



SAFER News from the Community Safety Partnership GLOUCESTER

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Beat the Burglar!

Burglaries in Gloucester had started to rise in the city in October and escalating to a peak in November. Although Josef Kaleja, a prolific burglar was arrested and held on remand at the end of November, the burglaries continued to cause concern although at a reduced rate than previously.

Barton and Tredworth were hotspot areas for the burglaries and the new Barton Local Police Team visited 1,000 properties before Christmas, giving property marking ultra violet marking pens, Smartwater (to previous victims) and advice to everyone who was in. The feedback and response from residents was all very positive and the officers were welcomed into homes to mark property and give advice. Temporary signage has been erected in the relevant streets to warn offenders there are police operations in the area and that property in these homes has been security marked.



The burglaries for December have reduced but Safer Gloucester is continuing to monitor the situation to hopefully reduce offences further. Don't forget to make your home look occupied—always leave a light on when it's dark or a radio. Low cost timer switches and dusk to dawn light bulbs are on sale at Bearland Police Station, Longsmith Street.



Barton Local Police Team from the left Matt Bishop, Jo Cryer, Sgt Tim Wood, Deborah Sutton and Rob Bolland

Easter Eggstravaganza!

Safer Gloucester are joining with Barnwood Community Partnership to host an Easter Eggstravaganza at the Clock Tower Park, Barnwood on Saturday March 23rd from 1pm -4pm. There will be lots of activities for children and families to do, and we are inviting residents who live in the vicinity of the Clock Tower Park to come along and tell us their views.



Come and join us for a great afternoon!

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Christmas Activities

Preparations started early at Safer Gloucester as we held our Christmas Crime Prevention event in King's Walk on November 9th. It was great to talk to so many people—2,000 crime prevention calendars were handed out as well as advice on home security, personal safety, sensible drinking and domestic abuse. We sold a large number of



Sheriff of Gloucester, Cllr Phil McLellan attempts to cut the “D” locks with bolt cutters

alarmed bicycle D locks at £10 each. Once locked, the alarm will activate upon vibration with the ear piercing 130 dB siren activating for about 10 seconds every time it detects vibration of 2

seconds or more. These locks are now available to buy from Bearland Police Station in Longsmith Street, Gloucester.

Local Police Teams delivered cards to homes around the city who had Christmas trees on display advising them to keep their presents hidden until Christmas morning. If the officer could see the presents, sadly, so could a burglar.

Christmas At Kingsholm

Safer Gloucester hosted a Christmas party for older people at St Catherine's Church Hall which enabled us to present the “stay safe” message in a relaxed way without raising the fear of crime. The afternoon included a concert of Old Time Music Hall and Christmas Songs and a Christmas Quiz. Our thanks go to Tesco Stores Ltd in St Oswald's Road who provided refreshments and also managed to bring Santa along for the afternoon!



Paws on Patrol

As a “thank you” to our Paws on Patrol members who have worked hard keeping a watch over their communities in 2012, Safer Gloucester held a Christmas quiz to win a hamper donated by Lynton Pets—Pet shops and Supplies.

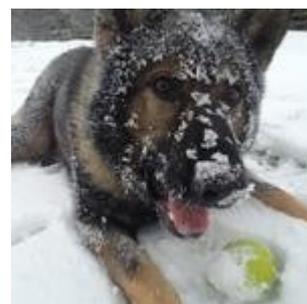
There were joint winners—all very handsome dogs – Diesel a German Shepherd and Morse and Sauer two Bavarian Mountain Hounds. (Sauer and his owner Jacki, have been chosen to represent Crufts as part of the Good Dog Citizen Scheme Demo Team this year).



The quiz with answers is available on the Safer Gloucester website.

We were delighted that Paws on Patrol reached the lofty heights of Crufts national quarterly magazine in December, who praised the scheme, referring to it as “Canine Crusaders” and also gave the Safer Gloucester website a mention.

Don't forget to follow the adventures of the Police dogs on the Paws on Patrol twitter [@glospoldogblog](https://twitter.com/glospoldogblog). Gloucester Citizen featured Ace having a snow ball! The dogs have already been busy in 2013, sniffing out illegal drugs leading to arrests of offenders.



We now have over 630 members - with many reports being received. If you are a dog owner and have not yet joined, please sign up without delay - membership forms can be downloaded from the website

www.safergloucester.co.uk and emailed back to cdpartnership@gloucester.gov.uk.



Environmental Crime Issues

As reported in November's newsletter, the City Council has led campaigns against dog fouling and littering in various parts of the city, working with Police on education and enforcement activity.

