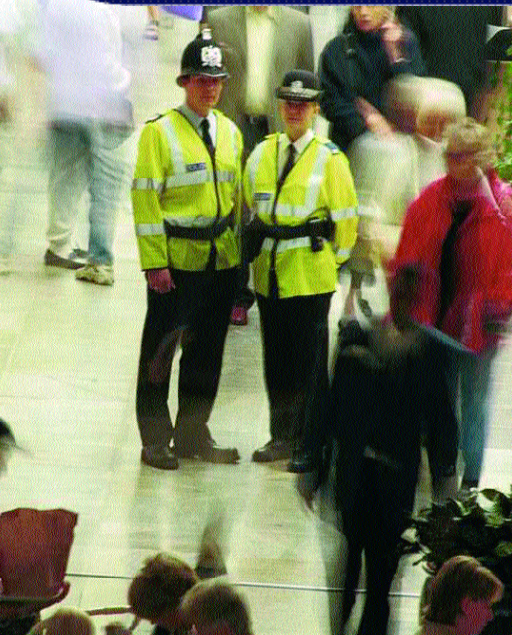


# SAFER Rushmoor NEWS

A publication of the Rushmoor Community Safety Partnership



## Rushmoor Community Safety Partnership

**The Community Safety Partnership has been working for a number of years to reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour to make Rushmoor a safer place to live, work and visit.**

It recognises that such problems cannot always be tackled by one organisation alone, so it brings together councils, the police, the fire and rescue service, voluntary groups and others to tackle community safety issues.

Every three years, the Partnership carries out detailed research and consultation on community safety and then uses the results to draw up a strategy and plan for action for the next three years.

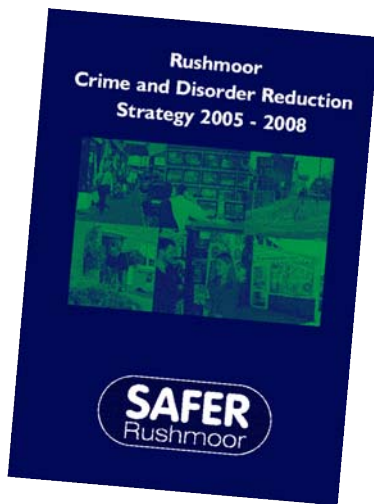
If you would like to comment on, or be part of the Partnership's work, please visit our website, [www.saferushmoor.com](http://www.saferushmoor.com), or use the feedback form on the back page.

## Building a safer Rushmoor

**Welcome to the first issue of the Rushmoor Community Safety Partnership newsletter.**

We know that building a safer community and tackling crime and disorder are important issues for the community. By producing this newsletter regularly, we hope to keep you informed about what is happening.

In particular, you will be able to read about the activities of the Community Safety Partnership; find out about crime and disorder and policing in the Borough and get practical tips on reducing and preventing crime. You will also be able to find out about the people working to build a safer community and how to contact them.



# Our work

**The Community Safety Partnership was set up in 1998 and has tackled a range of community safety issues since then. In the last year, this work has included:-**

- *Purchasing a community safety vehicle with on-board CCTV equipment. The vehicle provides a high visibility presence to help local police and is also supporting the Partnership's work in the local community.*

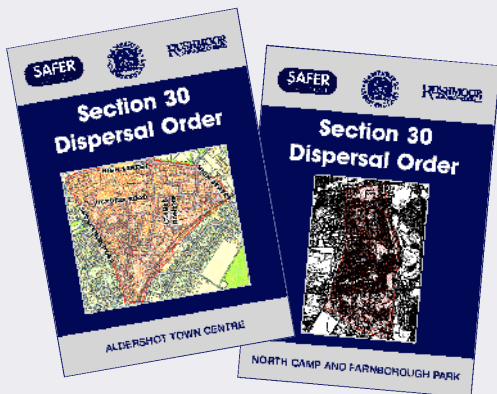


- *Developing a Prolific and Priority Offender Strategy to deal with the small number of criminals who carry out a large proportion of the total crime in the Borough.*
- *Giving financial support to Rushmoor Council's Park Rangers Service, which helps to make local parks and open spaces safer and more accessible.*



