



# Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership News

February 2010

## Anti Social Behaviour Reduction Unit

The Anti Social Behaviour Unit continues to effectively deal with Anti Social Behaviour cases referred to the Unit, whilst also assisting partner agencies in preventing and tackling anti social behaviour.

Effective communication and sharing of information between partner agencies and communities is vital and has resulted in two perpetrators being served injunctions this month. This afforded witnesses and residents living within the area protection from the harassment, Anti Social Behaviour and distress they had been subjected to.

One housing provider wrote:

*'We are really pleased with this result and can I thank you for your help in this case- it has made a difference!!'*

## Family Intervention Project

The Family Intervention Project (FIP) Team use a multi agency approach and an assertive and persistent model of working to deliver interventions and challenge behaviour of families that display serious ASB in their communities. Recently five previously excluded or non school attending young people from these families are now accessing further education through multiple provisions, such as GlosCol. This will help to lead them into employment at a later stage.

## Jingle Bells!

Members of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) gave out 6,000 purse bells in December in Kings Walk shopping centre to highlight the crime of purse dipping (where an offender takes a purse from out of a handbag or shopping bag).



Bells were used as a fun way to draw attention to a serious crime. In addition to the bells, 1,500 crime reduction calendars for

2010 were distributed, advice and information was given out, intelligence received and the temporary grant funding for home security advertised (which resulted in 43 further applications being made). Although it was very cold, we were blessed with 46 helpers over the two days from 15 different agencies.

## "Have Your Say" Days

Members of the CDRP visit residents in specific roads to find out what life is like in the area.

Officers from the City Council, Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Watch, and Gloucester City Homes joined with councillors, residents and volunteers from the Crime Prevention Panel to ask if there are any crime or anti social behaviour issues in the area. The results of the survey are then analysed and action taken to address any issues. Residents who taking part in the survey are given a free SmartWater property marking kit and shed alarm.



To date we have visited residents in Matson and Coney Hill and have a further day planned for Kingsholm in February. Our picture shows an enthusiastic team about to set out from Echoes Youth Centre.

## Operation Jackal

The Project Development Officer is working with the Police Schools Unit to develop a lesson programme to deliver to Year 6 pupils in Gloucester around the dangers of doorstep crime. As well as being advised on what to do when they are "home alone", they will be given an information pack to pass to a grandparent or elderly relative. This is also being funded through the Safer Homes Funding. A group of willing volunteers from the Crime Prevention Panel assisted with the packs for children and their elderly relative and the programme will be rolled out to schools following the February half term.



## Safer Homes for All!

Gloucester CDRP supported a successful bid by Care and Repair Gloucester to the Home Office for some funding to provide security measures for older and vulnerable people living in Gloucester City Council area. However, the opportunity to benefit from this scheme will only be until March 2010 so residents need to apply quickly.

If you pay your council tax to Gloucester City Council you may be eligible for a small grant to provide additional or replacement locks and bolts for windows and doors and, in some circumstances, low level external lighting.

Trained staff from either Care and Repair Gloucester or Safe Partnership Ltd will undertake a security review of your property and carry out any work needed to improve security. A set time and date will be made for an appointment so there will not be any unexpected calling on clients.

The grants will not be means tested – you do not have to be receiving an income related benefit to qualify. **Enquiries should be made on 0845 230 90 90 or by email to [careandrepair@btd.co.uk](mailto:careandrepair@btd.co.uk).**

### Trickster

Gloucester CDRP are joining together with Age Concern Gloucestershire to host two performances of "Trickster" the bogus caller musical on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 at 10.30am



and 2.30pm at Gloucester Rugby Club, Kingsholm Stadium, Gloucester. Based on a true story, a cast of three professional actors present this musical and energetic live story-telling event. George is an elderly gentleman who has become a

distraction burglar. Once a proud soldier, we follow George as he battles with being conned and beats the bogus callers.

Admission is **by ticket only** and numbers are limited. Tickets can be obtained FREE OF CHARGE by phoning Pat on 396984. Light refreshments will be provided after each performance. If transport is a problem, let us know.

## Stay Safe Online

The CDRP is supporting Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010 by promoting the website [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) around Gloucester. There are bus advertisements already in place and there will be stands promoting the website and the importance of internet safety for young people in various venues across the city. Many city centre shops will be supporting the event by allowing their staff to wear promotional t-shirts for the day.

The internet enables us and our children to quite literally have the whole world at our finger tips. It can take you anywhere, so ask yourself, where are your children tonight?

### Forest & Gloucester Hate Crime and Incident Action Group

The Forest & Gloucester Hate Crime and Incident Action Group will be holding an awareness event in the Eastgate Shopping Mall on 11<sup>th</sup> February between 9am - 5pm.

The Group has been formed with local partners to provide an operational response to Hate Crime incidents within the Forest and Gloucester areas.

### Street Pastors

The CDRP is supporting Street Pastors – volunteers from local churches who will be walking the streets of Gloucester city centre at night, to offer a reassuring presence to those out and about. Street pastors will compliment the work of the police and will help to create a safer and less frightening environment by diffusing heated situations, helping people get home safely, offering first aid and supporting vulnerable members of our community such as the homeless.

### Out and About

The CDRP is anxious to reach all sections of the community with crime prevention advice and information. Officers from the Gloucester CDRP recently featured on "Talking Books for the Blind", providing crime prevention awareness information and details of forthcoming community safety events in the city. They can also be heard on a regular interview on Gloucester FM radio's Community Link show. If you would like a talk to a community group that meets in Gloucester, please contact either Pat Dabbs on 01452 396984 or the Crime Reduction Officer on 0845 090 1234.

*For news of the Gloucester CDRP projects, interactive crime prevention advice and the latest CDRP press releases check out our website on [www.gloscrimereduction.org.uk](http://www.gloscrimereduction.org.uk)*

