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Gloucester Best Bar None

Following the success of Best Bar None in Gloucester in 2015, Safer Gloucester expanded the scheme city wide in 2016.

On 17th January 2017, 18 licensed premises received their accreditation plaques to acknowledge the hard work that they regularly put into their venues to make them safe and happy places to enjoy an evening.

The winners were:

Gold Award - Butlers Venue Bar

Silver Award - Cafe Rene

Bronze Award - Gloucester Guildhall

Best Chain Pub - The Abbey

Best Independent Pub - Cafe Rene

Best Chain Bar/Late Bar/Nightclub - Bar Fever

Best Independent Bar - Butlers Venue Bar

Best Small Local Bar - One Eyed Jacks

Best Family Friendly Pub - The Turmut Hoer

Best Bar None is often likened to the Oscars of licensed premises. It is aimed at rewarding responsible management and operation of alcohol licensed premises, leading to an enhanced customer experience. It gives venues the opportunity to shine and be rewarded for good management practices.



Premises were assessed by qualified impartial assessors. Those reaching accreditation and winners of their respective categories are telling customers that they care and are working in partnership to make Gloucester a safe place to visit.

Look out for the plaque and window sticker on display which let passers by know of their success.

Check the Hello Gloucester Facebook for further photographs of the awards evening.

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Gloucestershire Police Report

The period in the run-up to Christmas is often a time when we see an increase in crimes like burglary and theft from vehicles. This is despite the fact that this sort of offending has reduced considerably in recent years, not just according to police statistics but also the Crime Survey of England and Wales.

I'm delighted to say that we actually saw these crimes reduce in number between October and December last year. You may have seen the Constabulary's "Stolen Memories" campaign, which focused on how precious heirlooms and digital devices containing irreplaceable family photos can be lost forever through burglary. Thank you for everyone who took heed of the crime prevention advice that we shared as it really seems to have made a difference. There's about one burglary of someone's home every day in Gloucester, but we want that number to keep getting lower.

There are a number of other priorities for us as well as these traditional burglary crimes. Some of these will not be visible to many people but they do involve really serious harm - such as domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, and the threat posed by drug-dealing gangs who use violence and coercion to maintain their place in the market. Others will be more widely visible to greater numbers of people, but won't involve such serious harm. An example of this would be anti-social behaviour in the city centre, particularly that associated with aggressive begging. We are working hard with the City Council and others to ensure that those in need are offered the right support before any enforcement action is taken.

With those appalling crimes that happen behind closed doors, our work to prevent and investigate them is less obvious, but just as necessary. If you are worried that someone who lives in your neighbourhood may be being harmed, then please consider letting us know

either by calling 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Having said all that, recent research suggests that like other constabularies, only about a quarter of the incidents that we attend will involve a crime. Please consider if it *is* the police you need before contacting us.

We'll be working really hard to help the various communities of the city to be as safe as possible as we move into the Spring.

Launch of Hate Crime Strategy

At the end of 2016, Dr Stevie Jade-Hardy from Leicester University launched the Gloucestershire Hate Crime strategy at Gloucester Guildhall.

The strategy's vision is that Gloucestershire is a place that embraces difference, with all people able to live their lives safely, with respect and to be free from the harmful effects of prejudice.

We are all responsible for challenging hate crime and incidents and can report it:

- In an emergency call 999, in a non emergency 101
- Call the 3rd party reporting line at Victim Support on 0800 077 8460
- Report it online at www.hateglos.org
- If you are a witness call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111

Since Brexit, some areas have experienced an increase in Hate Crimes and Incidents although this does not appear to have been the case in Gloucester.



Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue: Cooking Safely

As part of the “Fire Kills, cooking safety” campaign, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging parents and carers to make any kitchen activities a chance for kids to learn about cooking safety.

There are lots of creative ways to teach kids about fire safety whilst cooking. And, it’s absolutely vital that they know what to do if the worst should happen.

