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This e-bulletin is issued by the Government Office for the South West (GOSW) *Safer and Stronger Communities Directorate (SSCD)*. It aims to keep you up to date with the latest national and regional developments in the Safer and Stronger 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.

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

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Tilley Reminder!

Just a quick reminder about the Tilley Awards 2009. All applications must be received by the Home Office by 23:59 on Thursday 30th April 2009.

www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/tilley/tilley2009guidance.htm

GOSW Safer and Stronger Director Bows Out

Colin Passey is retiring on 31 March after nearly 40 years with the Home Office, the last two years as Deputy Regional Director in GOSW. He said: "I am very grateful to all those with whom I've worked over the last couple of years, within and outside GOSW. We have achieved a lot in that time, helping to make the South West an even safer place to live. I wish everyone all the best for the future." As soon as a replacement for Colin is appointed, we'll let you know.

Not in My Neighbourhood Week

24/02/07 - We have just learned from the Home Office Crime and Drugs Strategy Directorate that this year's Not in My Neighbourhood Week will take place from 2nd – 6th November.

2008 webpage - <http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/regions/regions017.htm>

Let's Keep Crime Down - National Burglary Campaign launched

17/02/09 - A new £1.6million national crime prevention campaign was launched by the Home Office. Regional newspaper, television and radio adverts will appear both nationally and regionally over the next eight weeks. They will carry simple messages about how the public can make their homes safer and protect themselves from opportunistic criminals with the strapline 'Lets Keep Crime Down'.

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/Lets-keep-crime-down>

GO Places Handbook - A free tool for all partners working with place

The Places Handbook is an online resource for both Government Office staff and external partners who work with places - locality, policy, analysis and performance. Through the handbook you can access and use a range of tools to help you manage these four elements of the delivery cycle. The handbook will make sense of, give some structure to, those questions and offer simple step-by-step guides to useful tools, techniques and templates. Try it today!

<http://www.gos.gov.uk/placeshandbook>

Reducing the Data Burden on Police Forces in England And Wales

16/02/09 - The Permanent Secretary at the Home Office, Sir David Normington, lead a review of the data collection burden placed on police forces in England and Wales by the Home Office. The aim was to reduce the burden by up to 50 per cent. The report contains proposals for

- cutting out altogether or significantly reducing 36 data streams
- an end to activity-based costing
- a reduction in ad-hoc data requests for new data collection
- a new 'gateway' process to limit requests for data which fall outside the statutory annual data requirement.

<http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/police-reform/data-burdens-review.pdf>

Jan Berry's Reducing Bureaucracy in Policing Interim Report

16/02/09 - Published by the Home Office this interim report provides Jan Berry's early view of the progress made on the recommendations from the Review of Policing by Sir Ronnie Flanagan, published in February 2008.

<http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/police-reform/reducing-bureaucracy-report>

Know Your Limits targets parents

16/02/09 - A new burst of the Know Your Limits (Units) campaign launched on 16 February running on TV, in magazines and online. It features an existing TV advert (targeting females) and a series of new print adverts running in women's and entertainment weekly magazines. This activity is targeted at parents and aims to encourage them to evaluate their own drinking because of the potential effect that it might have on their children's behaviour.

Research done as part of the development of a new social marketing campaign being developed by the DCSF suggests that parental drinking behaviour is amongst the greatest influences on the way young people drink alcohol. The DCSF are therefore funding this burst to start raising awareness amongst parents of the role they might be playing in influencing their children's attitude towards alcohol and future drinking behaviour.

http://www.alcoholstakeholders.nhs.uk/stake_stake_children.html

Justice seen justice done - ASB Focus

13/2/09 - The Anti-Social Behaviour focus of the month was addressed 10 Questions with Nick Brook, Head of the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit & Crime Prevention Team at the Home Office.

<http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/fotm001.htm>

HubCAPP e-bulletin February edition

11/02/09 - The Hub of Commissioned Alcohol Projects and Policies, an online resource of local alcohol initiatives throughout England, published its February edition e-bulletin. Funded by the Department of Health and managed by Alcohol Concern, HubCAPP is an online resource of local alcohol initiatives throughout England.

