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Business Watch SUCCESS!

The radio scheme that keeps the Fossetts Park retail park, SUFC, the Wellesley Hospital and the local NPT in touch was launched on 18th March 2008. It has proved so successful that Cecil Jones College has now signed up to the scheme.



The Fossetts Park Business Watch Partnership (FPBWP) links all businesses in the retail park and surrounding areas with a radio system that allows them to advise each other of incidents taking place, and suspicious people on the site. By working together they have already seen some great successes.

PCSO Jackie Jones explained: "A good recent example was when a man and a woman were seen by Comet staff to be removing tags from some goods and the store requested our attendance over the FPBWP radio. While we made our own way over the road from our Temple Sutton office, I was able to immediately relay the information to the police control room via the police radio in order for officers to be deployed quickly to the scene.

"On our arrival, the pair were leaving the store and I was able

to detain the woman while a colleague chased the man. Both were subsequently arrested. Meanwhile, B&Q's security staff had heard of the incident and had recorded the chase on their CCTV system. The footage that the camera recorded provided vital evidence of a weapon being discarded by the fleeing thief. He has since been sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment.

An extra radio has now been supplied to Shoebury Police Station, ensuring that even when the Southchurch NPT are unavailable, the radio can be monitored 24 hours each day.

The FPBWP has also now embraced the Behave or Be Banned (BOBB) scheme, more usually associated with pubs and clubs. This means that those who cause trouble in the area can be banned from all the stores and the details will be shared with Essex Police.



Neighbourhood Watch Administrator Mick Holland said: "Fossetts Park will soon become a no go area for thieves as we further increase the tools we have available to deter crime and disorder in the area. This is an excellent example of co-operation between the partners and the local NPT – something other retail parks should emulate".

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CDRP Person of the Month

Name: Victoria Bax, PC 1964

Ward covered: St Lukes ward

Length of service: I have been a PC for 7 years, 9 months of which as an Neighbourhood Specialist Officer (NSO)

Previous jobs within the police service:

I was on response shift for 2 years, before joining the Tactical Team for 1 year. I worked within the Prisoner Process Unit (PPU) for 3 years before coming over to Southchurch to work as an NSO.



Aims and objectives for the ward:

I would like to build on the community relations between residents, as what better way is there to prevent crime than for the community to talk to each other and pass on snippets of information about suspicious people and occurrences?.

Obviously I aim to assist in the reduction of crime and disorder within my ward, with the help of my PCSOs Duncan Latham-Green and Jackie Jones, as less crime means fewer victims of crime!



The above pictures were taken on June 24th, when Southchurch Neighbourhood Policing Team arranged a 999 fun day at Cecil Jones College, aimed at Year 10 pupils.

The event carried a hard-hitting message about road safety and involved input from the Ambulance Service and Fire Service as well as various departments within Essex Police. The pupils witnessed displays from the Dog Section and Defensive Skills trainers during the event, and attended an assembly in which a 16 year old girl who was paralysed in a collision warned pupils of the potential dangers associated with driving.

PC Victoria Bax of Southchurch NPT said: "The event was both educational and entertaining for the children. In Year 10, they are at a vital age, where they will soon be old enough to ride a moped, so we felt this was the best time to teach them about the importance of road safety and we hope the messages they heard will stay with them for life".

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A joined-up approach to ASB



Last month, Southend's Anti-Social Behaviour practitioners met together to learn about each other's roles and to discuss ways to improve inter-agency communication.

Staff working in a variety of roles from numerous local agencies - including Essex Police, Youth Offending Service, South Essex Homes, Southend-on-sea Borough Council and Estuary Housing, to name but a few - discussed a number of issues surrounding how we deal with anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Southend. The aim of the event was to iron out any problems and discuss ways to improve communications between agencies to provide the best possible service to the people of the town.



The event was organised by the Southend Multi-Agency Anti-Social Behaviour Response Team (SMAART— pictured top left), which is headed by Anita McGinley. Anita said: "We've had very positive feedback from all who attended the event. There are lots of people who work hard to combat ASB in Southend, who really care about improving the quality of life for the town's residents. It was extremely productive for them to meet face to face with other ASB practitioners to form new contacts. The event provided valuable feedback for us, so that we can take action to further improve the way we deal with ASB in the borough".

Photos courtesy of South Essex Homes

Street Pastors

Street Pastors have now been operating in Southend for three years under the Love Southend initiative. We started on the 28 May 2005 and we were the fifth location to start after London, Birmingham, Manchester and Leicester. Now there are over 1,000 Street Pastors in around 50 locations nationwide.

We go out on 'patrol' between 10.00pm and 4.00am on Friday and Saturday nights and normally cover the High Street, the seafront to just past the Kursaal and most of the night club roads. Since we started a team of four, normally two women and two men, have been out 202 times and have engaged in proper conversation with some 7,000 people. Additionally we often get comments declaring that people are pleased to see us about and that they feel safer when we are around.

We come from a variety of churches and are based at Clarence Road Baptist Church thanks to the kind auspices of Peter Neale the Minister. Our aim is to show God's love to the community by showing care and love and the willingness to listen, particularly to those who are vulnerable through too much alcohol or drugs, or both, or due to their circumstances. We do not go out preaching but if someone asks us

about God or faiths we do our best to respond.

