



SAFER Gloucester

News from the Community Safety Partnership

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SAFER GLOUCESTER PRESENTS

Paws on Patrol and MORE

Great news! Paws on Patrol will be back in Gloucester Park on Saturday 1st June 2013 from 12 noon–5pm. It promises to be bigger and better than last year so we are hoping to recruit more members to add to our amazing team.

The event will be opened at 12 noon by the Sheriff of Gloucester and entertainment will be:

- 12.10 Police Dogs Display
- 12.50 Dog Obedience Display
- 13.30 Increase the Peace with singing and dancing
- 14.15 Dog Agility Display
- 15.15 Dog Show (do you know a dog that looks like its owner?)
- 16.30 Police Dogs Display

This year we have some exciting doggy related businesses and charities but in addition, there will be extra activities for those who aren't dog lovers—including face painting, bouncy castles, roundabout, archery, children's army assault course, craft workshop and cycle safety checks.

We are grateful to our sponsors who include the Citizen, Royal Agricultural College, Royal Canin, the Lady and the Tramp Grooming Salon and Spa, Top Dogs Training, Jollyes, AAS Vets, Lynton Pets, Angel Pet Store, What! Store and others—a full list will be on display at the event.

New members will receive the goody bag with membership cards, information about responsible dog ownership, a reflective collar (to ensure your precious pooches can be spotted on a dark night or morning) and a bottle opener. The aforementioned pet stores have donated a superb prize for the 1,000th member who registers!

Safer Gloucester presents

paws on Patrol and MORE!

Fun Day Out for All the Family!

- ★ Meet the Police Dogs and see them in Action ★
- ★ Novelty Dog Show ★ Fire Engine and Police Vehicles ★
- ★ Dog Agility ★ Obedience Display ★ Face Painting ★
- ★ Increase the Peace ★ Bouncy Castles ★ Training Tips ★
- ★ Children's Army Assault Course ★ Dog Grooming and Beauty tips ★
- ★ Dog Massage ★ Canine Hydrotherapy ★

And lots more to see and do!

For more information visit www.safergloucester.co.uk or call 01452 396984

SUPPORTED BY... The Citizen, Royal Agricultural College

SATURDAY JUNE 1ST from 12-5pm
IN GLOUCESTER PARK

SAFER GLOUCESTER logo and QR code

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Paws on Patrol and MORE.....cont

Currently the stands to be found on 1st June include:

- Safer Gloucester
 - Project Solace
 - Avenger Task Force
 - Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service with fire engine and “smoke” tent
 - Neighbourhood Watch
 - Paws on Patrol Membership Registration
 - Dog Show Registration
 - The Lady and the Tramp Grooming Salon & Spa
 - Lead-on Pets dog walking and Forever Living and dog bag products
 - PDSA Providing Free Health Checks For Dogs
 - Brockworth Puppy and Dog Training Club
 - Head 2 Tails Pet Grooming
 - Rainbow Sue Face Painting
 - Friendship Cafe Barbeque and Archery
 - Top Dogs Training with free nail clipping and discount vouchers for grooming
 - Greyhound Rescue West of England
 - Guide dogs for the Blind
 - Rapid UK - Canine Search and Rescue Team
 - Monty’s Allsorts Dog Training Club
 - Cheltenham Animal Shelter with Have-a-Go Agility
 - St John’s Ambulance Cadets
 - Teacup Roundabout and Candy Floss
 - PartyZones Bouncy Castles
 - Children’s Army Assault Course
 - MJC Photography - taking photos for purchase later
 - The Barking Bistro and Bakery
 - Cotswold Canine Hydrotherapy Centre
 - The Cinnamon Trust
 - Community Health Trainers
 - Dogs Body Canine Massage Offering Free Muscular Checks For Dogs
 - NSGL Ltd with Security Dogs
 - South West German Shepherd Rescue
 - James Hopkins Trust Refreshments
 - Sue Ryder with Home Made Cakes and Refreshments
 - Fairburn Vet Physio and Cotswold Dog Spa
 - Kingfisher Treasure Seekers with Craft Workshop and Performing Arts
 - Gloucestershire Bike Project - bring your bike for a safety check
 - Tartaglias Ice Cream
- But keep checking the website for updates!

There will also be a free raffle for all current members—bring your membership card to the Safer Gloucester stand and you will be given a ticket that will be drawn at the end of the event!



We now have 650 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 .

Other Paws News

Safer Gloucester was recently contacted by Leopard Films who are making a film for a BBC documentary about how different areas in the country deal with anti social behaviour. The series is to be shown on television in the autumn. They had spotted Paws on Patrol on the Safer Gloucester website and were keen to include the scheme. On 29th April they met with several Patrollers and of course Ace and Holly and filmed the group and individuals walking around with their beautiful pets. They then filmed the process of how any environmental crime issues are reported through the system and dealt with speedily—all thanks to our watchful Patrollers!



Take care when buying puppies—ensure that you see both parents—there has been an increase of puppies imported illegally without passports and inoculations, which means that they have not been protected against rabies or other diseases.

