



SAFER News from the Community Safety Partnership GLOUCESTER

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Paws on Patrol is Back!

Paws on Patrol is returning to Gloucester Park on Saturday 20th May at 12 noon!



The fantastic Police Dog Team will be returning for two displays and this will be the last Paws on Patrol display for our loyal mascot Ace before he retires in September.



Ace—Our Trusty Mascot 8 week old Jango in 2016

The display will also feature his replacement Jango whom you saw last year as an 8 week old puppy—see if you can recognise him now!

We are looking forward to a sheepdog display from Elaine Hill with her brilliant border collies and also, new to Paws on Patrol, a Gun Dog Display from Hartpury College and University. Our grateful thanks to LG Agility for providing the ever entertaining agility display.

Paws on Patrol would not be complete without the novelty dog show—will your pooch win the best in show this year? The categories will be: The Cutest Pup, Golden Oldie, Prettiest Female, Most Handsome Male and Best Rescue. It's free to enter and great fun too. It's not Crufts but all the dogs are beautiful in their own way.

The event will be opened at 12 noon by the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner Martin Surl who has also sponsored the event. We are very grateful to all our sponsors without whom the event would not be taking place:

The Royal Agricultural University, Hartpury College and University, The Lady and The Tramp Grooming Salon and Spa and Royal Canin.

Further details of the programme can be found on page 2 but be sure of a great afternoon's entertainment and activity—book the date in your diaries now!!

Paws On Patrol!

- ★ Meet the Police Dogs—See them in Action! ★
- ★ Sheepdog Display ★ Gun Dog Display ★
- ★ Novelty Dog Show ★ Training Tips ★
- ★ Dog Agility ★ T cup rides ★
- ★ Face Painting ★ Bouncy Castles ★ Barbeque ★
- ★ Fire Engine and Police Vehicles ★ Dog Grooming and Beauty Tips ★
- And lots more to see and do!

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SATURDAY MAY 20TH FROM 12-5PM
IN GLOUCESTER PARK

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Paws on Patrol 2017

Currently the stands at Paws on Patrol are:

- Safer Gloucester and Neighbourhood Watch
- Paws on Patrol Registration - join now!
- Paws on Patrol Dog Show Registration
- Police Dog Section with Paws Mascots Ace and Holly
- Wiltshire Avon & Gloucestershire Retired Police Dogs (WAGS)
- Glos Police and Crime Commissioner
- Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service
- Gloucester Police Fingerprinting
- Police Hate Crime and Prevent Information
- Project Solace ASB Team
- Elaine Hill with Sheepdogs
- L G Agility Dog Training
- The Lady and the Tramp Grooming Salon and Grooming School
- Cheltenham Animal Shelter with "Have a Go Agility"
- Dogs For Good
- Canine Massage Guild
- Lead-On Pets and Forever Living Animal Care
- Hartpury College & University Centre with "Have a go" Rally Obedience
- Teckels Animal Sanctuary
- Tidy Paws To Go with Doggie Photo Booth
- Forever Hounds Trust
- SPA Veterinary Services Ltd
- RSPCA Gloucester City and District Branch
- Friendship Cafe Barbeque
- Friendship Cafe Archery
- Kiddie Ride and Game, Candy Floss and Donuts
- First4Castles Bouncy Castles
- Victim Support
- Samaritans Gloucester
- MY:UK and Tigers Together Football & Games
- Kidney Research UK
- James Hopkins Trust
- PDSA with Rhubarb and Custard!
- Serve On Search and Rescue Dogs

- Healthy Lifestyles Gloucestershire
- Rainbow's Face Painting
- Canine Connections with Dog Obedience Demonstrations
- Barnwood Trust - You're Welcome
- Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Utility Warehouse - Win a Mini
- mmm! Coffee Ltd - Espresso Coffees, Hot Chocolate, Milkshakes
- Tartaglias Ice Creams
- Secret Garden Nursery
- Kingfisher Treasure Seekers
- Pets As Therapy (PATS)
- Charlie's Community Cancer Support
- Monster Snow Cones

But keep checking the Safer Gloucester website: goo.gl/aw6FXq

The programme for the afternoon will be:

- 12:00 Event Opens
- 12:20 Police Dog Display 1
- 13:00 Sheepdog Display1
- 13:40 LG Agility Display
- 14:30 Gun Dogs Display
- 15:00 Novelty Dog Show
- 16:00 Sheepdog Display 2
- 16:30 Police Dog Display 2

The dog show will be judged by the Sheriff of Gloucester, Cllr Said Hansdot together with sponsor, Carol Hutchins from The Lady and the Tramp Grooming Salon and Spa. Cllr Hansdot has experience of our lovely pooches having judged the show in 2013 and 2014.

If you have any friends or relatives who are not members of Paws on Patrol, please encourage them to come along on 20th May and become a Patroller too!





Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service are supporting National Drowning Prevention Week in June 2017

Water Safety for Children and Young People

The Water Safety Code:

Spot the dangers! Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water. The dangers of the water include:

- Very cold temperatures
- Hidden currents
- It can be deep - difficult to estimate depth
- There may be hidden rubbish like shopping trolleys or broken glass
- It can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- No lifeguards
- Water pollution may make you ill

Take safety advice! Special flags and notices may warn you of danger. Know what the signs mean and do what they tell you.

