

Safer Borders

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A newsletter on community safety issues

SHOWING THE WAY TO A SAFER FUTURE

The Safer Communities Team is leading the organisation of a wide range of programmes designed to build a safer future for young people in the Scottish Borders. The theme this autumn is multi-agency cooperation to bring key community safety messages to young people across the Scottish Borders.

JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICER SCHEME

This years Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) scheme was launched at the Volunteer Hall Galashiels on Monday 30th August. Over 120 children from schools across the Borders were appointed as junior road safety officers. The scheme, now in its 13th year, is designed to empower children to highlight road safety issues within their primary school. The JRSO scheme was developed by Lothian and Borders Police and subsequently adopted by Road Safety Scotland for promotion throughout Scotland.



Primary schools are encouraged to appoint two senior pupils to become JRSOs for a one year period. Their role is to maintain a road safety notice board, deliver presentations to classes or assemblies, and run road safety competitions within their school. For more information contact fiona.lackenby@lbp.pnn.police.uk

DRIVING INTO THE FUTURE 2010

Driving into the Future is a multi agency programme aimed at 6th year students on the dangers and responsibilities of driving on the road. Young people are actively targeted as one in five young drivers have some kind of accident within six months of qualifying, in the Lothian & Borders area. The programme involves a series of workshops given by a range of experts from Lothian and Borders Police, Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue, Scottish Ambulance Service, Safety Camera Partnership and local garages.

27 th August	Berwickshire high school
31 st august	Earlston high school
1 st September	Jedburgh grammar school
3 rd September	Selkirk high school
6 th September	Kelso High school
10 th September	Galashiels Academy
15 th September	Peebles high school
17 th September	Hawick high school



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Safe T in the Park 2010

Safe T in the Park is now in its 9th year. On the 8th and 9th September 2010, 270 5th year students from all the high schools in the Scottish Borders will take part in this multi agency event that tackles a whole range of safety and health issues affecting young people as they move on into adult life. This year's event will for the first time be at a new venue, Kelso Race course.

Students take part in a series of workshops on sexual health, alcohol and drugs, coping with stress, safety on the road and fire safety in the home, healthy eating managing debt, and first aid. A range of experts from Citizens Advice, NHS Borders, UP2U, Red Cross, Penumbra, Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, TFC Food Services, Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service and Lothian Borders Police will be on hand to answer students concerns.

Many thanks go to our main sponsors SYKES Handling and Fulfilment Solutions, Galashiels.

For further information contact: prichardson@scotborders.gov.uk

CRUCIAL CREW 2010

This year's Crucial Crew (now in its 17th year) will be from Tuesday 21st September to Friday 8th October.

During this period 1,300 primary seven pupils from across the Borders will attend the event at the council's Eildon Mill premises in Tweedbank.



Through a series of interactive workshops students will receive crucial safety and crime prevention messages on fire, road, water, farm and electrical safety, alcohol and drugs and what to do in an emergency.

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GALA YOUNG PEOPLE'S MARKET PLACE

Community Learning and Development in conjunction with the Safer Communities Team, is planning a mini-market event on Friday the 22nd of October 2010 from 7pm to 9pm, in Tesco (Galashiels) underground car park.

The aim is to encourage as many agencies and groups as possible to attend with a view to "recruiting" young people into the groups or making the young people aware of the services that are there for them. This includes youth clubs and the uniformed groups.

In addition to the market stalls, it is hoped to have a range of attractions on site including a DJ, and BBQ to attract young people in 12 to 18 age range to come along to find out more about what's available in Galashiels.

Any groups or organisations wishing to take part should contact either

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CASHBACK FOR YOUTH - ROUND 4

The next phase of cash back funding for youth groups was launched on 15th July.

Youth projects throughout Scotland are invited to apply for funding from a £2.5 million pot of cash created from the proceeds of crime.



The scheme is to be administered by YouthLink Scotland, the national agency for youth work. Last year in Round 3, the Scottish Borders were allocated £24,000, a total of six local groups benefited.

The **Round 4** allocation is over two years with **Scottish Borders being allocated £59,750** (pro rata an increase of approx 25% per annum on the funds available).

Youth organisations are being invited to make applications now through the Youth Scotland Website <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme.htm>

There are three deadlines in Round 4:-

- **1st Deadline - 27th August 2010** for activities from 1st Oct 2010 to 30th June 2011.
- **2nd Deadline - 28th January 2011** for Easter, Summer and October holiday events during 2011 and other projects operating until 30 June 2012.
- **3rd Deadline - 16th September 2011** for activities from 1st October 2011 to 30th June 2012.

