



Bromley Community Engagement Forum

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BCEF UPDATE FOR THE SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP MEETING ON 15 DECEMBER 2011

1. **New Chairman:** On 30th November, Judith Cross left the BCEF (moving to South Africa) and Ian Smith takes over as the BCEF Chairman.
2. **30 Nov public meeting:** with 92 people in attendance. Presentations included:
 - i. Borough Commander Charles Griggs, Cllr Tim Stevens and Nigel Davies gave a joint presentation on the disorder events and the police/council response/update. An excellent presentation which we have received tremendous positive feedback. Members and visitors spoke highly about the information given and the update on the arrests/investigation.
 - ii. Magistrate presentation, explaining the sentencing process and how they reach their decisions. Presented by Roger White (Deputy Bench Chair for the South East) and Angela Wilder (Legal Team Manager).
3. **Youth Conference:** BCEF's fourth annual Youth Conference will be held on Friday 23 March 2012. All LBB State secondary schools will be invited to send six of their Year 8 students to attend. Currently identifying the three workshops to be held around community safety. Letters sent to schools via Children & Young People Department.
4. **Intergenerational Project:** We are working with Veneratio (Bethany Russell) to set up an intergenerational project between older and younger people to introduce teenagers to their older "neighbours" to ensure a better understanding on both sides of the issue. Teenagers need to understand and respect the feelings of the older generation, ie the feeling of intimidation just on sight of groups of youngsters, no matter how innocent. A lot of youths are unaware of the impact this can have. We will happily keep you updated on this project.
5. **Xmas campaign on safe travel** – poster attached, which is to be published in Newshopper and Biggin Hill News.