Go together! Children should always go with an adult, not by themselves. An adult can point out dangers or help if somebody gets into trouble.

Learn how to help! You may be able to help yourself and others if you know what to do in an emergency. If you see someone in difficulty, tell somebody, preferably a Lifeguard if there is one nearby, or go to the nearest telephone, dial 999, ask for the Police at inland water sites and the Coastguard at the beach.

Your Knife or Your Life

In November, Safer Gloucester Newsletter reported a new partnership initiative at the Skillzone in Tuffley Lane, Gloucester “Your Knife or Your Life”.

Young people took part in an interactive workshop to consider not just how dangerous knives are, but also the effects that a fatal stabbing can have on the friends and family of the victim and perpetrator. The event “Your knife or your life” included some first aid and self preservation training.

A second “Your Knife or Your Life” will take place on Wednesday 31st May 2017, also at the Skillzone. If you know a young person that you feel would benefit from this programme or may have been associated with carrying a knife, you can complete a referral form (download at goo.gl/MSRTmE) and email it to: Rachel.Hopton@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk or phone the Harm Reduction Office on 01452 907244.

Gloucestershire Loan Shark Sentenced

On 7th April, a loan shark from Cinderford, who ran a ‘sophisticated’ illegal money lending business under the name ‘Club Finance’ over a period of three years, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, suspended for 2 years, following a hearing at Gloucester Crown Court. He also has one year to pay a £10,000 fine and £2,000 in prosecution costs, or he will face 9 months in prison.



Norman Hardy, 62, of Westfield Road in Cinderford pleaded guilty to five counts of illegal money lending and money laundering at an earlier hearing in January. In addition to his sentence, HHJ Tabor QC also ordered Hardy to pay all available liquid assets to the court under the Proceeds of Crime Act (2002). Norman Hardy must pay this in the next 56 days or face 2 years in prison.

Gloucestershire Police Report

From Superintendent Richard Cooper

An unusual thing happened to me recently whilst I was at a fundraising event in the local village where I grew up and my parents still live. A local resident came to me and thanked me for being in the police.

The comment was of course linked to the events of the end of March at Westminster, when PC Keith Palmer was tragically killed protecting Parliament. The events of that day, and the reaction that followed were an important reminder to all of us, the police included, just what can be at stake for officers. This was emotionally summarised by the journalist Andrew Neil on the day after the attack...

“Keith Palmer had been a copper for 15 years, a husband, dad, brother, uncle, public servant. Before joining the police, he’d been in the army, defending our nation. On Wednesday he was murdered defending our democracy, defending the very heart of our democracy from a barbarian at the gate. Just doing his duty, reminding us of something we badly needed reminding; the most important people in this country are not the rich, the powerful, the famous but those who run to confront the enemies of our civilisation while the rest are running away. First responders like PC Palmer.”

There will have been many occasions even in the weeks since the events at Westminster when the police, here in Gloucester and elsewhere, will not have got things absolutely right. For each one of those though, there will be countless occasions when officers and staff have done fantastic work to keep people safe and prevent harm. That is what we all aspire to do. A sincere thank you on behalf of the Constabulary to those many people who expressed messages of support in recent weeks.

Last year Gloucestershire was one of only four forces to see a reduction in crime; it is one of the very safest places in the country to live; and the chances of having your home or car broken into is practically half what it was fifteen years ago. The demands that your local police are facing are different though. We rightly face greater expectation in respect of keeping vulnerable people safe; the number of sexual offences reported to us has increased enormously, as it has for all other Constabularies; the internet continues to open up new methods of offending, from online fraud to hacking to the exploitation of children. We are increasingly called to deal with concerns about people’s welfare arising from mental health

problems, and the cases of missing people that have been reported saw an increase last year. In the context of those new and emerging challenges, people understandably look to us to tackle anti-social behaviour and provide a reassuring presence in the community.

Our powers of arrest have never been the answer to all problems and this is as true now as ever before. There are many occasions when the police are absolutely needed to step in and tackle a problem but equally the most effective solutions often lie within communities themselves. Increasingly we will look to work with people to identify solutions together. We have always relied on public cooperation, and even in the most serious matters we need your intelligence. One example is the presence of Dangerous Drug Networks in both Cheltenham and Gloucester, where criminals from outside the county attempt to take control of the street supply of illicit drugs. This brings with it the exploitation of vulnerable people in the community, either as drug runners, or as victims, who have their accommodation taken over as a dealing base. It brings increased violence and coercion, as they seek to exert control over the local drugs market by establishing fear. You may have seen news coverage of Gloucestershire officers executing search warrants, making arrests in London to tackle this issue and make it abundantly clear that Gloucestershire is not a soft target. This follows hot on the heels of Operation Emperor, which has so far seen 43 people convicted for dealing drugs in our county, serving a total of 100 years in prison. A further nine people are in the judicial system, awaiting their day in court. If you have information about drug dealing in Gloucester, or suspect someone is being exploited or coerced, please contact us via our 101 number or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Returning to more traditional crimes, the coming months typically see offenders targeting sheds and garages as well as houses where back doors are left unlocked. Please be vigilant as the weather improves, and have a safe, healthy and happy summer.