

Southend Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) Community Safety E-newsletter



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Focusing on community spirit



Southend Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership would like to remind residents that there is still time to enter its photo competition for a chance to win a brand new digital camera.

The My Southend competition, which runs until 31 December 2011, is looking for an image which defines the term 'community spirit'.

Did you take any snaps over the Halloween period? Or perhaps you visited a firework display with friends or family? If so, send them to us and you could be in with a chance of winning!

One overall winner will receive an Olympus Pen digital camera worth £450, which has been supplied by Olympus KeyMed. Six finalists from across the borough will receive a voucher for a large canvas print of their choice, supplied by Snappy Snaps Southend.

The competition is open to anyone who lives or works in the Southend borough and more than one entry per person is permitted.

For information on how to enter and for full terms and conditions, view the poster on page 4 of this newsletter or visit www.southendcdrp.co.uk

Postal scam chain email

Messages are circulating on the internet and via email regarding an alleged scam involving a delivery card and a premium rate phone number.

The hoax states that a card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery

Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 - a premium rate number.

This was a scam in 2005 but has been dealt with. The premium rate number referred to in the communications has been shut down. You do not need to contact PhonepayPlus, or Royal Mail.

If you receive a delivery card through your letterbox which you do not believe is genuine and which asks you to dial a premium rate number, you can contact PhonepayPlus on 0800 500 212 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) for further guidance.

If you would like to know more about how to recognise premium rate services, understand what they cost go and obtain simple tips to help you use services with confidence, visit www.phonepayplus.org.uk

Private landlords receive anti-social behaviour advice



Photo: Roger Robinson, of SMAART, offered information and advice at the event.

Southend's Multi Agency Anti-social behaviour Response Team (SMAART) attended Southend Council's Landlords Forum to offer advice on dealing with anti-social behaviour.

The forum, which was held on Thursday 3 November, was an opportunity for the team to meet private

landlords to discuss the best way to deal with anti-social tenants.

Roger Robinson, Anti-social Behaviour Partnership Officer, said: "It was good to engage with the landlords, particularly as we can offer help and assistance in dealing with tenants that are behaving anti-socially."

"Our attendance at the event was part of our ongoing multi-agency approach to dealing with, and reducing, anti-social behaviour in the borough of Southend."

Landlords also heard from speakers on a range of subjects including housing benefits and council tax, housing needs and the private rental sector, and an update on Southend Council's selective licensing consultation.

Bicycles tagged to deter would-be thieves

Southend CDRP has electronically tagged over 120 bicycles for free in the past month, in an effort to deter thieves.

92 electronic security tags were fitted to bicycles outside Kent Elms Library, in Leigh, on Saturday 22 October, with help from the Eastwood neighbourhood policing team.

On Tuesday 1 November, the team visited staff at the Royal Bank of Scotland, in Westcliff, to tag 33 bicycles and to offer crime prevention advice.

As well as being a deterrent to would-be thieves, the electronic tag also makes it easier to return bicycles to their rightful owners in the event of loss or theft.

The next public tagging event will be at the Salvation Army in Eagle Way, Shoebury, on Wednesday 23 November, between 10am and 2pm.

This is followed by an event at Southend Hospital on Friday 25 November, between 2pm and 4pm; and at Morrisons supermarket, in Eastwood, on Saturday 26 November, between 10am and 1pm.

For more information, please contact **01702 464199** or visit **www.southendcdrp.co.uk**

Spotlight on domestic abuse

A major campaign this month aims to highlight all the help available for those experiencing domestic abuse in Southend.

Domestic Abuse Awareness Week, from Monday 21st November to Friday 25th November, will focus on the themes that domestic abuse can happen to anyone and that anyone can get support.

On Friday 25th, members of Southend Domestic Abuse Forum – which represents a range of agencies in the borough – will be using the Southend SOS Bus to give out information on domestic abuse and offer details of the services in Southend that respond to this.

The bus will be situated in Southend High Street, near Marks & Spencer, between 10am and 4pm, and is available for anyone looking for information or support about domestic abuse.

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's Executive Councillor for Public Protection and Waste, Councillor Tony Cox, said: "Domestic abuse is a serious offence affecting individuals, families, neighbours and communities. Children who witness this can carry the psychological scars for many years to come."

"Southend Domestic Abuse Forum wants to ensure that everyone in Southend knows about domestic abuse, and knows how to get support. Domestic abuse is a real blight on any civilised society and all of us must take an active role towards reducing the significant damage it causes."

Althea Cribb, Domestic Abuse Partnership Manager, said: "This week the police in Southend will record over 100 incidents of domestic abuse. But, only 40% of all incidents nationally are reported."

"The aim of this week is not only to showcase the support available for victims, but also to warn perpetrators that domestic abuse will not be tolerated and to encourage them to seek help in order to change their behaviour."

For more information please contact Althea Cribb on **01702 423190**, **07833 400438** or via email at **altheacribb@southend.gov.uk**

Community Safety Roadshow 2012



Our partners include:



2011

- Salvation Army, Eagle Way, Shoebury**
Wednesday 23 November, 10am to 2pm
- Southend Hospital**
Friday 25 November, 2pm to 4pm
- Morrisons, Eastwood**
Saturday 26 November, 10am to 1pm

2012

- Thorpedene Library, Delaware Road**
Saturday 3 March, 10am to 2pm
- Cluny Square**
Wednesday 21 March, 10am to 12noon
- Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh**
Saturday 7 April, 10am to 2pm
- Cliffs Pavilion**
Wednesday 11 April, 10am to 2pm
- ASDA, North Shoebury Road**
Monday 16 April, 2pm to 5pm
- Westcliff Library**
Saturday 21 April, 10am to 2pm
- B&Q, Fossetts Way**
Wednesday 25 April, 12noon to 2pm

Come along to one of our free events to benefit from the following services:

- Electronic security tagging for bicycles, mobility scooters, laptops, and other large valuables;
- UV property marking kits for mobile phones, cameras, iPods and other similar items;
- Personal attack alarms, purse chains and intruder alarms to improve your security;
- Advice on crime prevention, health, waste and recycling and much more!



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'My Southend' Photo Competition 2011



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Show us what *community spirit* means to you...

Enter our My Southend competition by sending us your best shots, demonstrating what 'community spirit' means to you - one overall winner will receive an Olympus Pen digital camera worth £450, supplied by Olympus KeyMed!

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Six finalists from across the borough will receive a voucher for a large 20" x 16" canvas print of their choice, supplied by Snappy Snaps Southend!



Enter online at

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Alternatively contact Chris English on 0300 333 4444 ext.470414, ChrisEnglish@southend.gov.uk for an entry form.



WIN!

An Olympus Pen digital camera worth £450!



Visit www.southendcdrp.co.uk for full terms and conditions. Closing date for entries 31st December 2011.