<http://www.hubcapp.org.uk/ebulletin.php>

ASB Focus Newsletter - 3rd issue

10/02/09 - The third issue of this Home Office and the Anti-social Behaviour Actionline electronic newsletter designed specifically for practitioners who are tackling anti-social behaviour on the front line is published. To subscribe contact the ASB ActionLine on 0870 220 2000 or email ASBfocus@bss.org

To view: <http://www.respect.gov.uk/members/article.aspx?id=9848>

Third Sector Action Plan - 'Real Help Now, Thriving Third Sector: Thriving Communities'

09/02/09 - The Prime Minister announced Real Help for Communities, a new plan to support the work of the 3rd Sector. Following extensive discussions, the Government published its plan to provide real support worth up to £42.5 million for the work of Voluntary, Charitable and Social Enterprise organisations. The plan builds on the extensive support provided to the 3rd Sector in recent years and responds to the urgent need to provide additional support to the sector during the economic downturn. Over the coming months the Government will work with national and regional organisations in order to focus on the areas most in need.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/real_help_for_communities.aspx

New countries face tough visa rules

09/02/09 - Visitors from Bolivia, Lesotho, South Africa, Swaziland and Venezuela will soon need visas to the visit the UK following the Government's first global review of the UK's visa requirements, conducted jointly by the UK Border Agency and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The first of these regimes will come into force on 3 March when we will be requiring visitors from South Africa who do not have a previous UK entry stamp in their passport to obtain a visa. We will also be lifting the visa requirement on Taiwan passport holders on the same day, as well as requiring transit visas (known as 'Direct Airside Transit Visas') from Jamaican nationals who wish to travel through the UK on their way to other countries.

Other visa regimes will be phased in by mid 2009, and implementation dates announced nearer the time.

<http://ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/newcountriesfacetoughvisarules>

Retailers say no to knife crime

05/02/09 - Major British retailers have joined forces with the Government and the police as part of a new crackdown on knife crime, launched by the Home Secretary on 5 February. The Home Office has been working with 21 retailers and the British Retail Consortium to encourage them to adopt best practice which will limit the availability of knives to under-18s.

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/Retailers-say-no-to-knife-crime>

Major Burglary Initiative

04/02/09 - Home Secretary Jacqui Smith announced practical measures to help keep crime down at a special crime prevention summit. These include

- a new £20 million fund for local crime prevention initiatives and targeted support to homes and businesses

- new home security pages on the Home Office website which will offer a single source of information and advice on home security - <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/secureyourhome>
- the web pages will include a new online personalised home security self assessment that allows people to grade the security of their home in a few minutes
- a new nationwide £1.6 million crime prevention marketing campaign using broadcast radio and print media to reach as wide an audience as possible.

[Download News Release here - 74KB](#)

Norwich Union's Safer Street Project

Speaking at the 4th February Burglary Summit the Home Secretary cited innovative crime prevention initiatives like the Norwich Union and Norfolk Police joint Safer Street campaign - where a typical row of terraced homes in Norwich city centre were given a basic security makeover.

<http://www.norwichunion.com/saferstreet/>

Tired of hanging around: using sport and leisure activities to prevent anti-social behaviour

28/01/09 - This Audit Commission report finds that sport and leisure projects involving music, film-making or football, when designed in consultation with young people, can help stop them from drifting into anti-social behaviour. But these projects struggle with a funding system that is wasteful, inefficient and bureaucratic. Youth workers, who should be devoting their attention to young people, can spend a third of their time managing budgets and chasing new funding. The AC website includes the report, a short introductory video, and some useful tools for partnerships, including questions for local authority scrutiny, and guidance for practitioners on evaluation and consultation.

www.audit-commission.gov.uk/hangingaround

New Home Office Director General for Crime and Policing

27/01/09 - Stephen Rimmer has been appointed as the new Director General for the Crime Reduction and Community Safety Group within the Home Office. His task will be to support the Home Secretary and other Ministers in the Home Office in reducing crime, tackling drugs and alcohol abuse and building public confidence in the police service.

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/New-DG-for-crime-and-policing>

Cannabis reclassification

26/01/09 - Cannabis was reclassified from a Class C to a Class B drug. An [information and communications toolkit](#) is available on <http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/> from Wednesday the 28th January which includes posters, a leaflet and a credit card resource. These are intended for distribution to the public to inform them of how the law change will be enforced.

