

# SOsafe newsletter



Safer Neighbourhood Team

OLD TOWN, SYMONDS GRN,  
GREAT ASHBY, WOODFIELD

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## **DATES OF FUTURE ACTION TEAM MEETINGS**

The future meetings of the Old Town, Symonds Green and Woodfield Forum will be held at the Bunyan Baptist Church Hall, Basils Road, on the following dates:

Wednesday 19 August 2009;  
Tuesday 6 October 2009; and  
Wednesday 6 January 2010.

The formal meetings of the Old Town, Symonds Green and Woodfield Action Team will be held at Daneshill House on the following dates:

Thursday 10 September 2009;  
Tuesday 3 November 2009; and  
Monday 1 February 2010.

### Street Meets

E1B Old Town, 3rd Tuesday of month - 19th August, 16th September 1000 - 1400hrs, High Street.

E1P Great Ashby, 3rd Wed of month - 20th August, 17th September 1000 - 1400hrs, Great Ashby shops.

E1J Symonds Green, 3rd Thu of month - 21st August, 18th September 1000 - 1400hrs, Filey Close shops.

E1N Woodfield, 3rd Fri of month - 15th August, 19th September 1000 - 1400hrs, Sainsburys Coreys Mill.

We have recently been suffering from a high volume of youth related anti social behaviour incidents in the old town particularly in the LONGCROFT ROAD area. We are working towards getting a dispersal order for the area which we hope to have in place by the summer holidays. This will give us extra powers to be able to deal with the youths causing these problems. As the summer holidays approach we will be increasing our patrols of the local hotspots associated with anti social behaviour and will be concentrating our efforts on this area.

If you are having problems with anti social behaviour then please report this and do not assume that we know about it. Even if an officer is not available to attend at the time it helps us to build up a picture of what issues are affecting the ward so that we are able to target our patrols more effectively.

In June a warrant was executed at an address in Great Ashby. Stevenage Safer Neighbourhood Team, including officers from the OLD TOWN team were involved with this. The address was being used as a cannabis factory and in excess of 50 cannabis plants were found. The occupant of the address was arrested 2 days later and is currently on police bail.



# Stevenage Children's Centres

## Making a difference

Children's Centres are a new way of supporting all  
Families with children under 5 years old.

They offer easier access to health and family support, help with finding jobs and training, drop-in sessions, activities and information about local childcare and early education.

What happens in a Children's Centre?

Here are some of the activities and services that you may find running from Children's Centres and in the local community it serves:

- Drop-in sessions such as "Stay & Play" and Breastfeeding support
- Information on child development • Family support • Baby and toddler activities
  - A meeting place for childminders • Healthy eating activities
- Information about education and training opportunities • Employment and benefit advice
  - Support with children's speech and language development
- Support for families with children with additional needs • Information about local childcare
  - Access to midwives and health visitors

Come and visit your local Children's Centre

Bedwell Chells & Manor

Unit 2 Bedwell Park, Exchange Road SG1 1NB  
01438 362484 / [ayer.osman@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:ayer.osman@stevenage.gov.uk)

Timebridge Community Centre, Mobbsbury Way SG2 0HT  
01438 362925 / [Julia.Hunt@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:Julia.Hunt@stevenage.gov.uk)

Bridge Road Shephall & Poplars

Woolenwick Infant & Nursery School, Bridge Road West. SG1 2NU  
01438 230444 / [manager.bridgeroad@hertschildrenscentres.org.uk](mailto:manager.bridgeroad@hertschildrenscentres.org.uk)

The Hyde Out, 4 The Hyde, Shephall Way SG2 9SE  
01438 729466 / [deborah.Walters@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:deborah.Walters@stevenage.gov.uk)

Broadwater St. Nicholas & Martins Wood

Longmeadow Primary School, Oaks Cross SG2 8LT  
01438 230444 / [manager.broadwater@hertschildrenscentres.org.uk](mailto:manager.broadwater@hertschildrenscentres.org.uk)

The Oval Community Centre, Vardon Road SG1 5RD  
01438 317625 / [ayer.Osman@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:ayer.Osman@stevenage.gov.uk)

## **SoSafe Public Forum**

The SoSafe Public Forum was held on Monday 13 July at North Herts College, Stevenage. This event gave members of the public a chance to hear what the SoSafe partnership is doing to make Stevenage safer. Representatives from the Police, Fire & Rescue, Council and Police Authority spoke about the priorities we are addressing. To find out more about the work of SoSafe visit [www.stevenage.gov.uk/sosafe](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/sosafe)

## **Hertfordshire Hearing Advisory Service**

HHAS offers free help and advice including NHW hearing aid maintenance. HHAS visits locations throughout Hertfordshire and have resource centres.

These are the numbers to call for general advice, information, training and provision of language service professionals to support communication with people who are deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or deaf blind in Hertfordshire.

Phone, e-mail or visit [www.hhas.org.uk](http://www.hhas.org.uk) for more details:

Communication Support Unit, Hertfordshire County Council

Tel: 01438 845103 Fax: 01438 845102

Textphone 18001 01438 845100 (from a text phone)

18002 01438 845100 (from a voice phone)

SMS only: 07917 210630 CSU

e.mail [communication.supportunit@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:communication.supportunit@hertscc.gov.uk)

or [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)

The Neighbourhood Watch PCSO 6653 Taz Davidson has been taking part in the British Sign Language Course, level one. There is a deaf club in Stevenage that meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7.3-pm at The Shephall Centre, Shephall Green.