In various parts of the city both dog fouling and littering remain an issue and we remind everyone that both are offences. It is very difficult to enforce the regulations as it is necessary to "catch someone in the act". If anyone sees someone allowing their dog to foul the pavements or public open spaces, please report this to the Council on 01452 396396 or

Email: heretohelp@gloucester.gov.uk . Please give as much information as possible, eg

- Name and address of the person walking the dog
- Type of dog and description/colour/long/short hair
- Location of dog mess
- Time(s) dog is walked
- Would you be willing to give a statement to the Council of this information?

If you have this information and would be willing to give a statement, the Environmental Protection team can visit the offender or call them into the office for an interview.



Napier Street "Have Your Say"

Following the 2012 "Have your say" day, the play park at Napier Street will close from early evening until morning and the lighting dimmed from mid February. The Police will lock the gates each evening and the City Council's Streetcare contractor will open them in the mornings. A mosquito (anti loitering device which emits a pulsed high frequency tone only audible to young people) is also to be erected close to the play park to prevent large groups of people gathering in the play area, making a noise.

Project Solace Award Winners!

Safer Gloucester is delighted to announce that Project Solace, Gloucester City's response team dealing with anti social behaviour, (ASB) were recent winners of the Social Landlords' Crime and Nuisance Group's Best Practice Award 2012 for their school's restorative justice project.



The programme which deals with important issues like peer pressure, bullying, self esteem, anti social behaviour (the influences and consequences) and restorative justice, has been delivered to Year 6 pupils in four schools to date and will be expanded to the other primary schools this year.

The ASB Patrol van continues to tour the city twice monthly, once on a day shift and once at night. The night patrols work until 2am as more calls come in during the later hours. The team is made up of Project Solace, Gloucester City Homes (or other housing providers), Police and Environmental Protection Officers from Gloucester City Council.

The van has been very successful, providing reassurance and positive action. The team have been able to check existing cases, give reassurance to neighbourhoods, serve noise abatement notices to those holding excessively loud parties, warn anti-social drivers and motorbike riders and search people for drugs, which may lead to them being evicted.

Project Solace were successful in applying for a Criminal Anti Social Behaviour Order (CRASBO) against a prolific perpetrator of anti social behaviour in the City. Kajeel Patel had caused ongoing alcohol related nuisance in the City to members of the public whilst intoxicated. The CRASBO bans her from being drunk in the city and in particular from India Road where many residents have been intimidated.

Nightsafe

Progress continues with the Nightsafe multi agency group who are working towards ensuring that residents and visitors to Gloucester City centre on a Friday and Saturday night are and feel safe.

Safer Gloucester held a “Have your say” event in Eastgate Street on 30th November so that people in the city that night could tell us their views about Gloucester at night.

Nightclubbers expressed their enjoyment of nights out in the City, liking the atmosphere and the feel of the nightlife, with 71% of those asked feeling safe or very safe.

When asked “How do you and your friends stay safe?”, the most popular response was for friends to stay together. When asked “What could you do to improve how safe you feel?” most people felt that they would be safer if they drank less.

82% of those surveyed were aware of the vehicle ban in Eastgate Street and 79% would like to see the ban extended to fully pedestrianise the street on Friday and Saturday evenings to make them feel safer. Investigations are taking place to consider the possibility of this happening.



Police and Crime Commissioner Martin Surl visits the Nightsafe Stand in Eastgate Street

Concern was raised over clubbers being unaware of the difference between taxis and private hire vehicles and so a campaign was launched in Christmas week to highlight the difference and emphasise the importance of ensuring that the vehicle is indeed a registered one.

A Gloucester taxi is white, has a rooflight and blue licence plate. Taxis can be flagged down and found on taxi ranks. A Gloucester Private Hire Vehicle in NOT white, has yellow door panels and a yellow licence plate. Private hire vehicles must be pre booked—don't flag them down or you won't be insured!

Posters were printed to highlight the message and to emphasise the importance of staying together with friends.



Our thanks go to local girls Danielle and Laura for posing for the photos to make the posters possible!

One Billion Rising Global Campaign

One in three women on the planet will be raped or beaten in her lifetime. On 14th February 2013, Gloucestershire will be part of the global campaign to raise the awareness of violence against women and girls.

Strike, Dance and Rise will be on Thursday 14th February 2013, 12–2pm at Mariner's Chapel, Gloucester Quays. Guest speaker, Thangam Dabbonaire will talk about her work and there will be music, readings and dance! Visit: www.onebillionrising.org

Gang Injunction Breached Again

Ashley Nicholls-Perry, was jailed for a second time for breaching his gang injunction at Bristol Magistrates' Court in January. Sentenced to 211 days for breaches including associating with another gang member and the use of threats and violence against a taxi driver.

Gloucester City Council and Gloucestershire Police sought the injunction in October 2011 for gang related activities in the city.