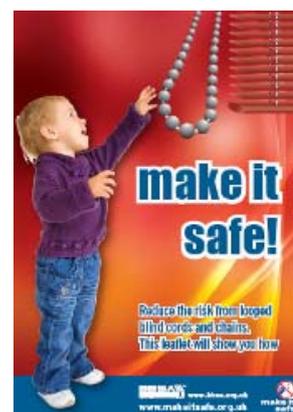
Note: There are other CashBack initiatives for football, rugby, women and girls' football, basketball, Squash, Badminton, Athletics, Scottish Screen, and Arts & Business Scotland. A new small grants scheme for awards under £2,000 has been established for member organisations from the Boy's Brigade, Youth Scotland, the Girls' Brigade, The Scouts, Girl Guiding Scotland and Clubs for Young People Scotland.

The Scottish Government website has details www.scotland.gov.uk/cashback

MAKE IT SAFE

Public and private nurseries, playgroups and childminders will be in receipt of 5,000 leaflets which are being distributed to parents during 'Home Safety Year Scotland'. This is a joint six month pilot initiative between RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents), Scottish Borders Council Safer Communities Partnership, Lothian and Borders Fire and Police services, which is funded by the Scottish Government.

The aim of the leaflet is to raise awareness of the danger of blind cords to young children, and to give this information to family members and carers. Supplies of leaflets will also be circulated to health visitors and retailers of blinds.



The biggest single cause of accidental serious injury to children in the Scottish Borders is from an accident in the home. Each year over 60 children are hospitalised as a result of a serious home accident, with the vast majority of these children being under the age of five. In 2009 there were 49 under fives seriously injured from a home accident (falls, burns and scalds, poisoning and choking accidents).

For more information contact prichardson@scotborders.gov.uk or go to the following link: <http://www.rospe.com/HomeSafety/Info/blind-cord-safety.pdf>

16 DAYS OF ACTION AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE



25 November – 10 December

The 16 Days of Action against Gender Violence is an international campaign that began in 1991. The 16 Days runs from November 25, International Day Against Violence Against Women to December 10, International Human Rights Day to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and to emphasise that such violence is a violation of human rights.

In the UK

- 45% of women have experienced some form of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.
- At least 32% of children, mostly girls, experience some form of child sexual abuse.
- At least 80,000 women suffer rape every year.
- In a survey for Amnesty International, over 1 in 4 respondents thought a woman was partially or totally responsible for being raped if she was wearing sexy or revealing clothing, and more than 1 in 5 held the same view if a woman had had many sexual partners.
- 70% of incidents of domestic violence result in injury, compared with 50% of incidents of acquaintance violence, 48% of stranger violence and 29% of mugging.
- Domestic violence is estimated to cost society around £23 billion a year.



Raising awareness about gender based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international levels is fundamental to addressing this issue. The campaign has been gaining momentum over the years and around 2,000 organisations in approximately 156 countries have taken part since 1991. Locally we hope to host 16 events during the 16 Days of Action, and are working in partnership with key stakeholders to plan, deliver and evaluate our first 16 Days of Action in the Scottish Borders.

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

To coincide with the 16 days of action it is proposed to promote the white ribbon campaign. White Ribbon is a campaign led by men who condemn violence against women and take action to tackle it. Part of a global campaign of men committed to ending violence against women.

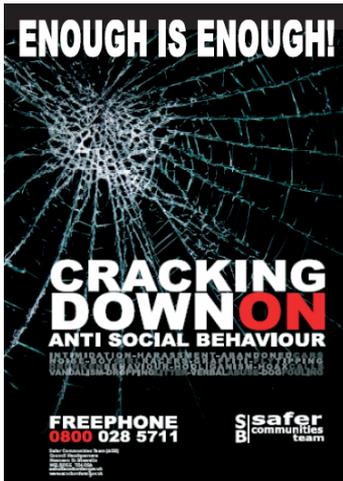


Planning for the 16 Days of Action and the White Ribbon campaign is now underway. If you can support these campaigns in any way please contact:

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DISPELLING THE MYTH ABOUT ASBO'S



Antisocial Behaviour Orders (ASBO's) were first introduced by Central Government legislation in the form of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998. Between 1998 and 2004 Scottish Borders Council secured 8 ASBO's using this legislation.

In 2004 the Scottish Executive introduced the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act, 2004, which came into force on 24th October 2004. This legislation gave greater powers to Local Authorities, Registered Social Landlords, and the Police to deal with antisocial behaviour within Scotland. It also imposed a duty on all Local Authorities and their relevant Chief Constable to prepare and publish a strategy relative to how antisocial behaviour was to be addressed in their area.

During 2005, Scottish Borders Council and Lothian and Borders Police set up a small co-located Antisocial Behaviour Team (ASB Team). This dedicated team were central to tackling all aspects of antisocial behaviour within the Scottish Borders and delivering on the various aspects of the local strategy.

Since 2005, Scottish Borders Council and their partners have secured a total of 120 ASBO's. There are 3 types of ASBO's, namely a full Civil ASBO, and Interim ASBO and a Criminal ASBO (CRASBO).

