

**Community Safety Partnership
Annual Report 2008-09 - DRAFT**

A number of agencies work together in Aylesbury Vale as part of a community safety partnership. Partnership members include the police, district council, county council, probation service, Primary Care Trust, Bucks Fire & Rescue and many more. The aim of the partnership is to reduce crime and disorder, paying particular attention to local and neighbourhood concerns. Recent survey results and discussions held at neighbourhood action groups indicate that residents are particularly keen for us to provide more activities for young people. This annual newsletter from the community safety partnership has been produced to let you know what's taking place in the Vale to provide activities for young people and to demonstrate how that many young people are involved in positive projects, building relationships with local police, the councils and outreach workers.

This newsletter has been created in partnership with Katie Powell, from Quarrendon School during a recent work experience placement.

Hollywood comes to Aylesbury with Fatal Distraction

The Arriva bus company had traditionally experienced problems with vandalism, graffiti and smashed windows and wanted to tackle some of the problems by engaging with young people rather than punishing them. The idea of an educational film was popular and could be a tool to trigger a young audience into questioning their behaviour whilst using public transport. Students from Mandeville school scripted, filmed, produced and edited the film hoping it would stop others causing trouble. The film highlights the consequences of the different choices you make and encourages the audience to choose wisely.

Arriva bus driver Trevor said, "We've used the film as part of our driver training. It's made us think more about the young person's viewpoint. More often than not, they're just being typical young people, having fun and being loud. The main problem is that other passengers can be worried by boisterous behaviour like this, but it can be a huge distraction to drivers as well."

A red carpet premiere of Fatal Distraction took place and the film received coverage from the BBC and local press. The film can be viewed online at <http://uk.youtube.com/theivanproject>

Express yourself!

Schools across Bucks will shortly be involved in a competition organised by the Community Safety Partnership. The competition is in the form of the BBC show "The Speaker" and is aimed at giving young people the opportunity to express their feelings on crime and disorder where they live. There will also be an opportunity for local residents to get involved. Some incredible prizes will be up for grabs so keep a look out this Autumn!

Did You Know?? ASBO's.

The national perception is that the majority of ASBO's are issued to young people. However, in Aylesbury Vale, only three out of the total of nine ASBO's have been issued to young people.

The dangers of Arson explored

The Fire Setter Invention Scheme is a programme to help educate young people about the dangers of fire and to deter offences happening in the future. Young people are referred to the scheme through a number of ways such as schools, parents and family, and youth offending teams. Most of

the young people referred to the scheme have been experimenting and playing with fire and may never have actually been in trouble with the police.

Following the scheme most young people's behaviour towards fire has changed, with improved knowledge about the dangers and consequences of fire and arson.

For further details call 01494 898421 or email fis@bucksfire.gov.uk

Generate> >Inter generational project.

Earlier this year, young people came together with older people for a project called *Generate*. it was designed to bring the generations together, break down barriers between young and old, and help both to learn new skills and shared values. It was also an opportunity to share with older residents ways in which they could keep active and alert.

The first event involved young people taking Nintendo Wii consoles to residents in sheltered housing accommodation, teaching them how to use and play the games which included competitions and challenges between residents. The residents thoroughly enjoyed playing the Wii, and spending time with the young people. One resident scored a strike on the bowling game!

Following a second successful event at Easter, Generate is now planning its next, a cooking workshop where young people and older residents share and learn cooking skills. If you'd like to get involved in Generate or would like details of our other youth projects just get in touch with us.

youthprojects@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk or visit www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/youthprojects

Street Sports:

Street Sports is a project which aims to get young people more involved in sport, instead of hanging around with "nothing to do". It recently took place in Quarrendon, Mandeville and Winslow and anyone between the ages of eight and eighteen can get involved. Activities include football, table tennis, volleyball, rounders, rugby, skate, cricket, BMX and many more! Sessions take place in Quarrendon and Mandeville in Aylesbury and Winslow. For more information grab a copy of the Do-it! summer programme for young people, there's a variety of sports, arts and leisure activities to get involved in. See the Aylesbury Vale District Council website (under Leisure) for details or call 01296 585233

Housing

Young people can often find it difficult to take the first step on the housing ladder. To help combat this situation a new housing information pack has been created for 18 to 25 year olds. The pack seeks to prevent homelessness amongst young people by making them aware of the issues around accessing and maintaining accommodation. The new guide was released at the end of May and can be found at the Aylesbury Vale District Council High Street office, at Connexions, in libraries and in other public places as well as online at www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

YOS **awaiting******

Section to be provided by Youth offending team and will include an interview with a young offender.

Young Addaction

With more than 1.3 million children in the UK living in families with a parent who has a drink problem it's essential to support these families, and to try and break the cycle of family addiction. Young Addaction help people under 19 who have encountered problems with drugs and alcohol. They also offer help, support and guidance to parents, through the family work service. As well as providing information, counselling and advice, they can help young people with self-esteem, fitness and general wellbeing.

Tel: 01296 331933.

Aylesbury students help with regeneration project

Students from Aylesbury College assisted the community safety partnership on a project to improve California Brook and the College path earlier this year with the aim to make the area safer and more attractive to people and wildlife. The area had become overgrown and full of litter and people tended to avoid it because they didn't feel safe.

The clean-up saw over 50 sacks of rubbish and debris removed from the water and streamside, while eight wildlife boxes were fitted and benches were painted.

Blues and Twos Tag Rugby

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) along with the Rugby Football Union (RFU) are hosting Tag Rugby activities for local children across the Vale this summer to give the children activities to help reduce any anti-social behaviour, keep them healthy, and improve community relationships.

Last year the Elm Farm and Mandeville neighbourhood saw nearly 80 youngsters take part in the activities throughout the summer and there was a noted drop in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents.

For more information on Blues and Twos Tag Rugby contact PCSO Harrison at Aylesbury police station via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505.

2008/2009 Crime stats at a glance

Burglary down 1.7% (10 offences) on previous year
Theft of vehicles down 28.4% (84 offences) on previous year
Robbery from the person up 4.3% (3 offences) on previous year
Criminal damage down 0.9% (20 offences) on previous year

To view recent crime statistics for your neighbourhood visit
<http://crimestats.thamesvalley.police.uk/>