

# saferbromley news

Your online update on the Safer Bromley Partnership | Spring 2012

## Thanks!



When I took up the reins of the Safer Bromley Partnership again nearly a year ago, I said that one of my priorities was to thank members of the partnership

from key agencies, volunteers and Community leaders for their efforts over and above the call of duty to keep Bromley the, clean, pleasant, safe place that we all enjoy.

True to my word colleagues came together last month at the Safer Bromley Awards to honour our unsung heroes. I had great pleasure in introducing our new Police Borough Commander as she joined me in presenting the awards on the night. And what an emotional occasion it was too! The winners had no idea who had won until the night and the applause for every single one of them is still ringing in my ears. Well done to all – you deserved the recognition.

### Cllr Tim Stevens

Chairman, Safer Bromley Partnership



## saferbromley Awards

The proud award winners on the night

## Community Heroes honoured

### Last month's Safer Bromley Awards recognised our community champions for their selfless contribution to the borough.

Five winners in each of three categories were presented with trophies by Safer Bromley Partnership Chairman Cllr Tim Stevens and Police Borough Commander Steph Roberts.

Winners in the **Community Champions** category ranged from two young people from the sixth form of Darrick Wood Secondary School who worked closely with their local Safer Neighbourhood Team to represent young people and put forward fresh thinking on how to tackle antisocial behaviour to a local Reverend who has done so much for the homeless.



Community Champions

In the **Above and Beyond** category, the Council's CCTV department was recognised for its work during the disorder

to capture footage and close ups of the perpetrators. Other winners included a youth worker and a volunteer for victim support.

Awards for **Working Together** went to Plaistow, Sundridge and Bickley's Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant; Friends of Biggin Hill Parks; Ward Security who run Bromley's park dog handler team and the Glades Security team among others.



Working Together

Whether named as an award winner or not each and every person in the room was valued and recognised for their supreme efforts to keep Bromley such a clean and safe place for all to enjoy.

### Welcome to our new Police Borough Commander Steph Roberts



"It's with great pleasure that I take up the post of Borough Commander for

Bromley. Undoubtedly this is a high performing borough with a high public satisfaction rate and this clearly hasn't happened by accident - it is down to the professionalism, hard work and commitment of the people working here. Although this is a temporary post for me there will be no complacency and we need to continue to improve performance and keep those standards high. I have a vested interest in keeping the borough safe as a local resident and I feel strongly about local issues."



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## That's Life

**Young people from Bromley borough have had a real taste of what it is like to be part of an emergency services team during an intensive five-day course with London Fire Brigade funded by the Safer Bromley Partnership.**



They were put through their paces at Lee Green Fire Station in front of families and friends at a 'passing-out' demonstration following their participation in the Fire Brigade's demanding 'Life programme' which offers the opportunity to learn fire fighting skills alongside real fire fighters.

During the course, young people are given personal responsibility for the management and maintenance of a fire engine, firefighting equipment, the fire station and their own personal protective equipment. They also attended workshops on fire safety, first aid and the consequences of starting deliberate fires.

## More to mentoring

**More young people than ever will benefit from advice given by keen adult volunteers to the borough's mentoring programme thanks to extra support from the Safer Bromley Partnership.**

Sixty new mentors have signed up since the partnership announced extra funding last year. The process of matching them to groups of young people identified as at risk of developing anti-social behaviour is now under way. Mentoring acts as a positive diversion for young people to reduce such behaviour.

Jane Belding, who runs the programme for Bromley Council, said: "Mentors undergo police checks and rigorous training, but what is most important is that they are caring individuals who genuinely want to give back some of their life-skills and experience to young people who will benefit from this kind of guidance in their lives.

More information about the programme is available on the [Council's website](#)

## Rogue trader round up

Trading Standards have saved thousands of pounds of residents' money by intervening when they have been targeted by rogue traders.

If you see anything suspicious or are targeted yourself contact the team straight away.

Find out more **rogue traders**

**Trading Standards Rapid Response**  
**07903 852090**



## Man with a van

*"The carpenter was very nice - I feel a lot safer in my home."*

*"This service is vital - it may save someone's life"*

*"Thank you for your support - me and my son didn't expect it"*

Three comments from victims of crime who received upgrades to home security provided by the Safer Bromley Van. The Victim Support carpenter visits homes to fit locks, chains, spy holes and other crime prevention devices to make those who have suffered a crime in their home feel safe again.

If you need support following a crime contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team or Victim Support Bromley **020 8776 7071.**



## Get on site

Neighbourhood Watch is delighted to announce a brand new website which will provide a wealth of ideas, help and advice on staying safe in your local

neighbourhood.

London's volunteer representative Alfred Kennedy said: "Check out the site as it builds into a one-stop-shop resource for Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and householders throughout the borough.

Visit [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

## Clean sweep through crime and grime



Affinity Sutton and the local police safer neighbourhood team joined the Council's Public Protection team, Area Management and Park Rangers teams during a day long clean up on the Mountfield Estate

"I've agreed to support a number of multi-agency operations such as this to reduce complaints, improve hygiene and cleanliness and reduce crimes involving motor vehicles, arson and criminal damage, while enhancing the quality of life for residents," said Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Holder Cllr Tim Stevens.

During the day, the Council and Affinity Sutton washed 28 sq metres of graffiti and smoke damage and disposed of more than twelve lorry loads of rubbish and old furniture, 56 large sacks of litter, and even an entire mature tree trunk felled and concealed in an alleyway!