



# EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

**“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”**

## **A Message from the District Commander**

You may have seen in the local press that East Sussex Division has undergone some changes in the way that we deliver policing to the people of East Sussex. These changes occurred on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 and I know you will be reassured to know that they will provide a better service for Eastbourne residents and the rest of East Sussex.

The changes mainly effect the way that we respond to calls and the subsequent investigations. The Neighbourhood Response Teams (NRT), Response Investigation Teams (RIT) and the CID are based in five hubs across East Sussex; Our hub is based at Hammonds Drive, Eastbourne. The NRT will focus on response to calls, the RIT and CID will focus on criminal investigations. This ensures that the crimes are investigated effectively and efficiently, providing the best possible outcomes for the victim and witnesses, and will ensure that criminals are brought to justice.



*(C/Insp Jayne Dando)*

Your Neighbourhood Police Teams have not been affected in this process. Your local Police Officers and PCSOs will continue to work within their communities where they attend and hold regular meetings. Details of these officers and their meetings can be found through the Sussex Police website – [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk)

I am delighted to say that despite my own worries about crime increases reported in the national press, Eastbourne continues to buck the trend. Crime in Eastbourne continues to fall and our current reduction is 8.6% which means 198 fewer victims in comparison to this time last year. In the run up to Christmas, additional focus is being put on shoplifting as, in the past, these offences have tended to increase as the shops get busier. However, you will also be pleased to know that shoplifting offences are continuing to reduce with a fall of over 5% this period resulting in 41 fewer victims.

And it's not just crime that is falling. Anti Social Behaviour has reduced by nearly 20%. However I am mindful that we are approaching Halloween and bonfire night so Operation Blitz, which operates across Eastbourne to tackle low level anti-social behaviour, will be operating during the run up and over these periods.

As winter approaches, with the clocks going back, the nights are drawing in. It is timely that I remind people to review their home security especially security lighting. My NPT team are happy to provide crime prevention help and advice. Every area of Eastbourne has a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme. It is an excellent way to support your neighbours. I would recommend that if you are not already a member that you consider joining your local of your local scheme. Please contact [jan.newens@sky.com](mailto:jan.newens@sky.com) for details.

An excellent example of NHW working in partnership with Eastbourne Police occurred in October. PCSO Milson received information from one of his NHW co coordinators of a car being driven in an anti social manner. The car regularly parked in the same location, for a few minutes on a Friday and Saturday night and whilst it was parked, other cars joined it causing further nuisance for residents.

The location was targeted by Operation Blitz, and the car was seen and stopped by the Op Blitz patrol. The occupants of the car were found to be dealing cannabis and were arrested. The subsequent investigation recovered a large amount of cash and drugs.

This incident highlights how you can help your local Police to tackle crime. Please do report anything suspicious or out of the ordinary and we will do all we can to continue to make Eastbourne a safer place to live, visit and work

Kind regards

Jayne

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