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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](#).

We are happy to receive any feedback or suggestions as to how this E-bulletin could be improved. Please send any comments to [SAFERSTRONGER@gosw.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:SAFERSTRONGER@gosw.gsi.gov.uk)

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## Safer News

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### Safer Communities Deputy Regional Director - Update

In the last edition we informed you of Colin Passey's retirement and that arrangements were currently underway to recruit a Deputy Regional Director (DRD) for the Directorate. Due to holidays etc, the announcement relating to the new DRD has been delayed and we intend to email everyone with the announcement as soon as it is made.

### ASB Action Website

The ASB Action Website was launched on the 13<sup>th</sup> July. The website serves two purposes: it enables the general public to see how Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) are tackling anti-social behaviour in local areas and compares performance with neighbouring areas. It also provides the contact details of local ASB teams that can be contacted to ask questions or report ASB

 <http://www.respect.gov.uk/sasurvey.aspx?id=12864>

## Place Survey

The 2008 Place Survey provides information on people's perceptions of their local area and the local services they receive. This release summarises the headline findings for England and Government Office regions with results for individual local authorities shown in the accompanying tables.

 <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/placesurvey2008>

## Tilley Awards 2009 – National Finalists

The Tilley Award finalists for 2009 were announced in June 2009. A list of the national finalists can be found at:

 [http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/tilley/tilleyawards2009\\_regionalwinners.htm](http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/tilley/tilleyawards2009_regionalwinners.htm)

Of the national finalists, the top three entries have been selected and submitted into this year's competition. The top three entries include Operation Fragment, which is the Government Office South West's regional winner. The project was set up by Avon and Somerset police to tackle a rise in metal thefts in Somerset particularly from schools, churches and other community buildings. Further details can be obtained from:

 [http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/tilley/tilleyawards2009\\_topthree.htm](http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/tilley/tilleyawards2009_topthree.htm)

## Drugs Alerts

SOCA, (Serious Organised Crime Agency) have issued two alerts relating to drugs issues. Both documents have been posted on the CJ Network part of the GOSW website.

 <http://www.gosw.gov.uk/gosw/commsafety/830174/?a=42496>

## British Retail Consortium – High Street Rescue Plan

On 21<sup>st</sup> July BRC published the High Street Rescue Plan, it shows the impact the recession is having on town centre retailing - twelve per cent of town centre shops are now vacant, three times more than last autumn - but it also demonstrates that many of our high streets have been struggling for years. To read the plan, follow the link.

 <http://www.brc.org.uk/details04.asp?id=1599>

## Drug Interventions Programme Review: Moving Up a Gear: The Next Steps for DIP

This review published in June 2009 aims to improve the ability of the DIP to reduce drug-related offending by evaluating the current delivery model and developing future proposals to maximise local ownership and sustain and improve outcomes.

 <http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/publication-search/dip/moving-up-a-gear?view=Binary>

## Integrated Offender Management: Government Policy Statement

This document provides all agencies engaged in local criminal justice with direction and support in bringing together the management of repeat offenders – known as Integrated Offender Management (IOM).

 <http://www.gosw.gov.uk/497666/docs/177247/831179/IOMGPS>

## Prolific & Other Priority Offender Programme – Five Years On: Maximising the Impact

'Through this guidance, local areas are being asked to review their PPO schemes, particularly in the light of the introduction of Integrated Offender Management (IOM) arrangements. The guidance recommends a more dynamic approach to selection and de-selection to ensure that the programme remains squarely focused on those offenders who commit most crime and cause most damage to their local communities.'

 <http://www.gos.gov.uk/497666/docs/177247/831179/PPOFYOMTI>

## Prolific and other Priority Offenders: A joint Inspection of the PPO Programme

This inspection was led by HMI Probation with support from HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate, HM Inspectorate of Court Administration, HM Inspectorate of Prisons and HM Inspectorate of Constabulary. It covered the contribution made by the five criminal justice agencies to the PPO programme.

 <http://www.gos.gov.uk/497666/docs/177247/831179/PPOInspect>

## Cutting Crime: Two Years On - An Update to the 2008–11 Crime Strategy

'Cutting Crime (two years on) is an update to the national crime strategy. Published in May 2009, it details the enormous progress made since the crime strategy was first published in July 2007. It sets out a refreshed and sharpened set of priorities that show how together we can keep communities safe and increase public confidence.'

 <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/crime-strategy-07/cutting-crime-09?view=Binary>

## Silver Bells V Purse Thefts

Mendip District Council has joined up with Avon and Somerset Police and other crime prevention agencies in the area to warn shoppers of the potential risk of pick pocketing. Shoppers across the district are being given an unusual weapon in the fight against pick pocketing crime - a pair of silver bells. To read more follow the link.

 <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/NewsArticleM.asp?id= SX9452-A782D7B5>

*For the last 2 years Swindon has also been using bells and electronic purse alarms in their battle against purse dipping. They specifically targeted the information and goods to be issued on relevant days eg pension day and also during neighbourhood and Town Centre events. Swindon have noticed a significant drop in purse dipping and if you would like to know more or discuss good suppliers etc please give Richard Palusinski a call on 01793 466543.*

## Youth Crime Action Plan

The Youth Crime Action Plan (YCAP) One Year On, published today, sets out the progress we have made since the publication of the YCAP, and describes the action we will take over the next year. It highlights how we will continue to take action to ensure that we build the confidence of communities, families and young people. At the centre of our plan is a commitment to ensure that the public knows about our work, can have a say in it, and is confident that we are doing the right things and achieving results. To view a copy of the One Year On document go to,

 <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/youth-crime-action-plan/>

## Crime in England & Wales 2008/09

'This bulletin brings together statistics from the British Crime Survey (BCS) and crimes recorded by the police to provide a comprehensive account of patterns and trends in the main high volume crimes. The report includes data from the period April 2008 to March 2009.'

 <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs09/hosb1109vol1.pdf>

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## Diary Dates

### 2009

- 2 to 6<sup>th</sup> November – **Not in My Neighbourhood Week.**
- 5 November 2009 – Criminal Justice Network Meeting, GOSW, Bristol.

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### Distribution

This electronic bulletin has been sent to a wide range of people using the GOSW Safer contacts databases. It includes following groups: CDRP/CSP and DAT Chairs, CSO's and managers; ASB, DV, PPO and YOT Coordinators; BCU Commanders; Researchers and many more.

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### Editorial comment

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