

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



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## Help us find the true meaning of community spirit



### What does the term 'community spirit' mean to you?

Perhaps it's the lollipop person who helps you safely cross the road every morning? Or the newsagent whose shop is always open? Maybe it's the local playgroup which has helped you make new friends?

Southend Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) knows that 'community spirit' means different things to different people and we want you to show us what it means to you.

We are launching a new competition simply entitled 'My Southend', where we are inviting residents from across the borough to submit a photograph which sums up what 'community spirit' means to them.

We have teamed up with Olympus KeyMed and Snappy Snaps Southend to offer some fantastic prizes to the winning entries.

There will be an overall winner who will receive a brand new Olympus Pen digital camera worth £450, which has been kindly donated by Olympus KeyMed.

There will be six finalists from across the borough who will each receive a voucher for a large 20" x 16" canvas print of their choice, supplied by Snappy Snaps Southend, in Southchurch Road.

The competition will be split into the following six areas of the Southend borough: Southend Central, Leigh, Blenheim, Eastwood, Southchurch, and Shoebury.

The closing date for entries is 31 December 2011 and all entries will be displayed in an exhibition to be held at Southend Central Library in early 2012.

The competition will be judged by representatives from Southend CDRP, Essex Police and Olympus KeyMed.

The six winners will be notified in January 2012 and will be invited to attend a presentation evening in February, hosted by The Worshipful the Mayor of Southend-on-Sea, who will hand over the prize vouchers and announce the overall winner of the competition.

To enter, and for full terms and conditions, please visit [www.southendcdrp.co.uk](http://www.southendcdrp.co.uk)

## Allotment Watch launches to weed out crime



**Photo:** PCSO Martin Mansfield, volunteer Pat Butcher and a plot-holder at an Allotment Watch event earlier this year.

### An Allotment Watch scheme is being launched in Southend to deter criminals and reassure plot-holders.

Southend Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, Essex Police and local residents have joined forces in a bid to deter green-fingered thieves and others intent on causing damage to plots at Lifstan Way allotments.

There have been two reported incidents of stolen

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vegetables at the site since the start of the year.

Sgt Mike Woodford, of Essex Police's Southchurch neighbourhood policing team, said: "We are always looking at different ways to try to reduce crime and have a positive impact on the local communities that we serve.

"These allotments are important to the local community and the plot holders spend many hours working hard on them. Hopefully by implementing the allotment watch scheme and increasing the police patrols in this area we can ensure the area remains a safe place."

To formally mark the launch of the scheme, a community safety roadshow event will be held at the site in Lifstan Way, Southend, on Saturday 15 October, between 10am and 1pm.

Plot-holders and local residents can get their tools, bicycles and other valuable equipment electronically tagged for free.

For more information about the event please visit [www.southendcdrp.co.uk](http://www.southendcdrp.co.uk)

## 1,000 bicycles tagged in Southend since start of year!



**Photo:** Cyclist Luke Abbot, aged 15, from Southend with (L-R) PCSO Paul Dallimore, Mick Holland, store manager Clair Butcher and PCSO Danny Callender.

Over 1,000 bicycles have been tagged in Southend since the start of the year - a new record for Southend Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership's Community Safety Roadshow.

The milestone was reached on Wednesday 21 September when the roadshow visited residents outside The Co-operative Food, in Sutton Road, Southend.

40 bicycles and mobility scooters were fitted with electronic security devices between 10am and 3pm, with help from Essex Police's local neighbourhood policing team and volunteers.

Since January, more than 2,000 UV property marking kits, personal attack alarms and purse chains have also been handed out to help reduce crime and to reassure members of the public.

Mick Holland, of Southend CDRP, said: "I am delighted that the Cycle Watch project has proved so successful. Tagging our thousandth bike demonstrates how popular our service is, and shows the high commitment of Southend CDRP and its partners to reduce crime in Southend.

"I would like to pay credit to our team of volunteers and the Southend district policing teams who work so hard to make each event the success that it is."

Clair Butcher, store manager at The Co-op, added: "It's great that the Co-operative is working together with local agencies to make the community a safer place to live."

The next events will be held at Lifstan Way allotments, Southend, on Saturday 15 October, between 10am and 1pm; and Kent Elms Library, Leigh, on Saturday 22 October, between 10am and 2pm.

For more information please contact **01702 464199** or visit [www.southendcdrp.co.uk](http://www.southendcdrp.co.uk)

## Reward for information on unprovoked attack



**A reward of up to £1,000 is being offered for anyone with information on an unprovoked attack on a man in front of his 13-year-old son.**

The reward is being offered by Crimestoppers for information leading to the arrest and charge of the individual(s) responsible for the incident.

At approximately 4.15am on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August a 46 year old man was walking along Chelmsford Avenue in Southend. He was walking in the direction of the mosque when he was assaulted by a young male, thought to be approximately 15 years old. He was part of a group of about 4 other young males. The man was left with cuts and bruises to his face.

