



Your Contact Person is.....At Number.....

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STOP PRESS: Please report non urgent incidents to us and the Police. There have been some criminal damage, graffiti and vandalism problems recently and we need to respond effectively. Prompt information will give us information on the scale of the problem.

"COMMUNITY SAFETY HEADLINES"

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'B. HEATH 20MPH ZONE'

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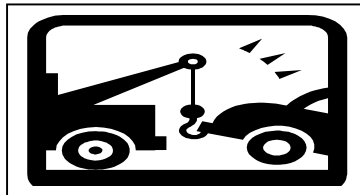
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This year's event will take place on the 10th May 2006 at 7.30 PM in the Bromley Heath Junior School Hall. All welcome of all ages and all sectors of the community.

As you will have seen from the **Community Safety Headlines** on Page 1, it will be well worth coming along and giving your view on the possible news reporting that could follow!

Come and enjoy our highly successful format of presentations by speakers, followed by round table discussions and feedback to the Committee for action – all oiled by our popular mix of cheese, wine and other refreshments!!



We look forward to seeing **you** there.

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YOUNGEST CONTACT POINT RECRUITED SO FAR!

Jade Standish of Bromley Heath is our youngest recruit to the essential 'Contact Person' role yet.

Mock GCSEs over Jade said: *'I'm really pleased to be helping the community, especially the older folk who can be vulnerable to snatchers and the doorstep deception thieves'.*

Are there any more young volunteers out there, we'll be pleased to welcome your help too?

PARTY TIME!

We've decided to have a separate **20th Birthday Party** for the Watch in September 06 – watch this space!

LOOK OUT FOR THE LOCAL VANDAL!

A resident has been in touch regarding the late night trespass and vandalism being carried out by a young resident of Bromley Heath.

It appears that the teenager, who has short blond hair and is about 6' tall, arrives home in the early hours of the morning and is responsible for at least one attack on both back and front wipers of a car parked on the owner's drive, and possibly many more!

Residents of Heath Road and Oakdale Avenue are known to be victims and one has asked us to say that if you are too, please inform the Police, tell them it is a Neighbourhood Watch call and seek a crime reference number. In that way we will see the full extent of the problem, which seems to be ongoing and perhaps some detective work can track him down.

In the meanwhile, if anyone recognises the description of this individual, who could be living on Oakdale Road or just off it, please let us know!

Will Price, Beat Manager and PCSO Justin Gay done good!



Thanks both.

We hope you've seen the great news coverage of the splendid work done by Will and Justin, (with a bit of help from Terry!) to try to work with young people who regularly gathered on the footway between the Co-op and Somerfield in Downend?

Their behaviour has been intimidating for some time and has put people off going to the stores in the evenings.

Despite encouragement not to gather there in large numbers, the young people failed to heed warnings. Names were taken and parents written to/visited.

Most were unaware of what had been happening and took the appropriate remedial action! We've spotted, when passing, that things are a lot quieter.

Mark's beat surgeries are at Downend Baptist Church
Friday 3rd March 06 14.00 - 16.00 hrs
Monday 3rd April 06 14.00 - 16.00 hrs
Friday 21st April 06 14.00 - 16.00 hrs
Why not pop in with your concerns?

**GOOD NEWS NEWSAGENTS
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Useful Numbers

**Police Main Switchboard:
0845 456 7000**

In Emergencies Only: 999

**Street Care:
01454 868 000**

If you need assistance with stray Dogs, Litter, Lighting, Pavements, Graffiti, etc.
BHNW: 9563325

TRUE VISION TO REPORTING HATE CRIME

Reporting crime for some members of our community may not have been easy in the past. Now the Avon and Somerset Constabulary is behind a new initiative aimed at encouraging victims of hate crime to come forward. The 'True Vision' project is a scheme backed by the Home Office and 23 forces throughout England and Wales.

Hate crime is any incident committed against a person or property that is motivated by hatred or dislike because of a person's gender, race, religion, disability or sexuality.

True Vision has seen 500,000 hate crime reporting packs distributed nationwide. Some are for racist and religious incidents with the others for homophobic or transphobic crimes.

