



EASTBOURNE CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”

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Community Payback

Unpaid Work is a sentence available to courts. It is intended as a punishment and also as a means by which offenders can make amends to the community for the harm they have caused. The scheme is known as Community Payback.



The sentence is set by the court at anything between 40 and 300 hours depending on the seriousness of the crime and the offender's record. In Surrey and Sussex offenders must work at least seven hours - or one full day - per week, either as part of a group or on a single placement. Community Payback offenders are at work in Surrey and Sussex seven days a week. The type of work carried out includes:

- Landscaping and forestry
- Grounds clearance

- Building and maintenance
- Painting and decorating
- Litter picking and graffiti removal

Chair of the Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership and Senior Head of Community at the Borough Council, Ian Fitzpatrick said, “Victims of crime need to know that offenders who have been caught are properly punished. Seeing unpaid work being undertaken in the community will help victims and will also help to rehabilitate offenders who will be putting something back into the community.”

You can nominate any project for consideration by completing the nomination form on the Probation Trust's website at www.sussexprobation.gov.uk/what_we_do/community_payback/nominate_a_project/ or by contacting your local PCSO or calling the Partnership Office.

Cold Callers: You're not welcome here

The Rodmill Estate has been officially declared a No Cold Calling Zone.

Councillor Colin Belsey led the campaign to make the estate a no cold calling zone and was backed up by Trading Standards

along with the Crime Reduction Partnership, Highways and Eastbourne Borough Council.

Signs went up in April and now the area of the Rodmill estate within and including Burton Road is officially a No Cold Calling Zone.

Cllr Belsey said, “I have been delighted to have been able to help this part of the Rodmill estate become a NCCZ and am now getting a plan together to try and incorporate the whole of the Rodmill area into another zone. It takes time, but, for the residents it gives them extra peace of mind.

I would like to thank the late Michael Tunwell, who was the Ratton Neighbourhood Panel chairman and Elizabeth at Trading Standards for their hard work and Austin, our local PCSO, who is always there to encourage and enforce.”

Why let drink decide?

The Crime Reduction Partnership is supporting a Government campaign aimed at giving young people the confidence and tactics to effectively manage their own relationship



with alcohol as well as raising awareness of how alcohol can make them vulnerable to problems such as unwanted pregnancies, road traffic accidents and poor marks at school.

More information is available to both parents and young people on the Directgov website at www.whyletdrinkdecide.direct.gov.uk/ or from the Partnership office.

Neighbourhood Watch

A message from Jan Newens, Chair of the local association:



"Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch currently has 237 schemes across Eastbourne

and covers 7,230 homes. We are always looking to increase our numbers.

There is more to Neighbourhood Watch than just helping in the fight against crime:

We are helping to bring back "community spirit" which has been sorely missing during recent years.

We help to reduce the "fear of crime" – most people perceive crime in Eastbourne to be much worse than it actually is.

We look out for each other and especially the vulnerable folk in our communities.

If you are a member of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, you could get a 10% reduction in your home insurance.

Neighbourhood Watch has a desk within the Neighbourhood Police Team at the Hammonds Drive Police Patrol Centre and our volunteers work closely with your PCs and PCSOs. We have access to all the crimes called in on both the 999 and the 0845 60 70 999 numbers and have the facility to e-mail or text Street Co-ordinators should

there be an alert in a particular street or area. It is clear that some of these crimes are preventable and so we supply, free of charge, leaflets and stickers giving advice on keeping your home and your property safe. Also available are small security aids at reduced prices."

If you would like to become a member or Street Co-ordinator or would like any further information regarding Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch, please contact: Jan Newens at e-mail: neighbourhoodwatch@eastbourne.np.org

LGBT Youth Group

A new youth group is being proposed for Eastbourne.

Are you interested in an LGBT youth group in the Eastbourne area?



We are looking for young lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people to form a focus group aimed at setting up a twice monthly group in the Eastbourne area. If you are interested please contact Peter Boorman at Terrence Higgins Trust Eastbourne peter.boorman@ttht.org.uk

contact: 07919 151133
or: 01323 649927



If you or someone that you know might be interested in this new venture please contact the Terrence Higgins Trust by calling 649927 or 07919 151133.

Community Safety Survey

Don't forget to tell us how safe you feel where you live. The Partnership needs to hear from you about your views on community safety so if you haven't yet completed the survey please take a few minutes to do so. Paper copies of this survey are available by calling Eastbourne 466525.

Have your say on crime & safety in your neighbourhood

Your views are very important to us... **NEW 2010**

The results of our 2009 survey helped to direct our work to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in your local area, and throughout East Sussex.

Please tell us what the priorities should be for keeping you safe in 2010 and beyond.

Tell us what you think online at: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/safetysurvey or call 01323 466525 for a paper copy



May Focus

Current figures on crime in Eastbourne as of April 2010:

Overall crime for the 12 month period to the end of April 2010 compared to the 12 month period ending April 2009 is again down by over 10% which means 872 fewer victims.



Burglary of houses for the same period – the 12 months to the end of April 2010 is down by over 10% from the 12 month period ending April 2009 – a reduction that means that 22 fewer people were victims.

Serious violent crime in a public place has continued to fall with a reduction of 9% for the 12 month period to the end of April 2010 compared to the previous 12 month period meaning more than 105 fewer victims.

The Partnership Shoplifting Action Plan continues to bite with reported offences falling for a 9th consecutive month. Shoplifting is down by over 15% for the 12 month period to the end of April 2010 compared to the previous 12 month period, a reduction of 157 offences.

District Commander Ch Insp Jayne Dando's monthly update can be seen at: http://www.sussex.police.uk/neighbourhood_policing/commander_message.aspx