Since the introduction of ASBO's, the media have always taken a significant interest in their impact and worth, with many articles portraying them in a negative manner and headlines depicting "**ASBO's don't work**".

In order to try and dispel the myth surrounding the use of ASBO's within Scottish Borders, research has recently been undertaken that will hopefully demonstrate the positive aspects of their use.

For a variety of reasons, it was only possible to carry out analysis on 107 of the 120 ASBO's that have been issued within Scottish Borders. The analysis has been based on the number of police recorded ASB incidents individuals were involved in for a 12 month period both prior and post being issued an ASBO. This revealed that the 107 individuals were responsible for no fewer than 1396 incidents prior to being issued with an ASBO, however this same group only accounted for 133 incidents during the 12 month period after their ASBO, **a reduction of 90%**.

The obvious benefits from this are the following:

- (a) A significant saving in Police Officers time, releasing Officers to deal with other matters.
- (b) Significant saving in Court time and that of Criminal Justice workers.
- (c) Ultimately the biggest benefit was the Borders community with fewer members of the public subjected to these individuals behaviour.

Since 2005 there has been a continual downward trend in both the number of antisocial incidents recorded, and the number of people witnessing or experiencing ASB within Scottish Borders. These figures evidence that the work being carried out by the ASB Team and its partners is having a positive impact in tackling antisocial behaviour within the Scottish Borders.

CAMPAIGN TO TACKLE BOGUS CALLERS

Lothian and Borders Police are joining forces with partners to crack down on bogus callers with the launch of Operation Guard in the Scottish Borders.

Scottish Borders Council, Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service, VOSA, Borders Care and Repair, Elder Voice, Victim Support, Trading Standards and Scottish Water are all involved in the drive. It aims to reduce bogus caller and bogus workmen crime by raising awareness among local residents through a variety of methods.

Police are currently piloting the Nominated Neighbour Scheme in Tweeddale, and a No Cold Calling Zone in Coldstream, with a view to introducing them throughout the Scottish Borders.

The Nominated Neighbour Scheme links up two neighbours, so that when an unexpected caller arrives, they can be redirected to the nominated neighbour who will verify their details, and if authorised, will return and supervise any work.

A No Cold Calling Zone is an area with signs up making it clear cold callers are not welcome, and with residents ready to refuse entry to any unexpected callers. If any cold callers go into the area, police will contact them later and explain they are not welcome. Most bogus callers will not try to go into these zones

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ACQUISITIVE CRIME CAMPAIGN

During the month of October, the Safer Communities Team will focus on Acquisitive Crime. These are primarily crimes involving theft, for example shoplifting, opportunist thefts of bikes, farm vehicles etc, break-ins to sheds and houses. A number of activities will be undertaken during the campaign. These will include pro-active patrols within the Borders towns to detect offenders and to provide crime prevention advice..

On the 18th October 2010, an event will be held at St Boswells Auction Mart, involving Safe Communities Team, National Farm Union, Farmwatch and the Scottish Business Crime Centre. These experts will be available to provide advice and assistance to the farming community on matters relating to crime prevention.

BORDER UNION SHOW

The Scottish Borders Safer Communities Partnership had a joint marquee with the Scottish Borders Council at this years show. The display included a large road safety display including a camera van, a crashed car and the most popular a seat belt convincer. The display also included a mock bar on safer alcohol consumption, Rape Crisis and Border Bob's hazard house Which focused on safety in the home.

Special thanks go to the support of Police, Fire Service, Camera partnership, Rape Crisis volunteers and the Safer Communities Team.



OTHER NEWS

SAFER STREET FUNDING

Every local authority in Scotland is invited to apply for funding from the Scottish Government to help ensure that people going out for the night can enjoy themselves in a safe environment. Scottish Ministers have agreed to provide funding for a fifth year of Safer Streets, up to a maximum of £400,000. This will be a nationally directed, locally delivered programme. It will build on existing partnership working to conduct high visibility, high impact, joint initiatives to reduce **alcohol related violence and disorder**. A total of £8,000 has been allocated to the Scottish Borders Safer Communities Partnership for the period November 2010 to March 2011.

For more information contact jpringle@scotborders.gov.uk

NEW SCOTTISH SAFER COMMUNITIES AWARDS 2010

The Scottish Government recently announced the launch of the inaugural Safer Communities Awards which will recognise and reward excellent and innovative practice across the community safety sector in Scotland.

Scottish Borders Safer Communities Partnership have made four submissions for consideration, these were for;

- Local Integration Officer scheme
- 'Safe T' events
- Dealing with antisocial behaviour
- Development of the Rape Crisis Centre in the Scottish Borders

The awards will be presented at the National Community Safety Convention, Glasgow on the 13th September.

