



A word from Eastbourne's new Inspector



Inspector Rachel Barrow

As the newly appointed Police Inspector for Eastbourne's Neighbourhood Policing Team I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the community and all of our partners.

Having taken on the role in November from Inspector Tony Wakefield, I hope to continue his good work bringing about increased communication, accountability and results for the residents & businesses of Eastbourne.

I have worked almost my entire 16 year service in uniformed Policing. People I meet are often reassured by the presence of a uniformed officer in their street, and my team of Police Community Support Officers and Police Constables will be looking to provide that essential presence in all corners of our town. That is why we have a 'name in every neighbourhood', who can be contacted directly via telephone or email. The contact details can be found on www.sussex.police.uk and by clicking on Eastbourne on the map.

Eastbourne is served well by its team of Neighbourhood Officers who have already gained the trust of many people within the community, working together to deliver a quality service. I am determined to build on this and reach those people that we have not yet engaged with or that we have not quite delivered to.

I am also keen to see the Neighbourhood Panel structure broadened with increased representation from all parts of our communities, giving residents & local businesses the opportunity to address the issues that matter to them. Already I can see that the Panels have brought about some real and tangible successes which members should be proud of, but we need to go further. Many of the issues can not be resolved with a "quick fix" but with long term efforts from all our partners. I am looking forward to working closely with Eastbourne's Crime Reduction Partnership which has played a pivotal role in supporting residents, businesses and other groups to highlight potential areas for improvement and making the investment that is needed. For further information on Neighbourhood Panels you can visit (www.eastbournenp.org)

Meanwhile, in the coming weeks I will be trying to meet as many people as possible. I have already started this huge task and have been really impressed with the commitment that many people have within their communities. I hope that your successes continue as our efforts will not cease.

If you would like to speak with me or one of the neighbourhood officers please contact us via the Sussex Police website (www.sussex.police.uk) where you will find an email facility and mobile telephone numbers for each of your Police Community Support Officers.

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