Ann Scott, Eastern Regional Manager for Crimestoppers said: "This is a nasty, unprovoked attack which the victim perceives to be racially motivated. It has left the victim and his son extremely shaken.

"Please come forward to the independent charity Crimestoppers so this awful crime can be solved. We do not ask for your name and no call is traced or recorded. You won't have to give a statement, speak to the police or go to court – we only want to know what you know, not who you are. In the 23 years that Crimestoppers has been running we have never broken our anonymity promise."

She added: "This attack has been carried out by someone thought to be approximately 15 year old. Did your son display unusual behaviour that day? Did he come home with torn clothes or cuts to his hand? Has someone confessed to being involved? Perhaps someone witnessed the event or saw suspicious activity in the area? Crimestoppers wants to receive any information, no matter how insignificant it may seem."

Only information given to Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** that leads to an arrest and charge is eligible for the reward. Information can be given online at **[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)** but information will not be eligible for a reward this way.

## Scooters tagged to reassure the elderly



**Photo:** Mick Holland and PCSO Gemma Bunyan with resident Arthur Land and his wife, Mavis.

**Elderly residents had their mobility scooters tagged for free in an effort to deter thieves and improve reassurance.**

Southend Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership visited residents at Homecove House, in Holland Road, Westcliff, on Tuesday 20 September, and fitted 12 scooters with the electronic devices.

Mick Holland, of Southend CDRP, said: "This was part of an ongoing project to fit electronic tags to mobility scooters, making them less attractive to thieves and ensuring they can be returned to their rightful owners in the event of loss or theft."

PCSO Gemma Bunyan, of Essex Police's Southend Central neighbourhood policing team, was also present to assist with the tagging and to offer useful crime prevention advice.

For more information about where to get your mobility scooter or bicycle tagged, please contact **01702 464199** or visit **[www.southendcdrp.co.uk](http://www.southendcdrp.co.uk)**



# Useful Contacts

## **Community Safety Unit**

Community Safety Manager	simonford@southend.gov.uk
Community Engagement Officer and Neighbourhood Watch enquiries	01702 464199 southendnhw@aol.com
SMAART (Southend Multi-Agency Anti-social behaviour Response Team)	01702 423504
Domestic Abuse Partnership Officer	01702 423190
Crime Reduction Officer	01702 423187

## **Southend-on-Sea Borough Council**

General enquiries	01702 215000 council@southend.gov.uk Report it online at <a href="http://www.southend.gov.uk">www.southend.gov.uk</a>
Out of hours enquiries	01702 466550
Parking, Highways and Transport	01702 215003
Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing	01702 215005
Waste, fly-tipping and graffiti	01702 215006
Leisure, Culture and Tourism (including leisure and sports facilities, museums and parks)	01702 215011
Youth Offending Service	01702 534300
Street Engagement Team	07786 822870 or 07786 676064
Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults	01702 215008

## **Social Landlords**

South Essex Homes	0800 833 160/163
Estuary Housing	01702 462246
Springboard Housing	07740 022393
Homeless Action Resource Project (HARP)	Day shelter - 01702 430696 Night - 01702 602913

**Trading Standards Consumer Direct** 08454 040506

**HandyVan scheme** 0845 026 1055

**Crimestoppers** 0800 555 111

## **Essex Police**

Non-emergency	101
In an emergency	999

## **Essex Police neighbourhood policing teams**

Central Southend (Victoria, Milton Kursaal)	07817 968114
Eastwood/ St Lawrence	07816 661693
Belfairs/Blenheim/Prittlewell	07817 968093
West Leigh/Leigh/Chalkwell Marine	07866 545291
St Lukes/Southchurch/Thorpe	07974 148602
Shoeburyness/West Shoebury	07710 086590

# Community Safety Roadshow 2011



Our partners include:



### Lifstan Way Allotments

Saturday 15 October, 10am to 1pm

### Kent Elms Library

Saturday 22 October, 10am to 2pm

### Salvation Army, Eagle Way, Shoebury

Wednesday 23 November, 10am to 2pm

### Morrisons, Eastwood

Saturday 26 November, 10am to 1pm

### ASDA, North Shoebury Road

Wednesday 21 December, 10am to 4pm

### 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

### Westcliff Library

Saturday 21 April, 10am to 2pm

### Friars Library, The Renown, Shoebury

Saturday 12 May, 10am 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!



If you have any comments or would like to contribute to future editions, please contact:

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# 'My Southend' Photo Competition 2011

Southend Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership [www.southendcdrp.co.uk](http://www.southendcdrp.co.uk)



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!

## OLYMPUS

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](mailto:ChrisEnglish@southend.gov.uk) for an entry form.



# WIN!

An Olympus Pen  
digital camera worth £450!



Visit [www.southendcdrp.co.uk](http://www.southendcdrp.co.uk) for full terms and conditions. Closing date for entries 31st December 2011.



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