NEW SAFER COMMUNITIES BOOK

A new safer communities book has been launched by the Association of Scottish Neighbourhood Watches **AoS**NW.

The object of the Association of Scottish Neighbourhood Watches is to promote good citizenship and greater public participation in the prevention and solution of crime. It firmly believes effective liaison between the police and public can be achieved in order to promote the efficiency of the police in all Scottish police areas.

A charity **AoS**NW communicates to 1,500 watches all over Scotland, with well over 75,000 individual households as members.

To download a copy click on <http://www.aosnw.co.uk/download.php?view.96>



NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

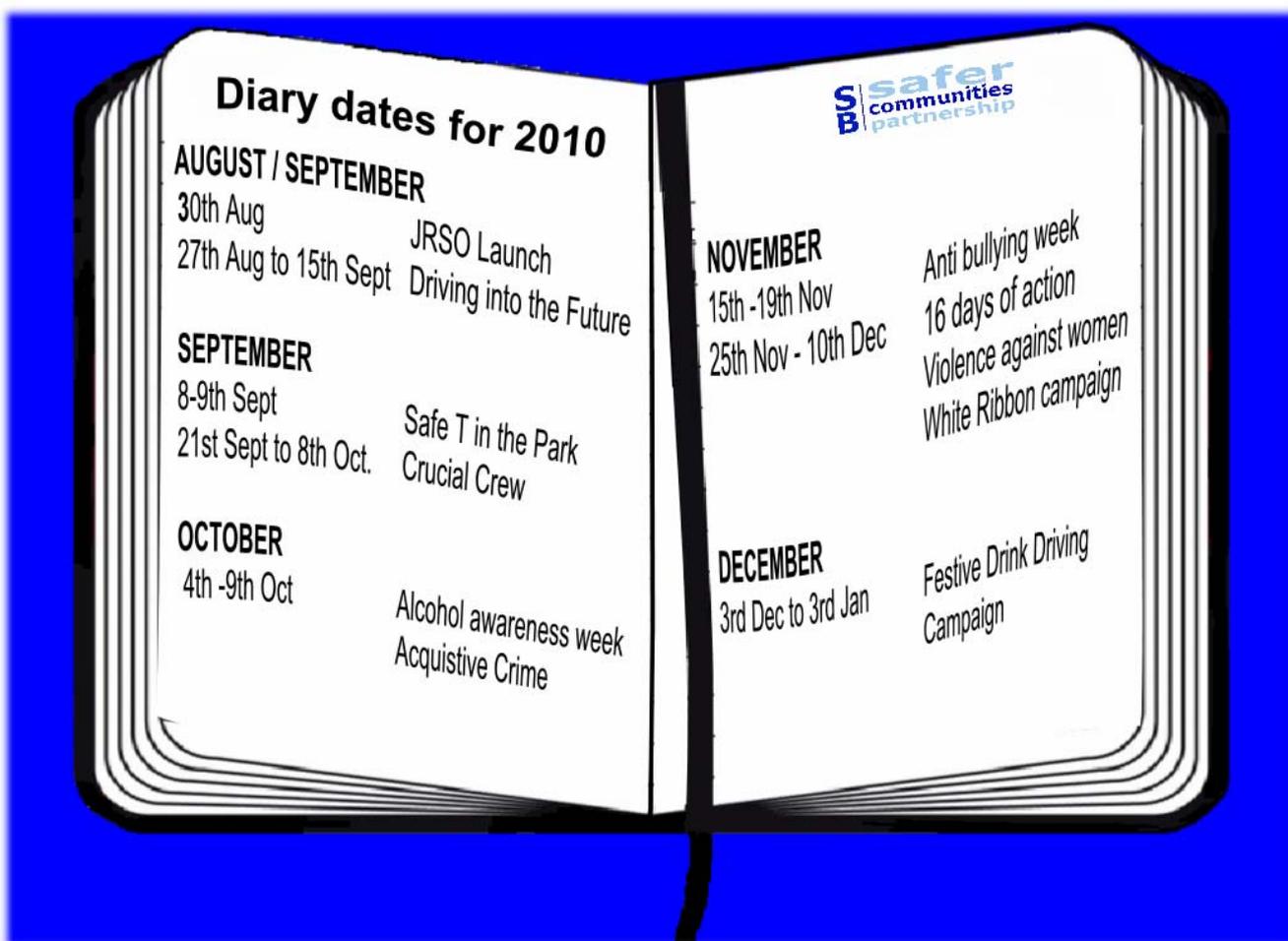
15th - 19th November 2010. The theme for 2010 is "Working Together"

The campaign allows focus on three principle areas of bullying in society, these are

- In schools
- In the work place
- Between neighbours

Useful web links are:-

<http://www.antibullying.net/>
<http://www.respectme.org.uk/>



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