



# EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”

## Newsletter – January 2015



### Sussex Downs students take a stand against domestic abuse..

Sussex Downs students took a stand for White Ribbon Day, part of the ongoing anti-domestic abuse campaign, at Sussex Downs College in November. Sgt Fiona Munro said; "Thank you to all the students and staff who supported White Ribbon Day on 25<sup>th</sup>



November. Many pledged their support not to remain silent about domestic violence by completing a pledge card and by discussing issues that affect them and their peers. We would encourage everyone, no matter what your gender, to show support and wear a white ribbon. Any act of violence is wrong and should never be condoned or seen as acceptable. No one should have to live in fear of abuse."

### White Ribbon Concert at Sussex Downs college

Eastbourne Police will be supporting music students from Sussex Downs College who are holding a concert to help raise awareness for the White Ribbon campaign, the recognised movement that aims to raise awareness of all forms of domestic



violence, whilst challenging negative attitudes and behaviour towards it. Please show your support and go along to a fantastic evening of talented live music at The Royal Hippodrome Theatre, Seaside on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 – 9.30 pm. Tickets costing £5 are available at Box Office or from the Music tech office in Eversley House, Sussex Downs College. All ticket sales will be donated to the campaign.



The Partnership's Domestic Abuse Working Group was formed in late 2014 and has been working hard towards achieving White Ribbon status for the Borough. This was successfully confirmed in November and the two events mentioned previously, form just part of the ongoing Action Plan which works towards raising awareness and to encourage the reporting of domestic abuse, in all forms.



### Eastbourne Homes and 'A Band of Brothers' team up for community lunch

Eastbourne Homes and A Band of Brothers teamed up to host a special community lunch at St Elisabeth's Church in Old Town.



A Band of Brothers, which has received community safety funding from the Sussex Police &

Crime Commissioner, is a mentoring charity which encourages young men who have faced challenges to turn their lives around and give something back to the community through volunteering.



More about them is on their website [here](#).

The event was funded by Eastbourne Homes Panels and around 70 residents got together to enjoy the three course lunch which was cooked in the church's new kitchen.

Sarah Roberts, Community Initiatives Officer at Eastbourne Homes, said: "We were thrilled to see so many people pulling together to provide such a great day for our older residents and for the community." Paul Apps from A Band of Brothers said, "Our vision is to bring the elders of our community together with the younger members and share stories and wisdom, building a bridge between the generations. It's important for us to show our community that our young men are able to make a difference and change their lives, becoming positive role models for other young men. We are very happy to be working with the amazing community team from Eastbourne Homes."

Cllr Bannister, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community Services, said: "It is wonderful to see the Eastbourne Homes Panels working

with A Band of Brothers to help the community. A Band of Brothers is working really hard on community projects so that they can learn different skills. This lunch not only enabled them to experience new skills, but enables the community to come together and enjoy the results of their labours."



**UK's first Elders' Commission will advise Sussex PCC on police and crime issues**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne launched the UK's first Elders' Commission as part of a rolling county-wide "Big Conversation" about policing and crime issues.

"The Sussex Elders' Commission is an opportunity for older residents to support, challenge and inform my work as Police and Crime Commissioner", said Mrs Bourne. "I want to hear from local people aged 60 plus who have been affected by crimes including financial coercion and other forms of abuse. I also want to hear from people who are worried about crime especially anti-social behaviour. Commission members could have direct experiences of the police and justice system or innovative ideas about community safety and suggestions for improving policing services."



"We are building on the successful model of the Sussex Youth Commission

which is enabling young people to get involved and influence the future of policing in the county. Youth Commission members are now working with dedicated teams of Sussex police officers to implement recommendations that arose from 2000 conversations with young people last year. Elders' Commission members will be encouraged to use their own contacts and networks to reach out across Sussex via a series of conversations and workshops.

Members will decide on four or five strands to explore through further conversations and research, leading to a series of recommendations to be presented to me and the Chief Constable in the autumn. We want to recruit Commission members aged 60 or over who have an interest in how their communities are policed and who understand some of the biggest concerns of their peers. My Office will work alongside the Elders' Commission to help with meeting rooms, transport and refreshments and with training and support in research and running workshops and in modern communication methods."

The closing date for applications is Monday 16 February and anyone interested in joining the Elders' Commission should visit this [webpage](#) or contact the PCC's office on 01273 481561.

**Community Speedwatch Recruitment in Eastbourne a Success**



A campaign was launched in November during National Speed Awareness Week to promote the campaign in Eastbourne and to recruit more volunteers. During the week Eastbourne's police officers engaged with shoppers in Tesco, Asda, Morrison's and The Arndale Centre. The stand attracted interest from local residents in particular who had witnessed speeding in their neighbourhood.



Community Speed Watch was introduced in Eastbourne in October 2013. The scheme went live in January 2014 and has attracted approximately 14 residents from neighbourhoods within the area who have volunteered their time to facilitate Speedwatch across the town. Eastbourne residents have engaged with the Neighbourhood Policing Team to identify locations around the town where speeding is most prevalent. CSW volunteers

have deployed to those areas and have been successful in identifying speeding drivers and building up a picture around speeding in the community.

Eastbourne Police has, with help from the



CSP, invested in speed monitoring equipment including a

Speed Indication Device and three Speed Management Devices which are used by the volunteers to record speeds and visibly deter speeding in key locations in Eastbourne Town Centre, Eastbourne East and Eastbourne West. Sergeant Ed Ripley said "I'd like to thank our volunteers for giving up their time to help to address speeding in their area and to all those who helped support our Officers last week at the various supermarkets."

If you would like more information about CSW then please register online [here](#) or contact Sergeant Ed Ripley by email [here](#).

**HELP! Exhibition 4<sup>th</sup> February**



Eastbourne Advice Network is proud to present the **Help! Exhibition**, which will take place at The

Wintergardens in Eastbourne from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, 4 February 2015. Help! is an exhibition showcasing services that provide help and support to Eastbourne residents. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit with 58 organisations (mainly representing the local voluntary sector) all under one roof to find out what help they offer the people in Eastbourne. It is open to both professionals and the public. [Book your FREE ticket to the event here!](#)