



# Townsend Safer Neighbourhood Team NEWSLETTER

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## PRIORITY UPDATE

### Actions on the previous community priorities

#### 1 Anti-social behaviour outside One Stop, Jewell Road

Safer Neighbourhood Officers have been conducting high visibility patrols in the vicinity of the One Stop shop, moving on anyone behaving in an anti-social manner and seizing alcohol from anyone under the age of 18.

Officers have also been working to help the shop's management to prevent proxy purchases – when a person over the age of 18 purchases alcohol on behalf of someone under the age of 18, which is a criminal offence.

#### 2 Mopeds & mini-motos being driven anti-socially, Jewell Road and adjoining roads

Information from residents has enabled the Safer Neighbourhood Team to identify the alleged offenders, who have now been spoken to and warned of the potential consequences of committing anti-social behaviour.

Officers appealed to residents - via Virtual Home Watch and public meetings - for information about a bike that was of interest to the police. As a result of the appeal, the offending bike was located by the SNT.

The Townsend Safer Neighbourhood Team encourages residents to report further incidents to them to ensure the issue doesn't reoccur.

#### 3 Speeding on Woodbury Road, Hastings Road and Jewell Road

Trained Safer Neighbourhood Officers have been using a speed gun on roads in the area, where it is perceived there are issues with speeding vehicles, in a bid to catch motorists breaking the speed limit.

The team will continue to carry out regular speed checks in these areas for as long as there are reports of speeding vehicles.

## CURRENT PRIORITIES BEING TACKLED

The following three priorities are currently being tackled by the Townsend Safer Neighbourhood Team. See column on the left for details of how these are being tackled.

Speeding vehicles

Anti-social behaviour outside One-Stop, Jewell Road

Raising awareness of bogus callers

See overleaf for details of forthcoming safer neighbourhood meetings

## Virtual Home Watch

Townsend Safer Neighbourhood Team is urging residents to join one of two Home Watch schemes which operate in the area.

Residents can choose between a traditional Home Watch and a virtual one, both of which aim to make the area even safer.

Traditionally, Home Watch operates through regular community meetings. However, those residents who are unable to attend the meetings can receive and reply to messages containing crime prevention advice and up-to-date crime information, by email, phone or text, through virtual Home Watch.

Virtual Home Watch was set up in 2004 by the Townsend Safer Neighbourhood Team and the Townsend Together Team – made up of residents and agencies working in the community. It has 576 members to date.

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Majid Samadi, of the Townsend Safer Neighbourhood Team, said: "Home Watch schemes allow for effective two-way communication between Dorset Police and the community we serve.

Unlike the traditional Home Watch scheme, membership of virtual Home Watch is known only to the police.

Thanks to funding from the Townsend Together Team, signs advertising the virtual Home Watch scheme have been put up around the Townsend area - so it is now even easier to find out how to join either scheme.



PCSOs Samadi and Weeks and members of the Townsend Together Team in front of the new signs



PC Mark Bruce



PCSO Majid Samadi



PCSO Lucy Weeks

You can meet us and raise your issues at one of our surgeries or street corner meetings (see the reverse for details).

## Firearms awareness evening

Back in November 2008 the Townsend Safer Neighbourhood Team organised an event aimed at raising young people's awareness of the potential consequences of carrying an imitation firearm.

Officers from Dorset Police's Firearms Unit were invited to give a presentation to youngsters at Townsend Youth Centre. The presentation included a short film telling the story of a group of young people who play with a BB gun – with disastrous consequences.

Officers finished their presentation by holding up a real, but de-activated, firearm and an imitation firearm for the young people to view – highlighting to them just how difficult it is to distinguish between the two.

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Majid Samadi, of the Townsend Safer Neighbourhood Team, said: "The presentation was designed to give young people the practical information they need to make smart choices that will keep them and their friends safe.

"I would urge youngsters against carrying any kind of replica weapon in a public place as this is against the law."

**Get in touch - let us know what concerns you in your neighbourhood**

# Useful Contacts

## Police (Emergency) 999

Crimes in progress or life threatening incidents

## Police (Non-Emergency) 01202 222222

To give information or report an incident which is not an emergency

## Lesbian & Gay Liaison Officer (LAGLO) 01202 269911

24 hour answerphone or email: [laglo@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:laglo@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

## Bournemouth Borough Council

Town Hall, Bourne Avenue, Bmth, BH2 6DY  
[www.bournemouth.gov.uk](http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk) email: [enquiries@bournemouth.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@bournemouth.gov.uk)

Main switchboard 01202 451451

Cleansing/ Waste/ Graffiti 01202 451199

Youth Services 01202 456206

Anti-social behaviour 01202 451199

Enforcement & Parking Centre 01202 454721

Bus Passes/Concessionary Fares 01202 451584

Citizens Advice Bureau (24 hour) 01202 222303

Benefit Fraud 01202 451536

NHS Direct 0845 46 47

Yellow Buses 01202 636000

Benefits Agency 01202 451592

## Social Services

Bournemouth Care Direct 01202 454979

Out of hours service 01202 657279

Confidential anti-terrorist hotline 0800 789 321

Your next  
Safer Neighbourhood  
Surgery will be held at:

Townsend Community  
Centre

12 May 2009, 3.00 pm

## Public Meetings:

Townsend Community  
Centre

28 May 2009, 6 - 7 pm

25 June 2009, 6 - 7 pm

Come along and raise any  
issues you would like the  
police and partner agencies to  
tackle in your area.

Who's  
making your

NEIGHBOURHOOD  
SAFER?

## GET IN TOUCH

Let us know what concerns you most.

Call Dorset Police: 01202 222 222  
Team Mobile: 07917 557 252

Please use the above numbers for  
non-emergency calls only. If a crime  
is in progress or a life is in danger,  
please dial 999.

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