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Drugs? Fly-tipping? Graffiti?



Not in MY



neighbourhood!

The Home Office ran 'Not in My Neighbourhood Week' again this year, from 13th to 17th October.

The recent British Crime Survey statistics show that nationally, crime has fallen by 18 per cent. Here in Southend, we reduced crime by an amazing 20%. However, the gap between perceptions of crime and the reality is still too wide and too often the public aren't aware of the work being done in their communities to make their area a safer place to live. The aim of Not in My Neighbourhood Week is therefore for local CDRPs to promote the work they do with the overall objective of making the public they serve feel safer.

Keeping crime down...

From dealing with drug and alcohol dependency to rehabilitating wayward youths to catching murderers, the roles carried out by CDRP agencies are wide-ranging and challenging. So many factors influence crime and anti-social behaviour and it is only by tackling issues from all angles that we can really begin to have an impact upon them.

Involving everyone...

One fact that is increasingly recognised across the country is the huge role that the general public plays in reducing crime and disorder and, in turn, the fear of crime.

Chief Constable Roger Baker refers to the public as the biggest, most important partner of Essex Police. By **your** sharing of information with **your** Neighbourhood Policing Teams about what really happens in **your** local area, you play a vital role in ensuring Essex Police truly know the communities they serve and enables them to adapt their policing style to meet the individual needs of each neighbourhood.

If there are any ongoing issues regarding your street, your park, your workplace, your local pub or anywhere else in this borough, which you feel would interest us, don't keep them to yourself. Tell us – we will listen and we will consider the best course of action to take.

Want to know more?...

Why not find out more about the roles played by CDRP partner agencies by visiting the website – www.southendcdrp.co.uk.

Contact your local neighbourhood specialist officer to discuss any problems in your area that do not require emergency response. You can find contact details at www.essex.police.uk

During 'Not in my Neighbourhood Week', keep an eye on local newspapers and listen to the radio for details of events being carried out during the week, to bring CDRP agencies together with the community they serve.



CDRP Person of the Month

Name: PC Mark SAWYER

Collar Number: 1139

Role: Schools Liaison Officer

Ward(s) covered: Leigh, Westcliff and Eastwood

Length of service: 7 years in total, I took up the role of Schools Officer in September 2007.

Previous jobs within the police service: I have previously served within a response shift and was moved to the Community Policing Team, before 'becoming Neighbourhood Specialist Officer for Southchurch

Aims and objectives of role: To prevent and detect School related crime, give talks and patrol Schools



Background: PC Sawyer joined Essex Police in 2000 and spent some time as the Beach Hut Liaison officer whilst based at Shoebury. In this role he helped to reduce the level of crime that had been plaguing beach hut owners.

He was then posted to the new Southchurch Police office at Temple Sutton School where he worked as *local bobby* for St Luke's ward until his transfer to School Liaison duties. During his time at Southchurch he was involved in training the newly appointed PCSOs assigned to his beat. His commitment to this scheme is still evident.

His new role involves engaging with students in secondary education, giving talks on a whole range of subjects related to crime and anti-social behaviour, patrolling schools both during school time and after hours, school holidays etc. Last but by no means least, he helps to prevent and detect school-related crime.

Something you didn't know about Mark: If you asked a member of staff at Southend who Mark Sawyer was, they may not know who you're talking about! That's because he is commonly known as Tom Sawyer to all his friends and colleagues at the police station.

Contact details

Pc SAWYER 1139
School Liaison Officer (Leigh,
Eastwood & Westcliff)

Westcliff Police Station.
Claremont Road
SS0 7DS

Tel: 01702 423126

Ext: 33180

Mobile: 07966 961290

Email: mark.sawyer@
essex.pnn.police.uk

Useful numbers

Neighbourhood Policing Teams

Southend Central –	07817 968114
Southend High Street –	07791 315961
Southend Seafront –	01702 613449
Chalkwell Marine –	07866 545291
Blenheim –	07817 968093
Eastwood –	07816 661693
Shoebury –	07710 086590
Southchurch –	07976 325346

To report dumped rubbish and graffiti,
email doete@southend.gov.uk or call 01702 215000

CDRP Manager

Community Safety Manager

Simon Ford - 0300 333 4444 ext.30860

Crime Reduction Officer

Lorna Watson - 01702 423187

Neighbourhood Watch Administrator

Mick Holland - 01702 464199

Media & Communications Co-ordinator

Julia Pack - 01702 423138

...News in Brief...

New Food Waste Service

All residents currently receiving a loose bagged refuse and recycling collection (pink & black sack) will now be receiving a new weekly food waste collection service.

For information on the dates the caddies are due to be delivered, when collection will start and what can be put out for collection please visit www.southend.gov.uk/foodwaste or contact 01702 215000.

Collection will be the same day as your normal recycling and waste collection service.

Residents currently receiving a binned collection service - these are usually multi-occupational units/flats/tower blocks, will receive the food waste collection service during 2009.



