



**EASTBOURNE
COMMUNITY SAFETY
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“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”

Newsletter – October 2014

“Don’t Park Here” Campaign launched in Eastbourne



The 'Don't Park Here' Campaign, launched in Cambridgeshire earlier in the year, is now launched in Eastbourne. The campaign seeks to improve the safety of school pick-up and drop-off times, by educating parents and guardians to park safely.



In the next few weeks Eastbourne Neighbourhood Policing Team and NSL (parking enforcement agency) will be in attendance at a number of schools in Eastbourne, talking to drivers about safer parking and where necessary issuing penalty tickets to those drivers contravening road traffic laws and legislation. PC Ted Anderson, Schools Liaison Officer, says "Parking illegally or inconsiderately not only creates road safety issues, including danger to our children crossing roads, but also causes inconvenience to local residents

and undermines the school's efforts to be a good neighbour".

At the present time, Eastbourne Police have sent out 400 letters to pupils homes and more than 20 drivers have been spoken to in regards to safer parking outside West Rise School. The Don't Park Here campaign has been well received by parents, guardians and neighbours within the local area.

Refurbished Hammonds Drive Policing Base reopened

Eastbourne's Hammonds Drive Policing Base was officially reopened by Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mrs Marion Shepard and Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne on Friday, 3 October.



They were joined by Chief Constable Giles York, East Sussex's Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Neil Honnor and local VIPs from partner agencies and local government.



The site, which has been Eastbourne's operational policing base for many years, has been refurbished to provide a better working environment for police officers and staff members enabling a more flexible working environment and a service fit for the future.

VIPs were treated to a tour of the base and given an insight into how their local police work on a daily basis. This tour included the new briefing rooms, new technology at hand and the memorial garden, which now displays plaques commemorating police officers killed during world war one and two, which were relocated from the now closed Grove Road Police Station in Eastbourne town centre.

Sussex Police's East Sussex Command Team, the partnership Safer East Sussex Team and other staff from Grove Road Police Station have also now been relocated to the refurbished site.

CC York, said: "Eastbourne's forward thinking police officers and staff members have always been incredibly good at working closely with partners to protect vulnerable people and catch criminals. I truly believe that these new facilities will further enable them to provide the very best service to the public."

Eastbourne residents are reminded that Hammonds Drive Policing Base is an appointment only location and that those wishing to report incidents or speak to police should visit www.sussex.police.uk, call 101 or visit Eastbourne's Customer Contact Point at 1 Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4TW.

New Anti-social behaviour laws take effect from 20th October....

New legislation to tackle anti-social behaviour comes into force this week. Along with a tool kit of new powers for police and local authorities, mainly replacing the old ASBO, victims of ASB and hate crimes will now be able to ask for a review if they feel they have not received an adequate response. The Community Trigger can be activated after reporting three incidents within a 6-month period and requires all agencies involved to review the situation and report back within 10 days.



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A leaflet giving details about the Community Trigger has been produced by the Eastbourne Community Safety Partnership and is available from the Town Hall, No 1 Grove Road and on the council's website [here](#). A form to register a complaint under the Community Trigger can also be found on the council website.

Councillor Margaret Bannister, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for the Community Safety Partnership, said, "There is no doubt that hate crimes in particular have been under-reported. However, we can encourage victims to come forward by demonstrating a rigor and thoroughness in the way investigations are handled. The Community Trigger is part of that process and I am very hopeful it will make a significant and positive difference."



East Sussex
Fire & Rescue Service

A happy and safe Diwali....

A happy and safe Diwali is being wished to all Hindu, Jain and Sikh residents by East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, in preparation for festivities.

During the festival of Diwali many homes are filled with oil lamps, candles and lights, which can bring additional fire risks and residents are urged to take extra care, as well as when cooking or using fireworks. Statistics show that there is an increased fire risk at Diwali time, but by taking just a few simple precautions risks can be greatly reduced. Some recommendations to keep safe are:

- Make sure there is a working smoke alarm installed in the home
- Use candles safely by keeping them away from decorations and soft furnishings, out of drafts, on a heat resistant surface and in placed firmly in a proper holder
- If cooking with oil or deep fat frying take extra care and use a thermostat controlled fryer.
- Beware of handles over a naked flame
- Turn the heat down or off if leaving cooking unattended and remember to turn it all off when finished.

Fireworks are fun when enjoyed safely so take note of some tips to stay safe around Diwali and Bonfire night:

- Only buy those marked with BS 7114
- Keep them boxed
- Keep pets indoors
- Follow instructions on each
- Light them at arms length and stand well back.
- Supervise children at all times
- Don't put them in a pocket or throw them and never go near one that has been lit.



Want to report anti-social or dangerous driving? Report it here on Op Crackdown

Operation Crackdown is a joint initiative run by the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership



Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and Sussex Police which gives the Sussex community an opportunity to report specific instances of anti-social driving/riding as well as any abandoned vehicles left on the roads. Launched in 2007, use of Operation Crackdown has risen steadily with approximately 900 reports being received each month. The phrase 'anti-social driving/riding' can cover many different behaviours on the road which may include:

- Speeding by individuals
- Using a mobile phone at the wheel
- Not wearing a seat belt
- Careless/aggressive driving

To report an incident on Operation Crackdown the following information is needed:

- The vehicle's make, model and licence plate number
- The location of the incident – the more information given, the better
- Any more information about the driver/rider – rough age and gender.

Contact details are requested at the end of the form in order to provide updates and requests for further information if needed. However contact details are not passed on to the offending driver.

The Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner's Community Conversation is coming to Eastbourne in December. Click [here](#) for more.....

