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Welcome to the fourth edition of your "Safer Thurrock"; the newsletter that updates you on how we are making Thurrock a safer place.

Whilst crime in Thurrock is continuing to decrease, talking to you at our recent roadshow in Grays it is obvious that fear of crime is higher than the reality. An awareness of crime is healthy as it makes you more aware and encourages you to think about how you can protect yourself and your property. With dark nights approaching why don't you look at our website for hints and tips at www.shapingthurrock.org.uk/safer.

I would like you all to

be involved in developing a plan to tackle crime in Thurrock. Tell us what you think the priorities are, as well as your concerns and ideas. You can also receive updates on crime in your area. To sign up E-mail me at Safer.Thurrock@thurrock.gov.uk with your location (Grays, Ockendon, Tilbury). The first five e-mail addresses received will win £20 of Lakeside vouchers (not open to employees of our statutory partners).

Wishing you a happy and safe Christmas & 2008

Michelle
Safer Thurrock Partnership
Manager



Hate Crime Busters

As part of a wider effort to promote community cohesion, the Council and the Safer Thurrock Partnership are committed to taking all reports of hate crime very seriously and treating them as a priority. A Hate Crime Panel, which is a joint working group between Council departments, the Police and Crown Prosecution Service, is dedicated to developing methods to prevent Hate Crime in Thurrock.

The Hate Crime Panel has seen considerable success in

- Encouraging residents to report hate crime
- Convicting people who commit hate crime

This really is good news for the people of Thurrock and thanks to vigilant community members; reports of hate crime incidents are rising and convictions are following.

There are still concerns about the experiences of hate crime victims and their willingness to report incidents. The Panel is looking to offer additional support to victims and to raise awareness about hate crime reporting.



Call 999 to report an incident or 01375 391212 for more information.

Thurrock Racial Unity Support Taskgroup (T.R.U.S.T) is the umbrella organisation for Black and Ethnic Minority communities in Thurrock. Contact us to find out more about what we do or for support and advice on any issues or concerns you have. Telephone: 01375 385316
Email: info@thurrock-trust.org.uk Visit: www.thurrock-trust.org.uk



Environmental Action Days

bringing the community together

The Safer Thurrock Partnership (STP) carried out 2 successful Environmental Action Team events in Grays on the 3rd and 15th of August.

On the 3rd August, the community were flocking to stands in Grays town centre where the STP provided information and advice about the whole range of services provided by the Partnership, gave safety

social behaviour, the removal of rubbish and cleaning up graffiti and fly posting. The day produced some excellent enforcement results including the lifting of 33 vehicles, crushing of 13 vehicles, ticketing of 11 vehicles and identification of 6 vehicles with no tax.

Mark Griffiths of Seabrooke Rise Community House, said *"Thanks to the actions of all the services involved on the day I have had many residents come over to our community cabins telling me how impressed they were with what was going on during the day and that they hoped that all residents on the estate get the message that the actions of a few wont be tolerated any more and that action will be taken".*

The Safer Thurrock Partnership includes, Thurrock Council, Essex Police, Essex Fire & Rescue Service, South West Essex Primary Care Trust, Probation and the Voluntary Sector.



advice, took referrals for services and gave away useful crime prevention freebies!

On the 15th August the STP carried out proactive and high visibility action to tackle neighbourhood nuisance, anti-

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White Ribbon Week 25th November to 2nd December

www.shapingthurrock.org.uk/safer



Specialist court to hear Domestic Abuse cases

Thurrock now has a Specialist Domestic Violence Court based in Grays, this groups all cases into one court session to deal with pre-trial hearings, bail variation, pleas, pre-trial reviews, pre-sentence reports, and sentencing. The court also hears trials in a specific Domestic Violence session.

To make the process easier for victims and provide reassurance, we have an independent Domestic Violence Adviser who supports victims through the courts as well as providing moral and emotional support alongside practical help.

Thurrock also hosts a monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference, which is the key to responding to high-risk victims, ensuring that they are kept safe and that perpetrators are managed effectively.

Female victims can call Thurrock Women's Aid on 01375 845899

Male victims can call Victim Support on 0845 456 5995

OASIS FREE drug treatment: tackling drug use and reducing crime

The Thurrock Drugs and Alcohol Action Team (D.A.A.T.) has been busy since the official opening by the Mayor, Councillor Diane Revell, of the OASIS Resource Centre on 8th August, 2007, raising local awareness of the services on offer at its premises at 65/67 Orsett Road, Grays, RM17 5HH (01375 374411).

