



EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”

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Community Safety Plan

“Eastbourne is a low crime area and is a very safe place to live, visit and work.” These are the words of the Police District Commander Ch Insp Jayne Dando as she introduces the new Community Safety Plan that will help steer what the Partnership does from 2011 until 2014.



“Whilst there have been increases in some types of property crime nationally, the slight increase that we have seen in some thefts Eastbourne is much less than elsewhere. Overall, crime continues to fall – down 7.6% which means that there have been 267 fewer victims.”

The Partnership plan focuses on key issues to improve the community for Eastbourne and doesn't just look at crime and

anti-social behaviour. East Sussex Fire & Rescue has identified important areas for attention. They aim to reduce the number of accidental fires in the home as well as deliberate fires and to increase the number of homes that have working smoke alarms.

Eastbourne Borough Commander Julie Gilbert-King, “Our home safety visits are free and available to every home in Eastbourne. We are particularly keen to ensure that those who are most vulnerable within the community, the elderly, people living on their own and other risk groups have working smoke alarms. You can ask for a visit yourself or nominate neighbours who would benefit from this service.”



Neighbourhood Panels across Eastbourne highlight their key priorities for improvement. Interestingly, none of these have crime risks as their highest priority, most people say that the environment is the key area for attention with dog

fouling, litter and graffiti high on the list.

Portfolio holder for Community at Eastbourne Borough Council and

Devonshire Councillor, Margaret Bannister, “For the first time the



Community Safety Plan now incorporates environmental issues which the Council has a long history of dealing successfully with. Our Community Enforcement Officers work with the public as well as local Councillors and Police staff to reduce the number of incidents and improve the area.”

Community Enforcement Officers will target particular areas where dog fouling is a problem and will educate dog owners to be become more responsible. Only where these efforts have been unsuccessful will they issue fixed penalty tickets or take owners to Court. Cllr Bannister added, “I am delighted that we have included this important area of work within the community safety plan as it demonstrates the importance of the environment to the community.”

Our Plan at a Glance

The CSP plan identifies areas where multi-agency working can enhance the day to day work of individual agencies:

Quality Streets – A monthly event undertaken within a small area to address key issues.

Operation Blitz – Additional patrols undertaken with Police staff and Targeted Youth Support aimed at reducing youth anti-social behaviour.

Operation Marble – Late night patrols to reduce the number of incidents centred round the late night economy.

Licensing Patrols – Joint visits with Council Licensing and Police Staff aimed at reducing under-age and proxy sales

Improving health and reducing risks associated with alcohol – joint work with NHS East Sussex Downs & Weald, the Council and Police to educate staff and volunteers.

Neighbourhood Watch – Eastbourne's successful NHW Association is supported by the Partnership which has provided funds for their innovative handbook as well as sponsorship for their newly revamped newsletter which provides a wealth of useful information. The Partnership will continue to support NHW.

Joint Action Group – The JAG meets monthly and identifies emerging risks and problems that require a multi-agency approach to resolve.

Communications – A key area for the Partnership to highlight to the Community at large the positive work that is being undertaken behind the scenes to keep Eastbourne safe. The television, radio and newspapers are all full of bad news which would have people think that nowhere is safe. The message that we want to deliver is that Eastbourne is overwhelmingly a safe place to live and where crime does occur, our Police work tirelessly to catch those responsible and put them in front of the Courts. The Communications strand is what brings this newsletter to you and provides the impetus to support the 999 Display, the Neighbourhood Watch

Newsletter, Eastbourne Youth radio and much more.

The Plan was recently endorsed by Eastbourne Borough Council's full Council meeting and forms part of the East Sussex wide Community Safety Plan.

We aim to keep it up to date and relevant to current risks and trends and we refresh it every year.

Whilst the Community Safety Plan is not in itself responsible for making Eastbourne such a great town, it takes its place with other initiatives and activities to help do so.

Contact Numbers

Eastbourne Borough Council: 410 000

Sussex Police: 0045 60 70 999

Health Trainers: 0800 917 8896

East Sussex Fire & Rescue

Home Safety visits: 0800 177 7069.



Quality Streets

The Partnership's latest Quality Streets event took place on Weds 14th September in Beatty Road. The weather remained dry allowing residents the chance to come out and speak to the various agencies about issues that concern them.



Health Trainers from NHS East Sussex Healthcare provided advice about all aspects of health from smoking to healthy eating.

Questions about No Cold Calling Zones were answered by East Sussex Trading Standards who have set up several schemes in

Eastbourne and are planning many more. The Partnerships helps these initiatives by providing the signage that helps make residents feel safer within their community.

Sussex Downs College provided information about the wide range of courses available and answered queries about funding.

The Borough Council's Community Enforcement Officers worked alongside the Neighbourhood Policing Team to call at homes and talk about the problems that residents have ranging from anti-social behaviour to dog fouling and litter. Many residents came to the stand to ask about local enforcement and spoke to their local Councillor about a variety of problems.

Neighbourhood Inspector Steve Tullett said, "Crime is very low in this area of Eastbourne so it was good to be able to talk with residents about the real issues that trouble them. Working together I am certain that we will further improve the environment where people live."



Eastbourne Youth Radio



The Partnership is delighted to once again support the project which involves hundreds of young people from across the Eastbourne area.

The station will go on air from 10am on Weds 16th November until 4pm Friday 18th November on 87.7 fm and on the Internet. You can hear an interview with the Partnership from 4pm on the Wednesday.

Please listen in over the 3 days – you'll be amazed at how professional our young people sound!