might increase the number of schemes in these troubled areas, please contact the office on 01323 414218.

Having said all that it does appear that we have had a little success in cutting down the number of preventable crimes, burglary figures have been well down over the last five months. Perhaps it might now be possible to shift some of the focus onto helping the Police to reduce the number of incidents of anti social behaviour. I have recently joined the Anti Social Behaviour Panel of the Crime Reduction Partnership, together with providing help with the Police Operation “Blitz”. I look forward to N.W. being able to assist the Police to fight this growing blight on our society.

Lionel Lacey-Johnson

(Pictured above at Combined Police/ NW Stand at recent Local Life Show)



Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. of The Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch Association is to take place at the Church Hall, Christ The King Church, Princess Road (Near Langney Roundabout) on

Thursday 22nd November 2007 starting at 7.30 pm.

Tea/Coffee etc will be available during an interval between the formal business and a presentation by the Commander Eastbourne Police District, Chief Inspector Dick Coates.

All Neighbourhood Watch members and prospective members are welcome.

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

RECENT THREATS -

Tarmac Driveways Scam

The Trading Standards 'Scambusters' team has issued a special warning to households in the Southern Counties and along the South Coast about a gang of prolific tarmacers who are ripping off victims for thousands of pounds. The gang cold call on victims, sometimes claiming to be working for the County Council, and offer to carry out tarmac work at reasonable rates. Once the work is finished the rate has increased and consumers have been intimidated if they refuse to pay.

Trading standards once again warn consumers not to deal with cold calling companies. If you suspect you have had a visit from these rogues please contact Consumer Direct on 0845 04 05 06

Fire Safety-Bad Advice

The Fire Service are concerned about reports of men cold calling offering safety advice and selling safety products such as fire extinguishers and security boxes. They are reported to be wearing badges saying 'Regional Fire Services' and are advising that the fires can be treated in the first instance by using the fire extinguishers they are selling and then leaving the house to call the fire service. The men are NOT from the regular Fire Service and the advice they are giving is very dangerous. Once again the message is

Do not deal at the door with cold callers.

Telephone Scam

Some residents in Sussex have been receiving telephone calls from a person claiming to represent a local Radio Station. The recipients have been told that if they can give the names of Four Spice Girls they could win £1,000. One person could only give the name of three of the girls and was told that he/she had won £500 and was asked for personal details, including bank account and even PIN, so that the prize money could be transferred. A call to the local Radio Station revealed this was a bogus competition. You are advised to NEVER reveal any personal details over the telephone, if you should receive such a call put the telephone down immediately and call either Trading Standards on 08454 040506 or the Police on 0845 60 70 999.

Daytime Burglaries

There have been a number of burglaries that have occurred whilst the owners have been out at work or shopping. Some have been made easier for the thieves by them finding a window left open or keys left in locks. Please help the Police by making sure that your premises are secure before leaving-even for a few minutes.

ACC Crime Prevention Service

With **BURGLARY** and **CAR** crime on the increase,
we should all be asking:

HOW SAFE IS MY HOME ?

We conduct Surveys for as little as **£45.00**, we are
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Eastbourne Police Neighbourhood Specialist Teams (NST)

There are three NSTs operating in Eastbourne. The leader of these teams is **Inspector Tony Wakefield** and each team consists of a Police Sergeant, up to two Police Constables and up to eight Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). The three teams have a designated area of responsibility: -

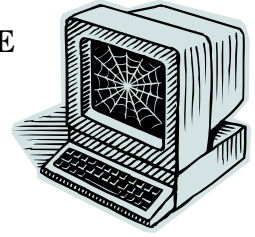
Eastbourne Town NST, under PS Julian Williams (tel 0845-60-70-999 Ext 77217), covers Meads, Devonshire and Upperton Wards,

Eastbourne North NST, T.B.A. (tel 0845-60-70-999 Ext 77246), covers Old Town, Ratton and Hampden Park Wards

Eastbourne East NST, under PS Steve Tullett (tel 01323 414073), covers St Anthony's, Sovereign and Langney Wards.

