



SAFE & SOUND

Autumn 2013 Edition



NPT Community Safety News!!!

Current Campaigns

2013—2014

Posters for the Ospreys and Swans will be available in the next issue of Safe & Sound. The posters are promoting safety messages which are very popular and are an excellent engagement tool . Book your FREE copy now; please call the team on 01639-889161

Aberavon & District Schools under 15's have been granted £496 this September from the ECRB fund.

The team coach Mr Michael Dyer hopes that their grant from the ECRB will help the lads feel more like a team on & off the pitch and thanks the ECRB for their help

This could be your group, so why not apply NOW, for contact details please see page 2



Use Your Paw And Lock That Door Campaign

Use Your Paw



And Lock That Door

So Remember

Take Care of Your Valuables





Operation B.A.N.G.

Is a joint initiative with the Police, Fire Service & local Authority who are working in partnership to reduce Crime Anti-Social Behaviour and Arson.

The initiative will be running over the Halloween & bonfire festive season.

Young people are being asked to look out for the Pumpkin poster and if they see it in the window, then please don't knock the door.

If you require any or both of these FREE posters for your Shop, House, Business, Youth Clubs, Community groups, Church groups, Faith groups please contact the Community Safety team.

Tel: 01639-889161

Email:
communitysafety@npt.gov.uk

Web:
www.safernpt.org



Calendar of Events



September

Friday 6th	Neath College Fresher's Fair
Monday 10th	Afan College Freshers Fair
Friday 13th	Neath Fair
Monday 16th	Croeserw Community Enterprise centre opening
Friday 27th	Seven Sisters Community Hall

October

Tuesday 1st	Margam village Neighbourhood Watch Engagement day
Tuesday 1st	International Older persons day at Towers Hotel
Friday 4th	Neath Food Festival
Wednesday 9th	World Mental Health Day at Glyn Clydach Neath
Wednesday 16th	Neath Workingmens Club
Thursday 17th	St Agnes Church Port Talbot
Saturday 19th	Aberavon RFC Family Fun Day
Wednesday 23rd	Pontardawe Retail Park
Friday 25th	Liberty Stadium Swansea
Monday 28th	Morrison's Neath
Wednesday 30th	Aberavon Shopping Centre
Wednesday 30th	Aberavon Multi Use Game Area (MUGA)

November

Wednesday 13th	Castle Bingo Neath
Saturday 16th	Swansea Sparkle Event YMCA Swansea
Wednesday 20th	Schools Quiz at Port Talbot Cinema

Can you make it to one of the event dates above in your area.



Why not come along and meet members of the Community Safety Team

Its that time of year when your loved one's go off to university

October ~ Student Crime Prevention Advice



Every year students in halls of residence and rented accommodation suffer from burglaries because thieves see their homes as easy pickings. This is usually because security is poor and each person tends to have their own TV/video, stereo and/or computer - turning your home into an Aladdin's cave.



Remember to:-

- Postcode your property to reduce its value to the thief.
- Back up your files on the hard drive of your computer, phone or tablet.
- Download tracking software to laptops, mobiles or tablet devices so that they can be activated and traced if your property does ever go missing.
- Always lock all windows and doors when you're not home.
- Even when you are at home, lock windows and external doors in rooms you're not using.
- Put some of your lights on timers to come on when you are out, keep blinds or curtains closed to prevent people looking inside.
- Never leave communal doors open and never let someone you don't recognise into the communal area of your building.
- Register all your property including electronic equipment, bikes and anything else of value on the national property database www.immobilise.com. It can help us to identify stolen property and arrest thieves.
- Report anything suspicious you see in your neighbourhood by calling 101.
- If you see a crime in progress call 999
- Operate a "clean car policy" - put everything out of sight. Make sure there is nothing that makes your car's contents look more attractive than others in the area - a thief only has seconds to make a decision.



For further enquires relating to Student Crime Prevention please contact;

Mary P Williams

01639-889178



The Big Move

The Community Safety team are due to move out of their current home at Port Talbot Police Station some time during mid November.

The teams that will be relocated under the community safety department are;

- Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Co-Ordinator
- Domestic Abuse Co-Ordinator
- Community Safety Manager
- Community Safety Core Team
- Community Safety Engagement Officer
- Neighbourhood Watch Chairperson
- NPT Homes Anti-Social Behaviour Casework Team
- Crime Prevention Team (Police)
- Hate Crimes Officers (Police)
- Engagement PCSO's (Police)



Will anything change?

- The people in the current teams will remain in their respective teams.
No Change.
- The phone numbers, emails addresses, and web sites will remain the same.
No Change.
- The teams new home will be based at the Neath Police station opposite the Neath Civic Centre.
- **This is the only change that we will foresee.**

For further information or advice on any of the campaigns or projects mentioned in the Community Safety News please contact Sian Morris on 01639 889161 or e mail s.morris@npt.gov.uk



FUNDING

Youth Related Projects



West Glamorgan Crimebeat Fund

This fund is available for young people, schools and youth groups who require funding to undertake a Crime Prevention or diversionary project.