The Resource Centre now has excellent facilities with which to provide help, support and treatment that is easily accessible, free and confidential to people using drugs or alcohol. One service user at the opening said, "It's great to have a place like this where you can go and get expert advice and treatment in such a nice facility.

The staff have always been excellent and now we have an excellent place to go to,



as well". Increasing numbers are entering the Drugs Intervention Programme, which, is positive news for Thurrock residents as it sees a drop in drug related crime such as burglary and vehicle crime.

"A recent national study showed that for every

additional £1 spent on drug treatment there is a saving of more than £3 in the victim cost of crime and reduced demand on the Criminal Justice System."* Support is also available for friends and relatives of people who misuse substances. Drop into the

Thurrock Carers' Centre, Cromwell Hall, Cromwell Road, RM17 5HQ or call them on 01375 413753. Staff can provide time and space as well as advise you of support available to you.

*Drugs: Our Community, Your Say

Restorative Thurrock

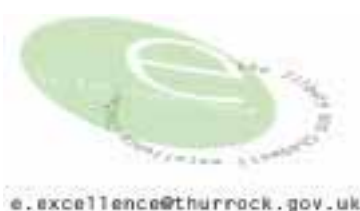
Following 2 years of extensive research the Tilbury and Chadwell St Mary Excellence Cluster has opened a Restorative Practice (RP) Centre.

RP is an internationally celebrated practice used by police and schools to deter people from reoffending. During the process the offender learns the full consequences of their actions by meeting the victim and discussing the incident - empathising with the impact on the victim.

The new Centre, launched in September, based at the Jack Lobley Inclusion Centre in Tilbury gives staff a local base to operate and co-ordinate the individual programmes.

Excellence Cluster staff have been receiving training from internationally renowned organisations including Margaret Thorsborne, www.thorsborne.com.au, Restorative Solutions, www.restorativesolutions.org.uk, and Thurrock's Youth Offending Service.

For further information about RP in Thurrock and the RP Centre please contact Kev Malone, BIP Manager on 07785 720459.



Reduction in Youth Re-offending

Thurrock Youth Offending Service (YOS) has announced record reductions in re-offending from: 39% to 31% in a year.

Peter Kay, Thurrock YOS Manager, said: "This has been our best ever performance in reducing re-offending and the result of outstanding work by all members of the YOS. We are the only YOS in England and Wales who process all reprimands via Final Warning and Reprimand Panel system which is a major factor in our success.

Suffolk Police paid us a visit with a view to introducing the system there."

Re-offending of young people receiving final warnings and reprimands from the police dropped from 20% to 13%.

For further information on the panel or the work of the YOS contact 01375 413900.

Are you being bullied? Or do you know someone who is being bullied? Are you involved in bullying someone?



Get help with bullying, go to www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk



Traditionally, Halloween and Bonfire Night see a rise in Anti Social Behaviour and Christmas sees a rise in theft. Go to www.shapingthurrock.org.uk/safer for Hints and Tips to keep your self and your property safe over the coming winter months.

FREE home fire safety visit



Did you know that Thurrock firefighters are able to come into your home and fit smoke alarms that have a ten year battery and to provide fire safety advice? This service is available to every household and is absolutely free and since 2005 over fifteen hundred homes are now safer after having one of these visits. For further information on a free Home Fire Safety Visit please call 01375 376628 or visit your local fire stations.

Contact us... for advice, to report crime and anti social behaviour or to make a referral.

Thurrock Community Safety Team - 01375 390000
www.shapingthurrock.org.uk/safer

Drug and Alcohol Action Team - 01375 652972
www.thurrock.gov.uk/drugs

Substance Misuse Thurrock 24 – 7 helpline - 0808 1000 110

Victim Support - 0845 456 5995

South West Essex Primary Care Trust - 01375 406422 www.swessexpct.nhs.uk

Crime Stoppers - 0800 555111 www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Fire Safety Team - for a free home safety fire check 01375 376628

Essex Police - 01375 391212

Thurrock Council for Voluntary Services (C.V.S.) - 01375 389881

Where to report Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):
Are you at serious risk of or are being attacked or your property damaged, contact Essex Police on 01375 391212 or www.essex.police.uk

If you experience or witness ASB from:

- A Council Tenant contact your local area office www.thurrock.gov.uk/housing
- A Housing Association Tenant contact the housing association
- An Owner Occupier or anyone else contact the ASB Team on 01708 891394

For general advice contact the ASB Team on 01708 891394

Report NON-URGENT INCIDENTS online at: www.unwelcome.co.uk

Report abandoned vehicles, dog-mess, graffiti, fly posting, fly tipping and litter to the Be Smart team on 0800 581281

In an emergency dial 999

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