



Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership News

November 2009

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.

Halloween & Fireworks Operations

The Forest and Gloucester Policing Division, supported by Gloucester City Council's Community Safety team ran dedicated counter-Anti Social Behaviour operations for four weeks between 16th October and 8th November.



On November 5th Gloucester City Homes and the Police held a fun event for young people at Parry Fields, Tredworth, to encourage them away from committing anti social behaviour by the misuse of fireworks and causing arson.

Coney Hill "Have Your Say" Day

Members of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership visited residents in Coney Hill to find out what life was 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 were any crime or anti social behaviour issues in the area. The results of the survey are still being analysed but the initial outlook is very positive. 63 residents requested free home safety checks from the fire service and a large number requested further information about Neighbourhood Watch. Residents who took part in the survey were given a free SmartWater property marking kit and shed alarm.



We would like to thank all the residents who took the time to talk to us and to the officers and volunteers who joined us for the day. Our picture shows an enthusiastic team about to set out from Echoes Youth Centre.

Talking Books for the Blind

Officers from the Gloucester City Council's Community Safety Team and the Police Crime Reduction Office 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 monthly interview on Gloucester FM radio's Community Link show.

Safer Homes for All!

Gloucester Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership recently 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 the Gloucester City Council area.

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 .**

Caring for Older People

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership hosted a “Caring for Older People” event at the Ramada Hotel and Country Club, Matson. The purpose of the event, aimed at carers and practitioners working with or caring for older people, was to alert them to the dangers of distraction burglars and rogue traders.

Over a 100 people attended the event which also included presentations and information on fire safety, welfare benefits and assistance for older people with the digital switchover.



For news of the Gloucester Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership projects, interactive crime prevention advice and the latest CDRP press releases check out our website on www.gloscrimereduction.org.uk

Don't Buy 4 U18 and Challenge 25

Gloucester CDRP launched a double campaign to reduce underage drinking on October 2nd. Don't Buy 4 U18 raises awareness of the penalties of purchasing alcohol for young people aged under 18 (could result in a £5,000 fine in Court), and Challenge 25 is a campaign whereby if a person selling alcohol believes the customer to be under aged 25, they will ask for proof of age by means of a photo driving licence, passport or PASS accredited identification.

A second launch in the city was held in Kings Walk on 7th October. To celebrate the campaign, the CDRP launched an alcohol awareness quiz for local residents to enter, with Tesco Stores at Quedgeley providing prizes of store vouchers. The winners - Mrs Perry and Mark Toseland are featured in the photo below receiving their prizes of £50 and £20 Tesco vouchers from Tesco personnel manager, Pamela Mitchell.



Meet the Team!

Come and meet members of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership in King's Walk Shopping Centre on Monday and Tuesday, 14th and 15th December. Several members of the partnership agencies will be on hand throughout the 2 days to answer questions on crime and disorder related issues and distribute the infamous CDRP crime prevention 2010 calendar.

REMEMBER.....

As we approach Christmas, please remember – don't leave your beautifully wrapped Christmas presents under the tree in the full view of windows where opportunist burglars can see. After Christmas, dispose of the present container boxes carefully – don't advertise the new gifts you have received to the passing “would be” thief.