The aim of the fund is to help local groups to set up initiatives providing local solutions to local problems and encouraging young people to 'be part of the Solution.

The maximum grant for each application is **£500** and application packs are available from the Community Safety Team or can be completed on line at www.westglamorgancrimebeat.org

If you require any further information or guidance then please call the team

Community Safety Fund

This fund is available for community based groups, community police officers or P.C.S.O's to apply for financial assistance towards the costs of projects involving young people.

The young people must not be currently taking part in any community or diversionary activities and must want to achieve a higher interest and to increase the number of young people who attend.

The maximum grant for each application is **£500** *New and Innovative projects are especially welcomed.*

Application forms can be down loaded from www.safernpt.org



Voluntary Organisations Project

This fund is available for voluntary organisations to apply for funding with their projects that support the Safer Neath Port Talbot Community Safety aims and objectives.

The maximum grant for each application is **£1,000** It is important that the project be carried out in partnership with other agencies.

Website /Twitter/Facebook

The Safer Neath Port Talbot Community Safety website is now up and running and the website holds a host of information and is updated on a regular basis . The site has information on Crime Prevention, Fire safety, Neighbourhood Watch, Funding, News and Events and an up to date list of all PACT meetings in your area.

Please Visit: www.safernpt.org

The Safer NPT Twitter account has gone live from the beginning of September and we will be sending Tweets out on a daily basis.

Follow us on: [@Saferneathpt](https://twitter.com/Saferneathpt)

Due to popular demand we have been asked to have a Facebook page to run along side the Twitter account as are just as many people on Facebook who want to access information through their choice of social media.

Like us on Facebook: [Safer Neath Port Talbot](https://www.facebook.com/SaferNeathPortTalbot)



FEEL SAFE SCHEME



Do you feel unsafe in your home?
Would you benefit from extra security?

Are you Eligible?

- over 65 years of age?
- Single Parent?
- Disabled?
- Victim of domestic burglary?
- Victim of domestic abuse?
- In receipt of Income Support

Did you answer yes to one of the above questions, then call us for information regarding this **Free** service on 01639-889161

You will also be offered advice, information and practical help to prevent you from becoming a victim of crime.

On the findings of our crime prevention survey you may be offered Free:-

- Door bars or Door chains
- Security locks
- Sash jammers & Window locks
- Post coding kits

Contact Mary P Williams on 01639-889178

NOTE: The Feel Safe Scheme only has funding until March 2014 and will not be available after this date, so please apply now to avoid any disappointment.

Call Sian Morris: 01639-889161



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Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

FREE home fire safety check and **FREE** smoke alarms are available from your local Fire and Rescue Service call **0800 169 1234** or visit

www.mawwfire.gov.uk



How Safe are your valuables?

Have you used an Ultra Violet pen to protect you valuables?

Do you use Lanyards on your purse / handbag?

Do you leave a low energy light bulb on in your house when your out?

Have you had a crime prevention survey?



COMMUNITY SAFETY PACKS

Stop Cold Caller Packs

How do you deal with unwanted cold callers at your door?

How do you deal with unwanted callers on your telephone?

Unfortunately these days not everyone who knocks on your door or rings you on the telephone are who they seem, or who they say they are. However there are steps you can take to stop becoming a victim of rogue traders, distraction burglars, fraud and scam phone callers. The Community Safety Team in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch have put together a comprehensive **FREE** pack dealing with both these issues.

Property Marking Packs

This pack provides everything required to mark and log property which can be an invaluable record if property is lost or stolen.

The pack includes

- Permanent UV marker pen
- A set of tamper proof labels
- High visibility warning sticker
- Full Instructions and advice on marking your property
- Record card for recording your property
- Mobile phone sock

Personal Safety Packs

The Community Safety Team have put together a personal safety pack for women to help them stay safe from opportunist and violent crime such as purse theft, handbag snatching, and domestic abuse.

The pack will be personalised to the specific needs of the individual following a professional and confidential assessment with the Community Safety Officer.

**To order your pack please contact the
Community Safety Team on 01639 889163**



Afan Tawe Nedd Neighbourhood Watch Assosiation

Chairpersons Autumn Newsletter 2013



Now that the holiday season is almost over, life gets back to normality and the problems of everyday work. Enormously refreshed we are ready to tackle the tasks that lie ahead, and I have been reviewing the events of the last year and what we face in the future. As part of my responsibility to our President I have to sustain and grow Neighbourhood Watch, and this is becoming difficult for the following reasons:

- The demographics of the members are getting older, and unless we are able to recruit younger members the Watch will quietly run down and then it will be missed.
- Too much of the work load is having to be carried by a very small number of people, and members will have to more active in the running of the watch. Any ideas or contribution how this can happen will be much appreciated.

October's quarterly meeting will be most important. Anti Social behaviour, which affects all of us will be the subject of a presentation by the Anti Social Behaviour Team at the Police station. This will give us a clear insight as to what can be done to reduce the problem from both the Police's and a Landlord's point of view. This should be an excellent evening so please turn out to support us and make your contribution to the debate.

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WE NEED YOU

