



*working together for a safer community*

## Quality Streets – in Ringmer

Lewes District Community Safety Partnership took its Quality Streets event to Anchor Fields, Ringmer on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The event was well received by residents who asked Officers about a variety of issues, from problems with anti-social behaviour, rogue traders to fitting smoke alarms.



In spite of the cold weather a display was set up in the car park at Ringmer Football Club where information leaflets and advice were available. Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team, East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, Lewes District's Parks, Environmental Health, Housing, Clean & Green, Waste & Recycling and Community Safety, the parking enforcement company NSL, East Sussex Trading Standards and Youth Development, Wave Leisure and the Community Speedwatch - RADAR, were on hand to give advice about community issues such as safety, the environment and recycling. Officers were organised into pairs and called at houses around the area to ask about the issues that concerned residents. Officers from East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service gave advice on home fire safety and arranged for smoke alarms to be fitted.

Lewes District Anti-Social Behaviour Officer Louisa Young co-ordinated the event on behalf of the Partnership. "We had a very good turnout from the agencies who braved the cold weather to provide information to the community. My thanks to Jim Wickham at Ringmer Football Club who kindly allowed

us to use the football club facilities and to Tesco's and to the village shop, McCalls, who kindly provided tea, coffee and biscuits."

Chair of the Lewes Town and Rural Neighbourhood Watch Association, Gordon Bull, said, "Although the weather was cold, people greeted us warmly on the doorsteps with some inviting us in to discuss Neighbourhood Watch. The Quality Streets event was an ideal opportunity for Neighbourhood Watch to engage with people and on this occasion it enabled us to create three new schemes. We should have these schemes up and running in the New Year for the benefit of all concerned. Thanks to those who agreed to act as coordinators. We will endeavor to support these new schemes in every way we can."

Police District Commander Chief Inspector Natalie Moloney, "Quality Streets gives the Partnership an additional opportunity to work together within the community to raise awareness of the partnership and for residents to tell us what concerns them. Crime is very low across the District and a lot of the work that we undertake relates to the environment as well as anti-social behaviour. We welcome any opportunity to listen to residents and to be able to increase confidence in community safety."

The Community Safety Partnership will be holding the next 'Quality Streets' event in Iveagh Crescent, Newhaven on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

If you feel that the area where you live would benefit from being included in the initiative please speak to your local PCSO or call the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer on 01273 484394

The Lewes District Community Safety Partnership consists of Sussex Police, Lewes District Council, East Sussex County Council, East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, Sussex Police Authority, NHS East Sussex Downs and Weald, Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust as well as a number of voluntary organisations who, working together, reduce crime and anti-social behaviour as well as the fear of crime across the District.

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