



Gloucester Youth's Got Talent

On 5th November 2010, Safer Gloucester Partnership hosted the live final of Gloucester Youth's Got Talent at the Gloucester Guildhall. Sixteen amazing finalists who had been selected from seventy entries, performed in front of a packed audience and celebrity judges.

The winner was singing ventriloquist Kieran Powell who won an iPod Touch donated by the contest's main sponsor, Tesco Stores Ltd. Second was singer, Jessica Weaver, who won 5 hours in a recording studio donated by CCP Musical Youth and music producer Malaki Patterson, known locally as MNP, and third was William Babarinsa who sang, played keyboard and danced to win a camcorder donated by Kingswalk Shopping Centre.



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The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of the harm caused by substance misuse. All of the contestants were given a goody bag at the audition stage with information about substance misuse and where they could go locally for assistance. At the final, the audience watched a presentation about harm caused by drugs and

alcohol nationally and locally and then later a DVD interview of a former drug user. The audience were surveyed in the interval and 67% stated that they had been surprised by the information in the presentation.

Photos of all the finalists performing can be viewed on the Partnership website, www.safergloucester.co.uk.

Gloucestershire Youth Service filmed the final and a DVD of the event can be ordered for £5 by emailing the partnership website "contact us" page.

All entries will receive a professional photograph of themselves to remember the event.



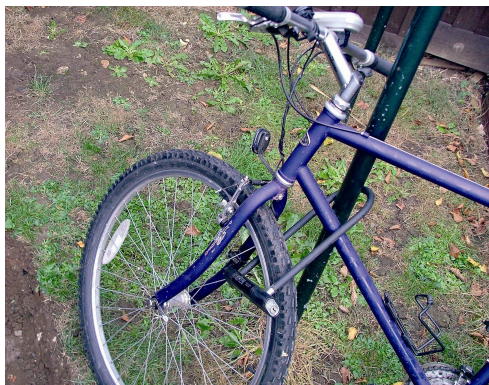
Members of the team who organised the Gloucester Youth's got Talent

If you are worried about your own, a friend or a parent's substance misuse there are people who want to help you.

- Gloucestershire Young People's Substance Misuse Service (GYPSMS) Tel 01452 551271 or visit www.gypsms.com
- Infobuzz Tel 01452 381770 or visit www.infobuzz.co.uk
- Independence Trust Tel 0845863823 or visit www.independencetrust.co.uk

Secure Your Bike!

Please remember to lock your bicycle when leaving it in town when shopping, when in work and even when it is in your shed or garage at home. Safer Gloucester Partnership recommend a “D” lock is used to secure your bike and also that you register the frame number with www.bikeregister.com free of charge.



The Partnership have launched an initiative to raise awareness of bicycle security; Police Community Support Officers check bicycles parked in the city centre to recommend maximum security measures. Bicycles are “tagged” referring the owner to the Gloucestershire Constabulary’s website www.gloucestershire.police.uk and recommending the registration of the bicycle. If the police recover a bicycle, they check the Bikeregister.com website for details of the owner in order to return the cycle to its rightful home.

In the first four weeks of this initiative, 482 bicycles have been registered in Gloucester.

Kingsway “Have Your Say”

Safer Gloucester Partnership recently held a “Have Your Say” day in Thatcham Avenue, Kingsway, where 95% of residents interviewed



said they felt safe or very safe when walking out alone in daylight and 65% felt safe or very safe after dark. The results were very positive and can be viewed on the Partnership website www.safergloucester.co.uk/haveyoursay .

Year 1 pupils from Kingsway Primary School have also done a piece of work about life in Kingsway and presented their results to the city council’s community safety project development officer and the manager of Project Solace (the multi agency anti social behaviour team). They said that they liked the area very much including the parks, the green spaces to play in, the different types of houses and the school.

Christmas Crime Prevention

As we approach Christmas, please remember - don’t leave your beautifully wrapped Christmas presents under the tree in the full view of windows where opportunist burglars can see.



Also, remember to dispose of any packaging carefully in the New Year - don’t let the burglar know what delightful presents are inside your house by displaying empty cardboard boxes outside awaiting collection with the refuse.

Now that the clocks have gone back an hour, please remember to leave a light on in your property so that your home is not in darkness when you return from work; use dusk to dawn light bulbs or timer switches (both available at low cost from Bearland Police Station) to illuminate your home.

If you are away over Christmas, remember to inform trusted neighbours and ask them to keep an eye on your home. Remember to cancel any deliveries of papers or milk and ask a neighbour to collect any post on a regular basis. Use timer switches for lights, television and radio to make it look as if you are home.