Under our banner of showing love and care we supply flip-flops to women who walk about in bare feet, normally after leaving a night club, and risk injury due to the broken glass that is strewn about. Actually we do our best to cut back on the amount of glass by disposing of bottles and glasses that are left lying around – since we started to take a count from June 2006 we have disposed of some 3,500 of these items.



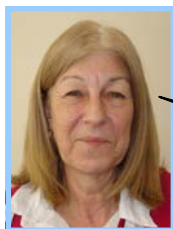
While we are on the streets there is a team of Prayer Supporters operating and they continue to support us in prayer all the time we are on duty. We have a mobile phone link and while we would never break confidences we do

ask that they pray for a particular person or a particular situation.

You might like to know that each Street Pastor undergoes nearly 100 hours of training but if you want to know more or consider becoming a Street Pastor then the following two web sites may be of interest www.lovesouthend.org and www.streetpastors.org.uk

Thank you for reading this article.

David Ince
Street Pastor Coordinator



Lorna Watson says...

Summer months tend to bring with them an increase in the number of bogus callers who come knocking on doors, particularly targeting the elderly and vulnerable.

If you've got an elderly relative, please take time to talk to them about this issue and remind them of the rules;

- ALWAYS open your front door using the chain when answering the door to unexpected callers
- NEVER let an unsolicited caller into your home
- NEVER sign up to anything on the doorstep or from an unsolicited caller
- ALWAYS shop around and obtain quotes for any work
- REMEMBER that the unsolicited salesperson will offer inducements to make a sale
- BEWARE—there is no such thing as a free lunch

Useful numbers

Neighbourhood Policing Teams

Southend Central –	07817 968114
Southend High Street –	07791 315961
	07791 421302
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

Simon Ford — 0300 333 4444 ext.30860

Crime Reduction Officer

Lorna Watson — 01702 423187

Neighbourhood Watch Administrator

Mick Holland — 01702 464199

Environmental Crime - Your views count

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is inviting residents, groups and businesses to take part in a consultation that has just begun.

The Council has recently produced a draft Environmental Enforcement Policy and we are currently seeking views on whether our approach to environmental crimes through the draft Policy is correct.



Environmental crimes can vary greatly from dropping litter, dumping rubbish, fly posting, and graffiti to fly tipping, but also include irresponsible dog ownership, abandoned cars, obstructions to the public highway and businesses not storing, transporting or disposing of their waste correctly. However, all environmental crimes can have an impact on resident's feelings of safety, fear of anti-social behaviour and affect their quality of life.

Your views are very welcome and will influence how Southend Borough Council approaches and prioritises environmental crimes in the future. There are two questionnaires available; one for groups and businesses and one for residents.

Both questionnaires can be downloaded from Southend Borough Council's web site at: www.southend.gov.uk/content.asp?section=237&content=11118.

There is also a link on the page that allows both questionnaires to be completed online.

Copies of the draft Environmental Enforcement Policy can also be viewed or downloaded from the link above. If you have problems with the link above visit: www.southend.gov.uk then please go to "Environment and Planning", then to "Rubbish, Waste and Recycling", then to "Environmental Enforcement Policy Consultation".

If you would prefer to be provided with paper copies of either questionnaire or the draft Policy or, if you are representing a group or organisation and you would like a number of copies to distribute to members of your group, please e-mail: doete@southend.gov.uk with the quantity and delivery address. Alternatively telephone Paul Terry on (01702) 215000. If you are distributing questionnaires we can also provide paid return envelopes to you to encourage the return of completed questionnaires. Please note all questionnaires must be returned by **24th August 2008**.

Thank you in advance for taking part in the consultation.

Paul Terry,
Waste and Street Scene — Department of Enterprise, Tourism and the Environment.

Our 2008-2011 priorities

In Oct 2007 the Home Office issued guidance to CDRPs for the production of annual Strategic Intelligence Assessments which will enable CDRPs to:

- Understand the patterns, trends and shifts relating to crime, disorder and substance misuse;
- Set clear and robust local priorities;
- Determine actions and efficiently allocate resources to address these priorities to best meet the needs of the local community; and
- Undertake annual reviews and plan activity on a clear understanding of the issues and changing priorities.

Southend CDRP established a Working Group which met weekly to complete the assessment. Time was very restricted as the guidance was issued very late. First we collected a very wide range of datasets from all partners. We scanned all the data to identify emerging priorities. More in-depth analyses of these particular issues followed. Finally recommendations for strategic priorities to be included in the next three year plan were submitted to the CDRP.

The strategic priorities were approved and have now become the basis for the CDRP Partnership Plan for 2008 – 2011. The priorities are:

- Reduce high impact crimes including
 - Late-Night Economy related violence
 - Domestic Abuse and Violence
 - Sexual Crimes
 - Robbery / Theft from person where a young person is the victim
- Reduce re-offending by adult and young offenders, including by prolific and other priority offenders
- Reduce criminal damage particularly of damage to motor vehicles and to dwellings
- Prevent youth offending / tackle youth nuisance / teenagers hanging around on the street

The Strategic Intelligence assessment (SIA) must be completed every year and the CDRP Plan must be refreshed every year. So we have already started working on the next SIA and we hope to involve many more partners in the process this year.

Simon Ford
Community Safety/CDRP Manager