



EASTBOURNE CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”

A Message from the District Commander

Summer really does feel like it has arrived and what better place to be than Eastbourne? We are well into the policing plan year and the figures are looking good. I continue with my aim to reduce year on year crime in Eastbourne and am pleased to say that total crime is currently down by 5.9% that is 121 fewer crimes, 121 fewer victims.

Policing Activity Updates

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. 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.

Airbourne 2010, 999 days, International Tennis

There are a number of great events to attend in Eastbourne over the holidays; the above are a few examples, your local police team play an integral part in the planning of these events, ensuring that everyone can enjoy them safely. The 999 event on Eastbourne Lawns is on the 10th and 11th July and should be a great couple of days, with lots to see and do and an array of displays and stands from a number of the armed forces and emergency services. Come down and meet some of your local officers and visit the Crime Reduction Partnership stand.

Shoplifting

One good news story I wanted to share with you this month is the reduction in offences of shoplifting in the Town. There has been a reduction of 13% in the last year, which means 136 fewer victims. On top of this, of the offences reported we detected 81%. This is an amazing result which has bucked the national trend, especially in light of the current economic climate. Can I thank our partners the Eastbourne Business Crime Group for all their hard work.

The bigger picture of this result is that we continue to make Eastbourne Town an unwelcome place for criminals!

Operation Sunshine

Whilst figures are still low, we can have a slight increase in burglary of people's homes during the summer. Whilst most of us see the warmer weather as a reason to open doors and windows and enjoy the fresh air, a burglar can see that as an opportunity.

I would ask that you remain vigilant about your home security. Please ensure that you lock all doors and windows when you leave home, and lock up securely at night. Think about locking your garden equipment away in a secure place such as a garage or shed. And even when you are in your garden, be aware of where your valuables are, such as your purse or wallet. Keep them out of sight.

Don't make it easy for the thieves, enjoy the weather but stay vigilant and secure! We will be distributing information packs across the town. Advice leaflets are available through the Sussex Police website and from the Police Station.



Jewellery Thief Locked Away

In February of this year there was a 'smash and grab' offence at a jewellers in South Street Eastbourne, where a hammer was used to target the window of the shop. The offenders made off but following local enquiries they were subsequently arrested. A male was recently convicted of this burglary and sentenced to 9 months in prison, following some brilliant local policing and good local knowledge by the team here at Eastbourne.

In recognition of the actions of the neighbourhood PC and PCSO, I will be presenting them both with an award for the part they played in getting this male locked up.

Thankfully this type of offence is very rare in Eastbourne, but it is good to see that when it does happen we are able to secure a good result.

Twitter

Eastbourne Police now have a Twitter account, which we keep up to date with interesting facts and activities. We have only been running for a few weeks and we currently have 136 followers. We would love to increase this and you can 'Tweet' us on **Twitter @Eastbournepol**

This does not take officers off the streets of the Town and is in addition to their day jobs, so thanks to those who are keeping it updated.

Lastly I would like to say enjoy the Summer months, keep checking our website for the latest panel meetings – don't forget they are your chance to have your say. We are there to listen!

If you do have any information about crime in your area, then please ring me, pop into Grove Rd police station, ring 0845 6070999 or call crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Kind regards,
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