



EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”

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Reassuring Messages

Following the outbreak of disturbances that spread across many areas of England earlier this month Sussex Police and the Community Safety Partnership were quick to release information messages reassuring the community that there was no likelihood of similar disturbances occurring in Eastbourne.

Police shifts were extended and additional Officers were on patrol liaising with the communities across the town as well as the business community to ensure that any intelligence was immediately picked up and concerns were calmed. District Commander Chief Insp Jayne Dando provided updates through the Partnership with details of how the police operation was unfolding and echoed messages released by the Chief Constable.

Chief Constable Martin Richards said, “The period of disturbances saw Sussex Police, members of the public,



partner agencies and organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch pulling together, offering reassurance and ensuring that our communities remain peaceful. It was a challenging week for the county as a whole but it has been reassuring and rewarding to see so many people working together to keep our county safe.”

District Commander Jayne Dando said, “I want to express my thanks to the community for the support that we received during a difficult period where people’s concerns for their own safety and the safety of their community was heightened by the scenes that were unfolding in other areas of the Country. My Officers worked many long shifts as they worked with communities to ensure that none of the minor incidents escalated into wider trouble.”



Portfolio holder for Community at Eastbourne Borough Council and Devonshire Councillor, Margaret Bannister, “Councillors and staff worked closely with

the Police and other agencies during the tense times of the disturbances

to ensure that there was no opportunity for unrest to develop in Eastbourne. I think that we showed how a positive community spirit can reassure people despite what they saw happening in other areas of the Country.”



Airbourne A Spectacular Weekend

Eastbourne is celebrating its spectacular free four day flying extravaganza with its 19th year attracting huge crowds and a global audience!

This year’s Airbourne welcomed several new displays, including



the Royal Navy Black Cats, classic jets Hawker Hunter ‘Miss Demeanour’ and F86 Sabre, and

the return of the RAF Tornado, with visitors also pleased to see the Royal Marines Unarmed Combat back in the arena. Hundreds of visitors lined the arena on Saturday afternoon to meet the Red Arrows for their special ground visit with the display team greeting fans, signing autographs and even practicing their football skills with Brighton and Hove Albion. On Saturday evening, visitors watched and sang along to a screening of the popular 70s movie Grease at the Western Lawns.

For the first time this year Airbourne - Eastbourne International Airshow - was streamed live online through the new Airbourne TV and with several websites carrying the feed, the Eastbourne event reached more than 60,000 viewers across the world.

Attracting some of the most visibly busy crowds in the event's history, Airbourne was also enjoyed by online viewers in countries such as the USA, India, Brazil, Thailand, Germany, Italy, France and the Philippines.

Eastbourne Police Inspector Steve Tullett was in charge of policing the event. "The good weather helped to swell the number of people who attended to enjoy the event. We had very few incidents reported to the Police and the weekend passed without any trouble."

999 Emergency Display

Good weather also saw huge crowds turn out for the 24th 999 Emergency Display held on Western Lawns on 2nd & 3rd July.

Thousands attended on each day to watch demonstrations by a wide range of organisations on land and sea as well as visiting the many information stands dotted around the site.

Key organiser for this years display was Eastbourne Borough Commander for the Fire & Rescue Service, Julie Gilbert-



King. "This years 999 display lived up to expectations as one of the main annual events in Eastbourne and it attracted thousands of residents and visitors. We have already started planning for next year's event on 9-12th August - which will be the 25th year that the 999 has been held in Eastbourne. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this year's display such a success and especially thank the Partnership for their continued support and sponsorship."

Home Fire Safety Advice



East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service offer free smoke alarms and home fire safety visits to homes across East Sussex. For further information or to arrange a visit, please contact the Community Safety Team free of charge on 0800 177 7069. You can also make a request online by completing our online at www.esfrs.org/hsv.shtml

Quality Streets

The Partnership's Quality Streets event took place on 2nd August at The Saffrons with organisations providing information and advice to residents about all aspects of community safety.



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The next Quality Streets event will be held outside the shops in Beatty Road, Langney Point between 12noon and 2pm on Wednesday 14th September.

Police Inspector Steve Tullett, "The local Neighbourhood Panel highlights their top three priorities for the area but Quality Streets provides the opportunity for residents to come and tell us what concerns them as well as getting advice from a wide range of agencies. I hope people take the opportunity to come and speak to us."

August Focus

Current figures on crime in Eastbourne as of July 2011:

Overall crime for the 12 month period to the end of July 2011 compared to the 12 month period ending July 2010 rose slightly, up by 1.5%.



Burglary of houses for the same period - the 12 months to the end of July 2011 is down by over 20% from the 12 month period ending July 2010 - a reduction that means that 39 fewer people were victims.

Thefts from shops continues its decline with reductions every month for over a year. There was a reduction of 2% for July 2011 compared to the same period last year - 19 fewer victims.

Criminal damage to vehicles showed a healthy decline with a fall of 24% for the 12 month period to the end of July 2011 compared to the 12 month period ending July 2010, this period resulting in 171 fewer victims.

Don't forget that you can look at crime in your area by visiting the Crime and Policing website for England and Wales at www.police.uk/

Coming Up Next Month

Details of the Partnership's 2011-2014 community safety plan and how we monitor performance.....