DEVONSHIRE WARD COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

Thursday 13th July, 2023

Chairs: Luchia Leigh (3VA) and Cllr Bannister



AGENDA

- 14.00 Introductions
- 14.05 Meeting Expectations
- 14.15 An insight into crime and safety data in Devonshire Ward
- 14.30 Mediation Plus
- 14.45 Crimestoppers
- 15.00 Neighbourhood Watch
- 15.15 Sussex Police feedback
- 15.25 Final questions, wrap up



MEETING EXPECTATIONS

- Please respect that this is a way to share concerns about crime and safety in Devonshire, it is not a
 reporting space.
- On 3VA's website there is a page dedicated to Devonshire Ward. This page will involve a map of assets, and dates, agenda and minutes of the Community Safety Forum.
- Hearing the voice of the community (Mentimeter)
- Anything else that is important in these meetings?



CRIME AND SAFETY IN DEVONSHIRE



Top reported crimes (most commonly reported crimes in May 2023) for the Neighborhood Policing Teams for Eastbourne Town Centre and Seaside

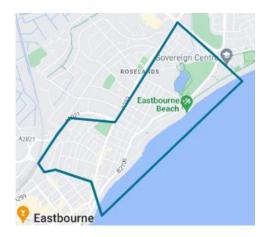
Taken from <u>Sussex Police | Police.uk</u> (www.police.uk)

Eastbourne Town Centre Neighbourhood Policing team



Top reported crimes Most commonly reported crimes during May 2023	
Shoplifting	143
Violence and sexual offences	126
Anti-social behaviour	61
Public order	30

Seaside Neighbourhood Policing team



Top reported crimes Most commonly reported crimes during May 2023	
Violence and sexual offences	38
Anti-social behaviour	27
Criminal damage and arson	21
Public order	13

PRESENTATION FROM MEDIATION PLUS





Community Safety Forum pilot - Devonshire Ward

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Sarah McEvoy-Peall
Senior Neighbourhood Caseworker











Sussex Mediation Alliance



Mediation is a *voluntary* and *confidential* process. Our charities are *independent* and are not linked to any other agency.

Volunteer mediators act as an impartial 3rd party, providing a safe, neutral space to help people understand each other and recognise that *they can find their own resolutions to conflicts*.

The parties decide what is discussed and determine any agreement reached.

Agreements are not legally binding; they are as effective as those willing to honour them.

Conflict Coaching is also available where mediation is not appropriate or possible.

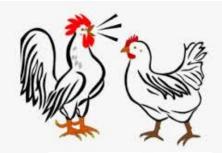
What is Mediation?

MEDIATION PLUS























What sort of disputes can be referred?



Referral (via form)



Letters and calls



Individual meetings

(telephone, video, face to face when appropriate)



Evaluation and feedback



Possible agreement reached



Joint or shuttle meeting

Conflict Coaching Offering

The Mediation Process



More likely to result in an agreement

- ✓ Early intervention with mediation is preferrable.
- ✓ People want things to get better & are willing to engage with the process.
- ✓ People have the capacity to make changes to the situation.
- ✓ People give consent to be contacted by Hastings & Rother Mediation
 Service and/or Mediation Plus

Less likely to end in an agreement

- **x** There are legal or other disciplinary procedures ongoing.
- **X** There is evidence of bullying or hate crime.
- ★ If any party is entrenched in their position, inflexible or unwilling to compromise

Additional Points to Consider



Leave the selling of Mediation to us – ask for their consent for their details to be passed to Mediation

"I can see this conflict is affecting you, if you don't mind, I would like to pass your details to a mediation service we use. They will chat through the process. You don't have to engage with mediation, but might be worthwhile giving it a shot, at least listen to what they have to offer."

When referring....



Telephone: 01323 442781

Email: neighbourhood@mediation-plus.org.uk

PRESENTATION FROM CRIMESTOPPERS





What is Crimestoppers?

- Crimestoppers is an independent charity
- Crimestoppers started in the UK in 1988 after the Broadwater Farm Riots in London
- Operate an **ANONYMOUS** reporting service
- Available for everyone
- Crimestoppers has a 100% success rate in retaining anonymity since its creation in 1988

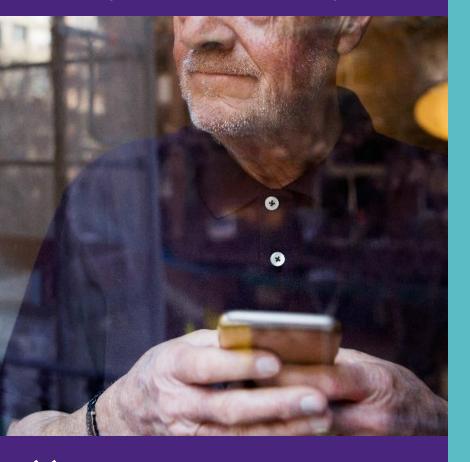


What do we do?

- 24 hours a day, 365 days a year Contact Centre service
- Local Crimestoppers Committee's
- Establish partnerships with law enforcement, OPCC, CSP's, ROCU's, Home Office, etc.
- Build Campaigns sharing advice on keeping safe from crime, helping to make communities safer.
- Appeals for information about persons sought for crimes locally, nationally & internationally.
- Offer rewards for information
- Central communications & Business Development teams



Everyone knows everyone



I see the criminals from my window all the time. I worry about my neighbour downstairs. I'll get a load of grief if I talk to the police.

Why is Crimestoppers Special?

