



## **Community Safety**

Below are some examples of how the Epsom and Ewell Crime Reduction Partnership is working together with other agencies to tackle key local community safety issues.

## **24 hour CCTV monitoring for Epsom & Ewell**

CCTV in Epsom town centre, Ewell and Stoneleigh is now monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by dedicated Surrey Police staff.

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council in partnership with Surrey Police have invested in moving the monitoring of CCTV from the Ashley Centre to Walton Police Station; already the monitoring centre for CCTV Elmbridge borough.

From 1 August 2006, dedicated CCTV operators have been in 24/7 contact with officers on patrol via Airwave radio with the aim of increasing public reassurance, maintaining low levels of crime and disorder whilst targeting local community concerns.

## **Reducing alcohol related public disorder**

Following concerns from Surrey Police, Council departments and local residents, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council introduced new measures to reduce the incidence of disorder and public nuisance arising from alcohol consumption in public places. The Section 13 Order took effect in Epsom Town Centre in July this year, and it enables a police officer to require a person to cease drinking alcohol (or anything they reasonably believe to be alcohol) in the public place, and can confiscate and dispose of the alcohol and its container, this includes any sealed containers. This also applies if the Police officer believes that the person is, has been, or intends to consume alcohol in such a place. If any person refuses the requirement of the constable they may be arrested and, will be liable, on conviction to a maximum fine of £500.



## **Wipe out Graffiti Campaign**

### **Graffiti removal is a priority for Epsom and Ewell.**

A graffiti task group has been formed to link-up and maximise the strength of numerous agencies and is calling for the help of the community to join them in banishing graffiti from the Borough. Although it's well recognised that graffiti is a national, widespread problem; it has a serious impact on the local environment.. By working in partnership, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, Surrey Police, Rosebery Housing Association, British Transport Police, Network Rail, Crimestoppers and Surrey County Council's Youth Offending and Trading Standards teams - with the help of local people, believe a real difference can be achieved. In addition to the clean up in Ewell ward in June, and Longmead in October, the group has seen success in carrying out test purchases for aerosol cans. Only one trader out of five sold to the underage volunteer. The group has also launched a Crimestoppers text reward campaign to increase the intelligence relating to graffiti offenders. A £100 credit for a mobile phone is the reward on offer for any positive information obtained. Please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 and help us Wipe out Graffiti.

## **An Engagement for Epsom and Ewell's Teenagers**

Epsom and Ewell Crime and Disorder Partnership, alongside its counterparts in Spelthorne and Elmbridge are supporting a unique project launched by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service at Walton Fire Station. The project is a partnership between Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, Surrey County Council's Youth Offending Team, Surrey Community Safety Unit, Air Products, Surrey County Council's Behaviour and Social Exclusion Development Manager and Brooklands College.

The Youth Engagement Scheme (YES) is a five-day course for young people who have been identified by Surrey County Council's Youth Offending team as being at risk of getting involved in anti-social behaviour and crime. The referred young people have been identified as individuals that are likely to benefit from a practical learning environment and experience.

The young people spend five days with Walton firefighters receiving training in the use of hoses and water jets, familiarisation of ladders, first aid, breathing apparatus and road traffic collision procedures.

As well as the practical learning aspects, the course is designed to arm the young people with other invaluable skills such as learning to work co-operatively as a team, developing leadership, seeing the advantage of improving their own learning and performance, understanding the need for rules and the consequences of breaking them and also understanding the consequences of anti-social behaviour.

To mark the end of the five-day course, a 'passing out ceremony' is held for the young people, their families and local dignitaries where the young people carry out demonstrations to showcase skills that they have learnt.

Youth Offending Team Divisional Manager, Ben Byrne, said: "A number of the young people now want to access the Brooklands College Public Service Course to start on the road to becoming a firefighter. In this they will be helped by having achieved Open College Network accreditation of the skills they acquired during the YES programme.

The passing out ceremony at which the trainees accepted their certificates for completing the course was an emotional time for all involved but especially for the trainees' parents who were rightly brimming with pride. All those involved should be congratulated and we shall ensure that the achievements of the week are built upon in the work we will continue to do with these young people."

## **Partnership Action Day**

Epsom and Ewell's first Partnership Action Day took place in Epsom Town Centre on Wednesday 30 August and was enjoyed by local residents.

The event gave residents an opportunity to meet local police and enforcement officers from partner organisations.

Representatives included the Surrey Police Community Safety Team, the Crime Prevention Panel, the Vehicle Excise Enforcement Team, the DVLA, Surrey Fire and Rescue, the Borough Council community safety team, Licensing officers and Surrey Together.

Throughout the day, enforcement activities were also carried out in the area:

- Licensing officers visited seven premises and gave advice to three of those for minor offences
- Ten vehicles were clamped by the DVLA
- Numerous crime prevention advice leaflets were given out and ten items were sold to help residents secure their homes or improve their personal security
- Offending vehicles were identified by the Automatic Number Plate Recognition system

Epsom and Ewell Neighbourhood Inspector Ailsa Quinlan said: "Our first Partnership Action Day has been a great success. The focus of this day was on crime relating to the use of vehicles and thefts from vehicles. In addition to crime prevention advice, officers were there to tackle the anti-social use of vehicles on our local roads and to reassure residents that acceptable standards of driving will be enforced by Surrey Police and our partners. This resulted in ten vehicles being clamped and 26 other vehicles coming to notice with the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology."

**Call 0845 125 2222** for all non-emergency policing matters.

**Call 999** if you have a genuine emergency requiring the attendance of the police (eg a crime is in progress or someone is in immediate danger).

**Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111** if you have information about crime and don't want to leave your name.