Avon and Somerset Constabulary diversity officer PC Martha Spikes said: "Being different is not a crime, hate crime is. Hate crime is recognised as one of the most under reported crimes and can have a devastating effect on those being targeted. Harassment and bullying is crime and if it is motivated by hate of a person's identity then it is hate crime. If you are suffering as a result of hate crime it can help to talk to someone and tell them what you are going through."

Inside the True Vision packs leaflets provide information on personal safety, domestic violence and bullying with a self-reporting form for hate crime. Posters publicising the scheme have gone up in public places all over the force area and police have also been working closely with Support Against Racial Incidents, (SARI), the Somerset Racial Equality Council, Terrence Higgins Trust and Somerset Gay Health in getting the message across to those most likely to be victims of hate crime.

PC Spikes added: "The police recognise it is hard to report hate crime, as it is usually sensitive and not easy to talk about. With the design of these packs we aim to cut out the stress of trying to visit a police station or even making a phone call. If you have been the victim of any hate crime, you just have to fill out the form and send it back to us. The benefit is that the police are given a true picture of what is happening in the community. If you then want a support agency or police to make contact with you, the decision is yours."

For more information on True Vision visit www.avonandsomerset.police.uk or www.report-it.co.uk

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We wish GOOD LUCK to the Downend and Bromley Heath Parish Council with their Farmers Markets in 2006. They are held in Christchurch Hall, North Street from 8.45 to 12 noon on the 4th Friday of each month: 24th Feb, 24th March, 28th April, 26th May, 23rd June, 25th August, 15th Sept (3rd Fri), 27th Oct, 24th Nov, 22nd Dec (provisional).

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BROMLEY HEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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STAR JUMPERS GYM CLUB

Star jumpers gym club is one of the very few gymnastics clubs in Bristol to specialise in exercise for the under 5's.

With a programme of pre-school gymnastics and physical play, designed by British Gymnastics and run by qualified gymnastics coaches, children are guaranteed a good work-out! Better still, the classes are all held locally in Bromley Heath, Emersons Green, Staple Hill and Pucklechurch.

Pre-School Gym Club

Come along and join in the fun...

Physical Exercise • Music
Creative Play • Concentration
Rhythm • Imagination
Co-ordination • Flexibility • Balance
Confidence • Friendship



For further details, please call 0117 957 0009

At Star jumpers we offer classes for different age groups. Children can start from as young as 5 months. In September 2005 we launched our "Super Stars" class for children in reception/year 1 for the big brothers and sisters who wanted to have a go at gymnastics.

Emphasis is very much on fun and fitness for all; the aim is to introduce children to regular exercise in a lively and exciting environment. More details wanted of your nearest class? Call Star jumpers on 0117 9570009.

BHNW COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

At the AGM on the 10th May 2006 there'll be the usual short business meeting. In accordance with our constitution, nominations/volunteers are sought for the positions of: Sector Co-ordinators, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations Officer and Chair. **Please contact the Secretary, Barry Shore on 956 3707 with details.**

NB: The existing committee have said

BHNW GOES GLOBAL! Now we are on the web too! Find us on: <http://tinyurl.com/7fwna>
You can now send us your questions, feedback etc. to our email address: BHNWatch@aol.com

We also would like to know if you would like to receive your Quarterly newsletter by email and we would also be able to send all urgent communications received from the police, quickly and effectively.

FIXED PENALTY SCHEME FOR YOUTHS

We received the following information from Staple Hill Police:

Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued for a range of criminal and anti-social offences. They can:

- speed up justice
- free up police time and
- are an alternative to a court appearance following arrest in some cases.

Facts: 70% have been issued on the street, virtually all are paid up and those outstanding are actively pursued and this police district has issued the highest number of notices.

This has had an impact on target youths who are now improving their behaviour as a result!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING INVOLVED IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH? WANT FURTHER INFORMATION?
CONTACT THE WATCH CHAIR, BILL CROCKER ON 956 3325 OR EMAIL BHNWATCH@AOL.COM
OR SNIP OFF THIS SLIP WITH YOUR MESSAGE AND DELIVER IT TO YOUR CONTACT POINT

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