So alongside the melting, mixing and making, why not take the chance to pass on your fire safety knowhow? Test your smoke alarms as part of the activity. And remember, never leave a child alone with a hot hob, and help keep them safe by moving matches and saucepan handles out of their reach.

And the kids don’t have to be in the kitchen to distract you - distraction while cooking is a main cause of fire call-outs right across the country.

Half of all accidental fires in the home start in the kitchen - often because of distractions like phone calls. So whatever happens elsewhere in your home, always make sure you have one eye on the hob or oven.

The Fire Kills campaign’s top tips for staying safe in the kitchen are:

- Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking. Take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk.
- If a pan catches fire, don’t take any risks - Get Out, Stay Out, and Call 999.
- Double check the hob is off when you’ve finished cooking.
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
- Take care if you’re wearing loose clothing - this can easily catch fire.

- Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe.
- Take care with electrics - keep leads and appliances away from water and place grills and toasters away from curtains and kitchen rolls.
- Keep your equipment clean and in good working order. A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.
- Don’t cook after drinking alcohol.
- Hot oil can catch fire easily - be careful that it doesn’t overheat.
- Never throw water on a chip pan fire.
- In the event of a fire, have an escape plan in place. Don’t take risks by tackling a fire. Get out, stay out and call 999.
- Make sure you have at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home and test them monthly.



For more information on fire safety, please visit www.facebook.com/firekills.

If you would like a FREE Safe and Well Check, then call 0800 1804140 and request one.

Ask Angela

Gloucester Licensed Victuallers Association has teamed with Glos Rape and Sexual Assault Centre (GRASAC) and the Police to launch a new discreet initiative to assist anyone on a night out whose evening is not going well.

The initiative applies to men and women who may be on a date but are feeling uncomfortable or even threatened. They can approach the staff of the premises they are in and use the codewords “Is Angela in?”. The staff will then know that the person is in need of assistance and will help to remove them from the situation and call a taxi if necessary.



Posters are displayed in participating venues.

Great British Spring Clean

The Great British Spring Clean - will take place on 3rd–5th March and throughout the whole month.

Gloucester City Council is backing a campaign to get half a million people out and about cleaning up their local communities in March 2017. As part of its support for the country's biggest-ever community clear up, Gloucester City Council is seeking volunteers to take part in an organised litter-pick and clean-up events across the City.

If, as an individual or member of a community/ voluntary organisation, you would like to develop your own mini project in your neighbourhoods, do make contact to let us know, so that we could link your project to the 'Great British Spring Clean' initiative (www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk) and provide you with as much assistance as possible.

If you are unable to develop your own project, but would still like to be involved, join us for the 'Spring Clean' in the City Centre on Friday 3rd March, where you will have the opportunity to assist a team in cleaning an area of the City Centre. You will also get a chance to talk to City Council Officers about the support available to empower you to become a regular volunteer litter-picker.

If you would like to be involved, please contact us no later than Wednesday 1st March email: Ismael.Rhyman@gloucester.gov.uk or telephone the Neighbourhood team on 01452 396396



Why Do People Drop Litter?

It's great to have the volunteers to help with Spring Cleans but it would be even better if people didn't drop litter at all.

Let's make 2017 a year when we encourage everyone to put their litter in the bins or take it home with them.

Online Portal and Mobile App

Gloucester City Council is pleased to offer Gloucester residents two new on-line options to help you report problems to the council and to look up council and local information.

The My Gloucester App is available to download to both Apple and Android mobile devices and tablets from the Google Play App Store.

The My Gloucester Portal is ideal to use if you do not have a mobile or tablet. Once registered for the My Gloucester Portal, you can access many features including, Report It, Contact Us, My Reports, Councillors, Request a Service, News, the Council's Vision and Aims, Electoral Registration, Planning and Know My Bin Day.

For more information, check: <http://www.gloucester.gov.uk/my-gloucester-portal>



Paws on Patrol
is back!
On Saturday
20th May 2017 in
Gloucester Park
12 noon—5pm
Keep the date!