

Partnerships - how we are working together to make you feel safer



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Hello and welcome to our newsletter

Here in Birmingham East we are working together to ensure your city is a safer place to live, work and visit. This leaflet showcases a few of the many partnership initiatives that are happening in your area.

For more information, please visit our websites:

www.west-midlands.police.uk
www.saferbirmingham.org.uk

Community Payback

Community Payback can be given to offenders as part of a 'community sentence'. Offenders carry out up to 300 hours of unpaid work, which not only benefits the community but also means the offenders pay back the community for their crimes.

Projects can include removing graffiti, picking up litter, repairing community centres, clearing undergrowth from paths and other public areas or working on environmental projects.

Offenders must wear bright orange high-visibility jackets marked 'Community Payback' while they're working, so you can see they're paying back for their crimes.

To nominate a project speak to your neighbourhood team or phone: 0121 248 2688 or visit the website www.swmprobation.gov.uk

Come and meet us
Web: www.west-midlands.police.uk
Tel: 0345 113 5000
to find out more about meetings with police and partners

Some recent examples include:

- Painting and decorating at Sparkhill Cultural Centre
- Painting of the playground in Fox Hollies Park
- Graffiti removal in Alum Rock
- Clean up and improvements in Old Yardley Park
- Removal of fly-tipping, waste and undergrowth clearance in Shard End



Vandal makes donation to charity

Community resolutions allow police officers to use their professional judgement when dealing with offenders. They aim to resolve crime complaints quickly, to the satisfaction of the victim.

An example of this was when a vandal in Balsall Heath agreed to make a donation to charity to make up for damage he did to a parked van by scratching it with a key.

The company that had hired out the vehicle agreed with police officers that the culprit would write them a letter of apology and donate some money to Help for Heroes charity. The company was satisfied that the matter was resolved in this way.

Primary school goes green

A piece of land that once attracted anti-social behaviour has been transformed into a brand new forest school where children can learn about their natural environment.

The area at the back of Gilbertstone Primary School was cleared by offenders, supervised by the Youth Offending Service, through the Community Payback initiative. Police officers, community members, staff and children then worked together to create classrooms, a mud pit and a fire pit. The forest school caters for all age groups from nursery right up to Year Six pupils.

It is hoped that the redevelopment will now not only benefit the school, but the whole community.



Children belt up in Bordesley Green

Police officers in Bordesley Green, who have been concerned by the number of children not wearing their seatbelts on the school run, have launched a campaign encouraging youngsters to belt up on every car journey.

The safety campaign introduces sticker reward cards, with children receiving a sticker each time officers see them wearing their seatbelts. When they reach 24 stickers, they are rewarded with prizes. The scheme, funded by the Birmingham Road Safety Partnership, hopes to encourage children to get into good road safety habits. It is being piloted at Wyndcliffe School, Bordesley Green, and if successful will be rolled out to further schools in East Birmingham.

Partners work together to reduce anti-social behaviour

People living in Bordesley Green, Hodge Hill, Shard End and Washwood Heath have told police that anti-social behaviour (ASB) is the issue that causes them the most concern. Drug dealing, speeding vehicles, litter and graffiti were also highlighted as top priorities.

Sgt Allan Green, based at Shard End police station, said that officers recognise the huge impact that ASB can have and that police and partner agencies need to work closely to tackle these issues.

A variety of approaches have been used to deal with these problems. Fly-tipping, graffiti and litter have been tackled with Street Pride Days, led by Birmingham City

Council. Police officers carried out a number of drug warrants to address drug-related crime and bring offenders to justice. Trading standards worked with police to carry out 'test purchase' operations at licensed premises and alcohol confiscation to prevent underage drinking, and related bad behaviour. Various youth services were also involved to engage with young people and prevent them from becoming a nuisance to others.

You can directly influence the priorities in your neighbourhood by contacting your neighbourhood policing team, attending a meeting or speaking to members of the team when you see them out and about.





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Creating Stronger Safer Neighbourhoods in East Birmingham

Useful Contacts



West Midlands Police
0345 113 5000
www.west-midlands.police.uk

West Midlands Fire Service
0845 5000 900
www.wmfs.net

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Anti-Social Behaviour Actionline
0845 605 2222

Victim Support
0845 303 0900
www.victimsupport.org.uk

National Domestic Violence Helpline
0808 2000 247

Birmingham Council
0121 303 1111
www.birmingham.gov.uk

MyNeighbourhood

You can view the most recent crime patterns and anti-social behaviour (ASB) information for your neighbourhood on this interactive site. It also provides useful links to police and partnership agencies at: www.myneighbourhood.info

Directgov

Public services all in one place

Find out what's happening with your police

All police forces in England and Wales have a responsibility to work closely with you and to keep you safe. Find out what you have a right to expect from them, how to get in touch with them, and more: www.direct.gov.uk

West Midlands Police Authority
0121 626 5143
www.west-midlands-pa.gov.uk

In an emergency always dial 999

West Midlands Police Authority

We make your voice heard in policing

The Authority has nine councillor and eight independent members. We set the strategic direction of the police – including the budget – monitor performance and hold the Chief Constable to account. We use what you tell us to make policing better.



We recently ran a 'Listening Campaign' to hear people's views on policing. Police Authority Chairman Derek Webley spoke to people across the West Midlands. You can find out what people said at www.wmpa-listeningcampaign.co.uk

An effective police authority responds to the public we serve – the issues you face and problems that need fixing. Our website not only tells you what we do, but includes a 'Tell us your views' page. Use this to get your point across: www.west-midlands-pa.gov.uk You can also contact us by phone on 0121 626 5143.

Working for you to ensure your police service can effectively meet your needs

Crime figures for your area

Latest crime figures for East Birmingham policing area show:



TRUST & CONFIDENCE

The number of people who agree that police and partners are dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime that matters within their area.

80.3%

It is measured by our Feeling the Difference annual survey of 21,000 people across the West Midlands. The target is 85%.



DOMESTIC BURGLARY

2007-08	2,346
2009-10	1,888



VEHICLE CRIME

2007-08	5,018
2009-10	3,771



ROBBERY

2007-08	1,177
2009-10	950

HMIC* Inspections of West Midlands Police	2009-10
Local crime and policing	Fair
Protection from serious harm	Excellent
Confidence and satisfaction	Fair

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