- *Appointing an anti-social behaviour specialist, who has helped to co-ordinate and develop work to tackle this difficult problem. The work has included using powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act, 2003 to:*

- *introduce 9 Dispersal Orders in Aldershot and Farnborough*
- *agree 48 Acceptable Behaviour contracts*
- *obtain 16 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders*
- *implement 8 Drug House Closure Orders*



- *Providing more facilities for young people to discourage them from becoming involved in criminal activity. This has included providing youth clubs and access to military sports facilities and supporting a youth worker with expertise in substance misuse.*



- *Carrying out a crime and disorder audit and preparing the 2005-08 Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy to provide the basis for future work.*

# Preparing the audit and strategy

**Our research into crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour and our consultation with residents has provided a lot of information on which to base our future work. The main results were:**

- Overall crime in Rushmoor is low compared with similar areas, but there are persistent problems with violent crime and criminal damage.
- Levels of crime and anti-social behaviour are most significant in Aldershot town centre and there is a direct link between the number of incidents and the night-time economy.
- A large proportion of crimes are committed by a relatively small number of offenders. In the case of young offenders, factors such as school truancy/exclusion, drug abuse, homelessness and youth unemployment are important.
- Many local people felt there is a lack of community spirit or connection within their own local area.
- Local people feel strongly that a safer community is directly related to the response from the police and other partnership agencies.

As a result of this work, the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2005-08 has four main aims. These are to:-

- reassure people by making them feel safer
- reduce the level of crime and disorder by 16.8% compared with 2003-04 levels
- reduce drug and alcohol related criminality
- reduce the number of young people committing crime and to support young victims of crime

# Plans for the year

The Community Safety Partnership has a programme of activities for the year which contribute to the three-year strategy. The actions during the year included:

- developing the Partnership website, [www.saferrushmoor.com](http://www.saferrushmoor.com)
- extending Rushmoor's CCTV system in King George V Playing Fields, Farnborough and in Aldershot town centre
- promoting and developing Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the Borough



- carrying out Crime Reduction and Environment Week events, like the one carried out at Mayfield in Farnborough in May 2005
- improving data collection and analysis of crime, disorder and criminal behaviour
- supporting the introduction of neighbourhood policing
- publicising local and national drug education and support services



# Community Safety Team

The Community Safety Partnership is supported by the Community Safety Team. The members of the team are:

**Bob Lampard**, *Community Safety Manager*

**Moray Henderson**, *Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator*

**Connie Fry**, *Community Safety Partnership Officer*

**Andrew Colver**, *Head of Democratic Services*

**Inspector Louise Clancy**, *Community Safety Inspector North East Hampshire Basic Command Unit*

## Rushmoor Borough Council

Council Offices  
Farnborough Road  
Farnborough  
Hampshire GU14 7JU

## Police

Rushmoor is served by the North East Hampshire Basic Command Unit. The Police can be contacted in the following ways:

## 999 - All emergencies

0845 045 4545 - Non-emergency/general enquiries  
postmaster@hampshire.pnn.police.uk  
www.hampshire.police.uk - useful information on contacting the Police

## Crimestoppers

Crimestoppers is an independent UK-wide charity working to stop crime. Crimestoppers works for you, your family and your community. Call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**. Just tell them what you know, not who you are.

## Community Safety Team

01252 398 175

www.saferushmoor.com

communitysafetyteam@rushmoor.gov.uk

## Enquiries, Complaints and Compliments

### Your contact details

Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

**Enquiry details** - Please give details of the matter you want to raise with us:

**Data Protection Act 1998** - Under the Data Protection Act, we must tell you that we will keep details of your complaint but we will not identify you on the details.

**Please return your completed form to:** Community Safety Team, Rushmoor Borough Council, Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough, Hampshire. GU14 7JU

**Or visit:** [www.rushmoor.gov.uk](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk) for an electronic version of this form.