The new blue food waste containers - the smaller caddie will be kept in the kitchen and used for transporting waste to the larger bin which will be kept externally.

Saving the Planet

You can sign up to receive Communicate by e-mail by sending an e-mail to southendnhw@aol.com with the word 'subscribe' in the subject box. Not only will you be saving paper, you will also receive Communicate at the same time that it is e-mailed to the printers.

Get ahead of the game – subscribe today. You can also download it from the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership website – go to www.southendcdrp.co.uk. You will also find news and information on a wealth of issues, so visit it today!

Elderly neighbour in need of help?

The South East Essex Advocacy for Older People is based at 181 London Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 1PW, telephone 01702 340566.

They ask that people contact them if they believe an elderly neighbour might need their help. They are in the process of trying to engage with the 'hard to reach' older people who are socially isolated and unable even to get to the Advocacy's outreach surgeries.

The Kickz Project comes to Southend

The Kickz project, being run by the Southend United Football Club Community Engagement Team, started on Friday 26 September and has been going from strength to strength ever since, with sessions taking place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 6 pm and 9pm using the 'cage' (adjacent to Manor Football Club) in Southchurch Park.

Kickz aims to:

- Engage young people in a range of constructive activities which link to the *Every Child Matters* framework.
- Break down barriers between the police and young people.
- Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the targeted neighbourhoods.
- Increase the playing, coaching and officiating opportunities for participants.
- Create routes into education, training and employment.
- Encourage volunteering within projects and throughout the target neighbourhoods.
- Increase young people's interest in and connections with the professional game.



Phishing Prohibited!

There are an ever-increasing number of Phishing and scam e-mails hitting our e-mail inboxes. The Office of Fair Trading is collating such information. Consumer Direct advise that such e-mails should be forwarded to scamalert@oft.gsi.gov.uk.

Letters that are received from companies claiming that you *have won a lottery* that you have never entered and similar unsolicited mail that asks you to provide the writer with banking or other personal information should be sent to Trading Standards, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6ER with a short covering note detailing when received etc.

On a similar note, a number of residents (especially the elderly) have received a scam letter recently, stating they've won a large cash prize and advising them to ring a premium rate number to claim their prize, for which they are charged £1.50 a minute.

We advise recipients to ignore these requests and follow the advice as above to report the issue.

Through the eyes of a CAR THIEF

Neighbourhood officers and PCSOs are seeing things through the eyes of a car thief, as they tackle vehicle crime in Leigh.

The Highlands Estate area of Leigh has recently seen an increase in thefts from cars whereby people have left vehicles unlocked outside their homes. It is believed that opportunistic thieves simply walk down roads in the area, trying all the car doors in their path until they find one unlocked.

Anything they find in the cars – from loose change to electrical equipment – is being stolen.

As well as informing the relevant Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and doing leaflet drops in the affected area, local PCSOs and Neighbourhood Specialist Officers (NSOs) have been trying car door handles themselves, to see just how easy it is for car thieves to find themselves a target.

However, unlike a car thief, when they find an insecure car the officer knocks on the front door to speak to the car-owner. This way, they can inform them of the recent spate as well as offering advice on how to avoid becoming a victim of car crime.

Leigh Area Inspector Dave Colwell said: "By dip-sampling vehicles in the Highlands area, we can stop potential crimes before they happen and car-owners are given a second chance. If you leave your car unlocked, even for the shortest time or on a seemingly safe location such as your own driveway, you could be targeted by an opportunistic thief. Our advice is simple – remove your valuables and lock your car every single time you leave it unattended".

If you have any information regarding thefts in this area, please call Leigh Neighbourhood Policing Team on 0300 3334444.

Don't forget to shut and lock all the doors and windows to your house, even when you're indoors.

Opportunistic burglars are on the look out for easy targets so don't make your home one of them!

When and how should you contact the police?

From time to time some people become a little confused over which telephone number to use when reporting crime in progress or non-emergency matters. Stories of the misuse of 999 are well known and include people asking for a free lift home; asking the police to attend because *little Johnny won't go to bed*; wanting their drains cleared – the list is endless.

999 should be used in the following circumstances:

- For crime in progress, or where it is believed that crime is in progress
- Where there are concerns for personal safety i.e. a feeling of immediate danger
- Where there are concerns for another person's safety

The new non-emergency number 0300 333 4444 should be used as follows:

- To report a crime that has occurred and the perpetrators are no longer at the scene
- To report other non urgent matters
- To contact a specific officer
- To seek advice from the police

On page 2 you will find some other useful telephone numbers including the mobile numbers for your local NSO; the Crime Reduction Officer's number; Neighbourhood Watch office number. These are contact numbers that **should not be used in lieu of 999**. Apart from the NSO numbers, these contact details are for normal office hours. Whilst messages can be left on the voicemail, there is no guarantee of a speedy response.