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Intro'

This e-bulletin is issued by the Government Office for the South West (GOSW) *Safer Communities Directorate (SCD)*. It aims to keep you up to date with the latest national and regional developments in the Safer agendas. You can register to receive future editions or to download this and previous issues [here](#).

The items are listed in date order – newest first.

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## Safer News

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### Changes to Safer & Stronger Directorate

Find out more about the changes to the Safer and Stronger Directorate.

### **Evaluation of Crime Reduction Projects**

This guide has been written by Geoff Berry on behalf of the Home Office and looks at the basic techniques used to evaluate crime reduction projects.

[http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/learningzone/passport\\_to\\_evaluation.htm](http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/learningzone/passport_to_evaluation.htm)

### **Safe Sensible Social – Selling Alcohol Responsibly: A Consultation on the new Code of Practice for Alcohol Retailers'**

This consultation looks at proposed changes to the law regarding alcohol sales. They would like your opinions on a proposed new code of practice for alcohol retailers. To ensure those who sell and supply alcohol do so responsibly, in order to prevent alcohol-related crime, disorder and nuisance.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/cons-2009-alcohol/>

### **National Tackling Drugs Week**

National Tackling Drugs Week will take place 8 - 12 June 2009. The week is designed primarily to provide local agencies and police forces with a platform to publicise the work they do to tackle drugs and reduce drug related crime and to highlight the significant efforts that are being made to keep communities safe.

Each of the areas in the SW is being encouraged to have some activity underway during the week.

Secondly, the Tackling Drugs Changing Lives Awards 2009 will be launched during the week.

### **Engaging Communities in Criminal Justice – Green Paper**

29 April - Effective community engagement is key to improving public confidence in the way in which crime is tackled and justice delivered. This consultation document is built around four primary aims which are critical components of the change we seek to bring about. The consultation period for the Green Paper is until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. <http://consultations.cjonline.gov.uk/?conid=1>

### **Latest crime statistics published**

23 April - Quarterly crime statistics published on 23 April show that crime has remained stable compared to the year before. The statistics, based on British Crime Survey (BCS) interviews and police records show that violent crime, domestic burglary, vandalism and car theft were all comparable to the same period in 2007. The risk of being a victim of crime also remained stable, at a historical low of 23%.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs09/hosb0609.pdf>

### **Launch of 2008 Drugs Strategy: One year on booklet**

21 April - Home Office Minister Alan Campbell launched the 2008 Drugs Strategy: One year on booklet which sets out the significant progress made since the launch of the drug strategy. It has been circulated to key stakeholders and delivery partners to support their communications and engagement activity.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs09/hosb0609.pdf>

### **Launch of Crowded Places consultation**

20 April - Security Minister Lord West announced the launch of the Crowded Places consultation, with an extra £5million pledged to protect the public from the threat of terrorist attacks in crowded places.

### **New Measures to support Victims of Sexual Assault**

15 April - New measures to improve the investigation and prosecution of rape and to provide support to victims were announced today by Home Office Minister, Vernon Coaker. The new measures follow discussions with the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) (new window) to ensure the best possible support for victims of rape. The measures include up to £1.8 million of new funding for Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) and Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs).

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/New-measures-victims-sex-assault>

### **Research Project on the Impact of KHAT use**

If there are any DATs that have been particularly active in this area please contact "[Nick Coleman](mailto:nickcoleman@globalnet.co.uk)" [<nickcoleman@globalnet.co.uk>](mailto:nickcoleman@globalnet.co.uk)

### Securing Homes: Action Against Burglary - Safer Homes and Neighbourhood Watch Funds

As you will be aware, the Home Secretary recently announced a new package of measures to keep burglary down which included two funds for the voluntary and community sector (VCS) to bid for grants that help people keep their homes safer. <http://grantsadmin.co.uk/saferhomes/>

### The Policing & Crime Bill

The Policing and Crime Bill contains a series of alcohol related provisions to tackle the irresponsible sale of alcohol and drinking in public, particularly by young people. The Bill was introduced in Parliament in December and recently completed Committee Stage in the House of Commons. Report Stage and Third Reading are expected in mid-May and the Bill is expected to receive Royal Assent in the autumn. <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2008-09/policingandcrime.html>

### Drinking in the UK: An Exploration of Trends

A key part of the Government's alcohol harm reduction strategy is to monitor changes in drinking habits over time and to identify what factors are potentially contributing to the rising levels of consumption. This study is a systematic review of research relevant to trends in alcohol consumption over the last 20 to 30 years in the UK. <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/drinking-in-the-uk>

### Launch of Cornwall Crime Explorer

Amethyst, the Information Hub for the Cornwall Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP), has recently launched their Cornwall Crime Explorer. The aim is to report crime statistics at a local scale to meet the needs of both the local public sector partners and citizens. <http://www.amethyst.gov.uk/crime.htm>

### New handbook for practitioners on implementing the Youth Crime Action Plan

The Youth Crime Action Plan was produced by the Children and Young People Team, working in partnership with the Youth Task Force in the Department for Children, Schools and Families, and contains practical, real-life advice and information for practitioners as well as how to support young victims. <http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/youth/youth085.htm>

### The 2nd edition of the Drug Strategy Unit Newsletter

<http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/news-events/newsletter/>

### Secondment Opportunity to the Home Office ASB unit (Grade 7)

The Home Office ASB Unit is looking to recruit two Grade 7 delivery managers on secondment. They will be responsible for supporting and challenging local areas to deliver improved public perceptions in anti-social behaviour, and for ensuring that the full range of ASB tools and powers are used wisely and widely by frontline practitioners. The closing date for applications is Friday 19 June 2009. <http://cismsds01-apache/497666/docs/177247/639094/640176/ASBRcrut>

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## Diary Dates

2009

- 29<sup>th</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> July Consultation period for Green Paper – **Engaging Communities in Criminal Justice**.
- 8 to 12 June - **National Tackling Drugs Week 2009** - Please note this is a change to the May date originally publicised. <http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/communications-and-campaigns/tackling-drugs/>
- 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June - **National DIP and PPO conference** planned for June 09. Contact <mailto:gillianradcliffe@hotmail.com>
- 2 to 6<sup>th</sup> November – **Not in My Neighbourhood Week**.



### Distribution

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Sharing information on alcohol  
related projects and interventions