## **Young people get involved After Dark**

Stevenage Youth Council which organises the popular monthly 'After Dark' live music events, wants more young people to get involved. Meetings are held each Wednesday and new members must be aged between 11 and 19, and live and learn in Stevenage. The Youth Council is supported by Stevenage Borough Council and Youth Connexions Hertfordshire.

It secured almost £16,000 funding from the Big Spend Youth Opportunity and Capital Fund to run 'After Dark', which was mostly spent on PA and lighting equipment. The Youth Council also hosts a successful annual Youth Conference. Nick Heslop, 17 Stevenage Youth Council Chair, said "*We want young people to get actively involved in making Stevenage a better place to grow up in. The Youth Council has been a great way to get involved in developing local activities for young people. It's also a fantastic way to make new friends.*"

More information is available from Mandy Williams on 01438 242913 or email [youthcouncil@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:youthcouncil@stevenage.gov.uk)

## **Keep Thieves Out In The Cold**

With the warm weather approaching it is important not to make your house an easy target for thieves. Offenders will target those properties that are easy to get in and out of.

- Doors and windows left open make for an ideal opportunity to commit crime.
- Never leave cameras, mobile phones etc near open windows – unless you want them stolen!
- UPVC Doors – when locking these DON'T just rely on lifting the handle to secure the door. This only shoots out all the bolts it does not lock it as it is possible to still gain access from outside. To prevent this you MUST lift the handle and either turn the key or thumb latch to engage the locks. Keys should not be left in the lock BUT must be nearby in case of fire.
- Fit a letterbox guard to prevent offenders 'fishing' for keys or putting tools through to open the door.

For further advice look on [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk) or contact your local Crime Prevention Officer, Mark Montgomery on 01438 757339.

## **STEVENAGE DOGWATCH**

Stevenage Dogwatch has been a great success since the launch at Pets At Home on 21<sup>st</sup> February this year.

The main aim of a Dog Watch scheme is to create a partnership between the local community, the police and the local authority. The scheme is a great way of building community relations and working together with the police to reduce the fear of crime and to improve the quality of life in your area. As a dog walker you will be out and about at all times of the day and can contribute to addressing quality of life issues in Stevenage. You are the “**eyes and ears**” of the community.

If you complete the form below and send it off to Angela Clark, the Watch Liaison officer, you will receive a dalmation dog alarm, and dogwatch badge and also a contact card with details of who to ring if you do spot anything untoward.



 **Stevenage Dog Watch Scheme** 

**Members Enrolment Form**

Please take the time to fill in the details listed below. The information will be used as a registration and so we can contact you with any information relating to the dogwatch scheme on the OWL messaging system.

**About you: The owner**

**NAME (PRINT):**.....

**ADDRESS:**.....

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**CONTACT TEL No's:**

**Home**.....

**Mobile**.....

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**.....

**Where do you normally exercise your dogs? (Names of parks/open spaces/main road names)**

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ANGELA CLARK, WATCH LIAISON OFFICER  
Stevenage Police Station, Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 1HF  
01438 757102 OR e-mail [angela.clark@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:angela.clark@herts.pnn.police.uk)**

**CONTACT DETAILS**

Hertfordshire Constabulary 24 hour non-emergency telephone number

**0845 3300 222**

Call this number to report incidents, crimes and to speak with any officer or to get through the any department.

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 999

An emergency is:

If there is a risk of serious damage to property

You suspect a crime is in progress

If there is a risk of injury to a person

If there is a serious incident that needs immediate police attendance

PC 515 Nicola Hill	01707 354192	nicola.hill@herts.pnn.police.uk
PCSO 6675 Steve Sherlock	01707 354192	steven.sherlock@herts.pnn.police.uk
PCSO 6044 Lauren Thomas	01707 354192	lauren.thomas@herts.pnn.police.uk
Angela Clark Neighbourhood Watch Liaison officer	01438 757102	angela.clark@herts.pnn.police.uk
Stevenage Borough Council	01438 242242	
Victim Support	0845 30 30 900	
Crime Stoppers	0800 55 111	

Old Town Councillors

Michael Downing and County Councillor	9 Essex Road SG1 3EZ	01438 213870
Pam Gallagher	The Twitchell, Stanmore Road SG1 3QA	01438 352567
James Fraser	18 Pike End SG1 3XA	01438 743700

Woodfield Councillors

Marion Mason	53 Manchester Close SG1 4TQ	01438 315457
Margaret Notley	547 Scarborough Avenue SG1 2QG	01438 222754
Graham Clark	32-33 Beverley Road SG1 4PR	01438 360538

Symonds Green Councillors

Patrick David Kissane	115 Torquay Crescent SG1 2RJ	01438 316103
Sharon Taylor	26 Fairview Road SG1 2NR	01438 367884
Laurie Chester	10 Beane Avenue SG2 7DL	01438 239053

NORTH HERTS COUNCILLORS covering Great Ashby

Lee Downie	42 Fairfield Crescent SG1 6GF	01438 727729
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Sal Jarvis

26 High Street, Graveley SG4 7LA

01438 727122

**FIRE SERVICE CONTACTS**

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