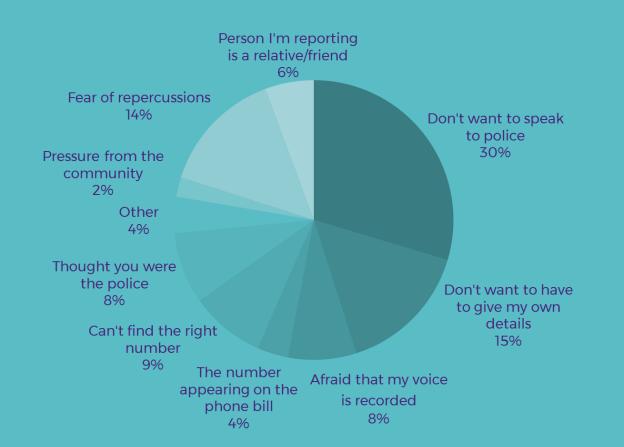
Who contacts us? Why do they contact us?

CrimeStoppers.

Speak up. Stay safe.

Who contacts us anonymously?

- Gender: equal split
- Majority of age group: 64% aged over 35
- **Phone service**: Slightly older age group, bias towards males
- **Ethnicity**: a higher level of BAME users on our phones





Crimestoppers Zones

Increase of disseminated reports to Sussex Police

Enabling residents feel empowered and able to speak up about crime

Increased education around the specific key concerns of residents living in the identified streets/zones..

'Zone' signs to be off putting for criminals due to a sense of 'community surveillance'

Serve as a visual reminder of the Crimestoppers charity & CTA









CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

Thank you

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PRESENTATION FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Pevensey Road Neighbourhood Association - Neighbourhood Watch

Town Centre Neighbourhood Panel

Adrian Ley

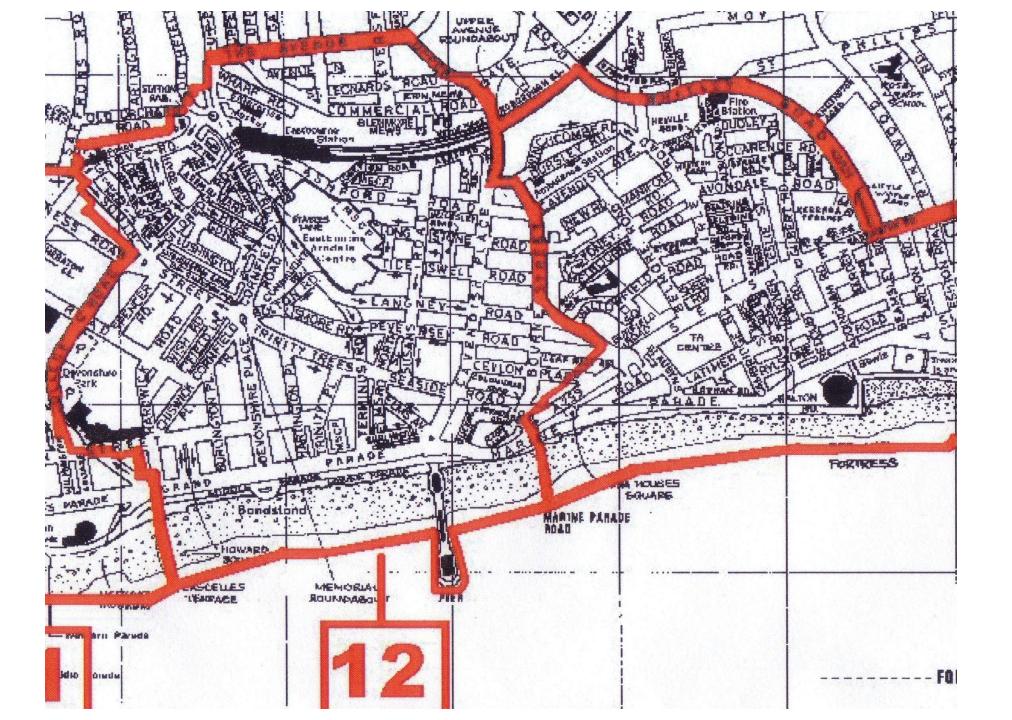
Chairman

Pevensey Road Neighbourhood Association

- Membership Mainly Pevensey Road and Elms Avenue
- Attendance Town Centre Police Constable and Ward Councillors
- Monthly Meetings
- Issues
 - ASB Elms Avenue linked to Atlantis Night Club
 - Drug misuse
 - Litter in streets

Town Centre Neighbourhood Panel

- Neighbourhood Panels Police initiative established in 2009
- 23 Panels across Eastbourne
- Police and Eastbourne Borough Council working together
- Variable take up, composition and sustainability
- Severely impacted by austerity
- Few still operational



Town Centre Neighbourhood Panel

- TCNP covers parts of three wards
 - Devonshire
 - Meads
 - Upperton
- Attendance
 - Residents and businesses
 - Police
 - Ward Councillors
 - EBC Officers
 - Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators
- Frequency
 - Initially monthly but now quarterly

TCNP Standard Agenda

- Police Update
- Licensing Update
- Town Centre Management Customer First
- Highways
- Devonshire Ward Initiatives
- Lower Meads Ward Initiatives
- Neighbourhood Watch Update

TCNP Police Priorities

- ASB linked to night-time economy
- Substance misuse drug dealing and crime
- Problem properties often Houses in Multiple Occupation
- Street Community ASB and begging

TCNP EBC Priorities

- Litter and fly tipping private and commercial premises
- Noise mainly commercial premises

TCNP Role

- Manage expectations
 - Invite officers to clarify regulations and permissible sanctions
- Identify Hot Spots
- Facilitate interventions
 - Street meetings
 - Action groups
- Promote reporting of issues to ensure appropriate resources are deployed

FEEDBACK TO SUSSEX POLICE



FINAL QUESTIONS?

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT THE NEXT MEETING?



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE FIRST COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

THE NEXT MEETING IS

THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER,

14.00 - 15.30

ON ZOOM