Avenger Task Force

On 8th April 2013, a new initiative, the Avenger Task Force was officially launched to revolutionise the approach to gangs in Gloucester. The purpose of the Avenger Task Force is to identify and support vulnerable people and communities who are, or who may be, involved in or affected by gang related activities within Gloucester City.

Avenger Task Force follows a crackdown by Police on gang related violence in the city called Operation Avenger, which led to over 50 arrests. In November 2011 the City Council, Police and Project Solace obtained gang injunctions against two individuals banning them from entering the city. One man received two prison sentences for breaching those injunctions.

Enforcement and concerted efforts to increase reporting of youth violence and criminal activities now mean that officers have a better understanding of the current situation.

The multi agency Avenger Task Force, involving staff from Gloucestershire Constabulary, Gloucester City Council and Gloucestershire County Council, will support young people and adults who come to their attention and divert them away from gang membership and criminal activity with diversionary programmes and intensive mentoring programmes. These will be tailored to specific age groups ensuring that the participants understand the risks and consequences of being involved in crime.

The Avenger Task Force has set up an anonymous reporting hotline for anyone wanting to report gang activity: atf@gloucestershire.police.uk or ring 101.

The Turnaround Programme

Splitz Support Service provide a 25 week rolling programme for male perpetrators of domestic abuse who wish to change their behaviour.

It is delivered in 5 week modules on Thursday evenings (6–8.15 pm) in Gloucester for residents of Gloucestershire aged over 21.

Younger men may be accepted on a case by case basis.

To join the group, men are required to attend an assessment interview and are expected to commit to the whole 25 week programme.

For more information contact the Project Coordinator, Tess Biddington tel: **07436 280861**
Email: tess@splitz.org

Help To Keep Crime Down!

April 2012–March 2013 has been a good year for reducing crime with an overall reduction of 12.48% on the previous year. However, we cannot be complacent and ask everyone to continue to be vigilant. Following the tips below will help!

- Always remove all valuables from your car and lock the doors even when leaving it on the drive
- Double lock your bike and consider buying an alarmed bike “D” lock (available from Bearland Police Station for £10)



Holiday Crime Prevention

- Make sure your home looks occupied. Closed curtains in the daytime makes it look like no one is at home
- Cancel deliveries of milk, newspapers discreetly—don't announce your departure to a shop full of people
- Only tell people who need to know that you are going away—don't tell everyone on Facebook
- Use timer switches on radios and lights. Dusk to dawn light bulbs could be used internally and externally
- Don't leave valuable items like TVs or hi-fi systems visible through windows
- Ensure garages and sheds are secured and consider fitting a shed alarm to the inside of the door
- Ensure all doors and windows are locked and if you have a burglar alarm make sure it is set
- Don't have your home address showing on your luggage on the outward journey

Enjoy your holiday!

NightSafe

The multi agency NightSafe Group continues to work towards making Gloucester City Centre safer on Friday and Saturday nights.

Gloucestershire County Council have improved the lighting in Eastgate Street which not only improved the feeling of safety in the street but enhanced the images captured on CCTV.

On the weekends of 5th, 12th and 19th April, NightSafe trialled the full pedestrianisation of Eastgate Street, banning all vehicles in the street from Clarence Street to the GL1 building between 11pm and 5am on Friday and Saturday nights.

On Saturday 20th April all of the businesses contributed towards a Candy Shop themed street party in Eastgate Street, taking advantage of the vehicle free area. This included stilt walkers, fire eaters and girls on roller skates giving out sweets. Many people reported that the party atmosphere all added to make them feel safe.

The NightSafe Group felt that the pilot scheme was a huge success but are currently carrying out consultation of businesses and residents in the area who may have been affected to ascertain their views.



Nightclubbers enjoying the street party in Eastgate Street—note the difference in lighting to the photo on the right hand side pre Gloucestershire County Council’s improvements.



If the general agreement is that the pedestrianisation improved community safety, NightSafe will start work towards making the changes permanent.

Police and Crime Commissioner Martin Surl has awarded funding for a new position in the city - Gloucester City Safe Coordinator whose job will be to make the city a safer place, day and night, by:

- Reducing anti social behaviour
- Reducing alcohol related crime and disorder, particularly relating to the night time economy
- Reducing daytime crime, especially begging and shoplifting
- Making everyone who works, lives or visits Gloucester feel safer

Safe days and nights for all is one of the Police and Crime Commissioner’s five priorities in the Police and Crime Plan 2013–2017. For more information: <http://www.gloucestershire-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/Police-and-Crime-Plan-final-version.pdf> .

Easter Eggstravaganza Postponed

Unfortunately the Easter Eggstravaganza planned for the Clock Tower Park on March 23rd had to be postponed



due to horrendous weather. The condition of the park was unsuitable so the decision was taken to try to rearrange

the event for later in the year. The tentative date for this event will now be September 28th .

Crime is Down!

Crime is down in Gloucester by 12.48%

There have been 18.4% less violent offences, 31% less thefts from cars.

Help us to keep it that way for 2013/14—see page 3.