



EASTBOURNE CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”

Newsletter - July 2010



999 Display 2010

The 23rd Eastbourne 999 show returns to Western Lawns on 10th and 11th July.

The Crime Reduction Partnership proudly sponsors the event and will have a stand in the main display tent where you can speak to Officers from the Partnership, have your say on crime in Eastbourne and pick up information about keeping you safe.

The weekend will see demonstrations by all of the emergency services, in the main arena, in the air and on the sea.

Demonstrations will include a display by Police handlers and their dogs, a simulated cliff rescue by the Coast Guard, rescue from a damaged car by the ambulance and Fire Service and fly overs by Police, Ambulance and Coastguard helicopters. The fire service will also be demonstrating how they deal with a chip fat fire. The French National Gendarmerie will be present and in a new display for this year, the Horsham Working Newfoundlands will be putting on a sea demonstration.

East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service (WRAS) will be on hand to explain their

work in helping sick and injured wildlife and how they work with the Police and Fire Service to rescue wildlife casualties – all on a voluntary basis. Since being featured on the BBC, the charity has been busier than ever.

Many other organisations will be represented and will have information and leaflets available as well as representatives who will be pleased to explain what their organisation does.

The dedicated website at 999display.co.uk provides information on all the organisations represented at



the show and gives details of the timetable.

Senior Head of Community at Eastbourne Borough Council and Chair of the Crime Reduction Partnership, Ian Fitzpatrick, "This is a prestigious event for Eastbourne which showcases the good work done by many organisations. The Partnership is pleased to once again to be a sponsor and I hope that as many people as possible will come along."

The Big Lunch

The Nation is being asked to come together on Sunday 18th July to enjoy a community



lunch. For more details see the web site: www.thebiglunch.com where you can enter your postcode to see what's being organised near you – or how you can organise your own Big Lunch.

Graduation Day at ECCN

Eastbourne Cultural Communities Network invites you to join them in helping their



students celebrate their Graduation Day on Saturday 17th July 2010 at their ECCN premises.

The graduation ceremony, from 2pm to 4pm, is followed by a Sussex cream tea and musical entertainment. Do come along and bring your family and friends.

District Commander's Message

The summer months are a busy time for us for a number of reasons, and we have in previous years seen a slight increase in reported crime and anti social behaviour during this period. However, we are planning ahead to prevent as many of these issues as we can.



(Chief Inspector Jayne Dando)

For example -

- We work closely with the hoteliers in the town, preventing them and their guests becoming victims of crime.
- We increase our patrols of the parks and recreational areas to forge links with young people and educate them about acceptable behaviour whilst they are having fun. **Operation Blitz** is the scheme Eastbourne police run to reduce anti social behaviour involving young people. It also aims to forge strong links with communities who suffer from this kind of behaviour. If you are interested in joining the scheme, please contact your local officer or email me.
- We increase patrols along the seafront area, to provide a visible reassurance to those who are enjoying the beach front, and also preventing those who may be intent on committing crime.

Shoplifting Successes

The shoplifting action plan developed by Eastbourne CRP has seen a dramatic reduction in shoplifting offences across the town. In 2009 the Partnership developed an action plan to tackle the upward trend in theft from shops which was the only major crime type that was not reducing in Eastbourne.

Whilst other authorities across the Country have had to deal with the increase in acquisitive crime attributed to the recession, Eastbourne has seen a reduction of over 13% in shoplifting offences in the year April 2009 – March 2010 which means 136 fewer victims. There were 1012 offences recorded in

the previous year and 876 in this.

Portfolio holder for Community at Eastbourne Borough Council and Devonshire Councillor, Margaret Bannister, "These reductions in shoplifting offences demonstrates what can be achieved by close partnership working and continues a trend of reductions in Devonshire Ward where crime has fallen by 20% since 2008. It's very good news for businesses and shoppers alike and will help make the town centre even safer."

July Focus

Current figures on crime in Eastbourne as of June 2010:

Overall crime for the 12 month period to the end of June 2010 compared to the 12 month period ending June 2009 is down by 9.4% which means 773 fewer victims.

Burglary of houses for the same period



– the 12 months to the end of June 2010 is down by almost 7% from the 12 month period ending June 2009 – a reduction that means that 14 fewer people were victims.

Criminal damage to vehicles continues to fall with a further 10% reduction for the 12 month period to the end of June 2010 compared to the previous 12 month period meaning more than 83 fewer victims.

There have been fewer robberies in the town, down by 16% - 13 fewer victims for the 12 month period to the end of June 2010.

District Commander Ch Insp Jayne Dando's monthly update can be seen at:

http://www.sussex.police.uk/neighbourhood_policing/commander_message.aspx