<http://www.drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/drugs-laws/cannabis-reclassifications/>

Joseph Rowntree Foundation publish Migrant & Refugee Reports

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation have recently published two reports on how to involve and support Migrant & Refugee Community Organisations which can be downloaded free of charge:

- "Empowering Birmingham's migrant and refugee community organisations" looks at how organisations can collect evidence from communities to influence policy-making and service provision - <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/migrant-refugee-community-organisations>
- "The potential of migrant and refugee community organisations to influence policy" reports on a partnership developed to test how organisations can actually change policy making and services <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/migrant-refugee-community-organisations-influence>

Citizen Focus and Community Engagement - A Police Foundation Review of the Literature

A Literature Review, published by the Police Foundation and priced at £19.50, examines the evidence base for a 'citizen-focused' approach to policing and encompasses:

- Public perceptions of the police
- Critical success factors in community engagement and neighbourhood policing initiatives
- Approaches to improving confidence and satisfaction in the police

<http://www.police-foundation.org.uk/site/police-foundation/latest/events--publications/report-details?pId=206&LogDocId=344>

Devon's Open Hearts Open Minds

For the past two years the Devon Strategic Partnership have offered an online e-learning service around issues of equality and social inclusion. It is free to subscribe to and is increasingly becoming a first point of call for information about what is happening in that field, as a practical learning tool and a place where key research findings and reports can be accessed. Whilst originally designed for the benefit of professionals and residents in Devon it can be accessed and could be of use to anyone within the region. Devon County Council's [Ian Hobbs](#) would welcome discussions about how it might be sustainably developed across the region.

<http://www.openheartsopenminds.org.uk/>

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Diary Dates



2009

- 9th March - consultation process on **Violence Against Women Strategy** to be launched.
- 11th March - **Weathering Storms: Regional Resilience and Future Proofing** - The SW Observatory's 6th Annual Conference British Empire & Commonwealth Museum, Bristol. Further information and booking: <http://www.swo.org.uk/conference09/>
- 11th & 12th March - **Regional Alcohol Enforcement Skills Development Seminar** - Exeter. 2 x 1 day seminars outlining tools and powers available to tackle alcohol related problems and detailed training on the Licensing Act 2003. To share experience and best practice with each other with the aim of removing barriers to effective enforcement. Further info and booking <http://www.alcoholtrainingworkshops.co.uk/>
- 23rd March - **Honour Based Violence & Female Genital Mutilation Conference** - Marriot Royal Hotel, Bristol. Further information contact DAVID.WARREN@gosw.gsi.gov.uk 0117 900 1784
- 19 March - **National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning**, Bristol - The third and final training day for public sector commissioners focused on third sector commissioning. Further information and booking <http://livegroup.co.uk/nptsc/>
- 26th March - **Safeguarding Survivors and Services Roadshow - Women's Aid** - Taunton Conference Centre. The event is now fully booked. For [information](#) and cancellation list contact k.ross@womensaid.org.uk
- 23rd April - **Violence Against Women Stakeholder Event** - venue t.b.a. Further information contact Emma.Stevenson@gosw.gsi.gov.uk 0117 900 1361
- 23 to 25 April - **Violence Against Women Information Bus - regional tour**. The Information Bus will be visiting Bristol, Swindon, Bournemouth, Poole & Exeter.
- 30 April - **Tilley Awards Deadline** - for receipt of entries for this prestigious competition. <http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/tilley/tilleyawards2009.htm>
- 8 to 12 June - **National Tackling Drugs Week 2009** - Please note this is a change to the May date originally publicised.
- **Third Sector Capacity Building event** – third in a series of events run by [IDeA](#) on strengthening working relationships between public and Third Sectors. Details to follow in later issue.

Distribution


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

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It is organised into 4 sections, reflecting the key elements of the delivery cycle: analysis, planning, delivery and performance.




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Citizen Focus and Community Engagement - A Review of the Literature

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CLINKS supporting voluntary organisations that work with offenders and their families

Download 'Light Lunch', Clinks e-bulletin signposting infrastructure and frontline support to strengthen and develop the partnerships between the voluntary and community based organisations and the Prison and Probation services.

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