



EASTBOURNE CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”

Purse Buddies

Reduce the risk of losing your purse

The Crime Reduction Partnership and Eastbourne Police are encouraging the public to take more care of purses and bags in the run up to Christmas.

The loss of a purse is frustrating at any time of the year but as we approach Christmas it is one extra pressure people could do without.

Purses become lost for a number of reasons, they fall out of bags, get left on car roofs and are occasionally stolen by opportunistic thieves.

The Crime Reduction Partnership has purchased a supply of purse buddies which provides an attachment between the purse and handbag and will alert the owner should the purse either fall out or be stolen.



Whilst Eastbourne is a low crime area thieves will take advantage if the opportunity arises. By using purse buddies thieves are deterred from attempting to steal the purse – and if they manage to remove it the alarm that sounds will usually be enough for them to take fright.

Neighbourhood Police Inspector Rachel Barrow, “The purse buddies provide peace of mind and we are giving these away to people who feel they might benefit from the extra security. You can obtain a purse buddy by popping

into the Police Station at Grove Road or contacting your local Police Community Support Officer on 0845 60 70 999”

As Christmas approaches we are asking the public to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Police straightaway by dialing 999.

Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership consists of Eastbourne Borough Council, Sussex Police, East Sussex County Council, East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, Sussex Police Authority, NHS East Sussex Downs and Weald, Sussex Probation Service as well as a number of voluntary organisations who, working together, reduce crime and anti-social behaviour as well as the fear of crime across Eastbourne.