Queries relating to contacting the PCSOs should be directed in the first instance to the Police Sergeants in charge of each team or to the Neighbourhood Watch Desk at Hammonds Drive Patrol Centre on 01323 414218.

WEB-WISE



Sussex Police Website

For those with Internet access try logging on to

<http://www.sussex.police.uk>

There is information about policing and crime in Eastbourne. From the home page go to Map of Districts then to Neighbourhood Policing. Click on to Neighbourhood Watch.

The site, which only gives very general information at the moment, will soon be updated and dedicated to Eastbourne

Welcome and farewells to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

We are pleased to announce the following new N.W. Schemes-

Meads- Warren Close, Meads Street and Blackwater Road

Devonshire- Longstone Road

Upperton- Carew Road

Old Town- Priory Heights

Ratton- Haystoun Close, Friston Avenue, Wrestwood Avenue

Hampden Park- Percival Crescent,

Sovereign- Sturdee Close

Langney- Hadlow Avenue

We are sorry to report the loss of Schemes in the following areas-

Devonshire- Bourne Street; **Sovereign-** Benbow Avenue

Langney- Trossachs Close

We thank all those who have given up through whatever reason for the support they have given to N.W. and all work they have undertaken over the last few years and wish them well in the future.

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Operation Wave (Watch Asking for Volunteers in Eastbourne.)

Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch covers all nine Wards in the Borough. The number of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators varies with each Ward and a recent up date of the map, showing the locations of all the Co-ordinators, has highlighted some serious gaps in Neighbourhood Watch coverage. Starting next month we will be targeting certain roads to try and recruit new Co-ordinators. Letters will be delivered to all the properties in the target roads in an attempt to fill these gaps. If you receive such a letter please consider carefully whether you can help reduce crime in Eastbourne by becoming a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and setting up a scheme in your area. Even if you are not in receipt of a letter and you feel that you can help please get in touch with the Neighbourhood Watch Support Desk on 01323 414218. If greeted by an answering machine please leave your name and telephone number and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

EXTRA : EXTRA -Did you know each month "The Herald" carries an article on Neighbourhood Watch? These articles give important topical information about home security and local scams. These articles provide an extra means of communication with N.W. members as they help fill the gaps between the quarterly Newsletters. Look for the N.W. Logo-usually located in the paper under "News From Community Groups."

Your N.W. Organisation - Ward Co-ordinators are members of the N.W. General Committee and each one represents one of the nine Eastbourne Borough Wards. Local N.W Co-ordinators are asked to bring problems / ideas connected with the organisation of N.W to their respective Ward Co-ordinators who then bring these problems/ideas to the General Committee at their quarterly meetings. Currently your Ward Co-ordinators and their telephone numbers are-

Devonshire Cllr Nigel Goodyear **641211**
Hampden Park Keith Filling * **504042**
Langney Jan Newens **768521**
Meads Roy Peacock **647729**

* Keith as temporary contact
 A Volunteer is urgently needed to take over as Ward Co-ordinator. *

Old Town	David Visick	724982
	Colin York	737364
Ratton	Alex Irwin	644374
St Anthony's	Nigel Parker	645529
Sovereign	Bill Winchester	737843
Upperton	Colin Sargent	731909

IMPORTANT CONTACT
TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE. Crime in progress - dial 999.
 Recent Crime or Concern-

Dial 0845 60 70 999

Crime Prevention Officer- 01323 414103

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH POLICE
SUPPORT OFFICE (NWPSO)

01323 414218 - Leave message if unattended and please speak clearly.

CRIMESTOPPERS (Anonymous info about any concerns) 0800 555 111

TRADING STANDARDS- 01323 418200.
CONTRACTOR CALL-01323 724433

ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER- 01323 415924



Contact:
 Mrs Jeanette Bird

Temple Bird
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- Inheritance Tax planning and Trusts
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