



Our Crime Reduction Partnership

Issue 3  
Winter

EAST READING  
SAFER COMMUNITY FORUM

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## Safer Reading Partnership Cracks Down on Under-Age Drinking

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*The Safer Reading Partnership has endorsed the PASS card project, which is a national, proof-of-age standards scheme. Retailers are being advised to adopt a policy of “No PASS, no sale.”*

*Holding a card with the PASS hologram, enables young adults to provide proof of age without having to carry valuable documents such as passports.*

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### “No PASS, No Sale!”

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*This is just part of the strategy to combat drug & alcohol problems across Reading, & it is hoped it will also go some way towards tackling the problems of anti-social behaviour & criminal damage associated with under-age drinking. Other measures include the development of a youth outreach team that offers diversionary activities for young people, & encourages them in to training & enterprise projects.*

*Details of PASS accredited cards can be found at <http://www.homeoffice.gov>.*

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## Project Updates

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### Kingsgate St/Rupert Sq Car Park

Safer Reading has approved a project for upgrades to the lighting at the Orts Rd end of Kingsgate St & lighting in the Rupert Square car park. This will reduce the fear of crime & discourage ASB & drug-related activities.

### Cardigan Gardens Gating

The gate will prevent rear access to properties, thus helping to reduce burglary & criminal damage. It will also prevent people from hiding in the alley for other anti-social activity.

### Burglary Packs

There is to be a repeat of the successful anti-burglary campaign that was run in East Reading last year. Student properties are a popular target & this was highlighted at the University Security Awareness week in October.

### Environment Services

The streetcare team has recently, been given greater power to enforce the law against fly-tipping & litter, & they can issue £50 fines for littering & graffiti, with unlimited fines & up to 5 years in jail for fly-tipping.

To report environmental crimes Tel: 0800 834 035

If you use “a man & a van”, to clear your rubbish, make sure it is being disposed of legally. If it is fly-tipped, you will not only be paying him, but will pay the clean up costs through your council tax, & you could also be prosecuted.

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**Reporting problems in your area enables us to act more effectively. For the right number to call, see list on back page.**

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**We are keen to hear about any crime & disorder issues that are affecting your community.**

**Please contact us on saferreading@reading.gov.uk**

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**To report Anti-social behaviour in your area you  
can now call the ASB Actionline  
Tel: 0845 605 2222**

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**Dates for Your Diary.**

**East Reading Safer Community Forum dates:**

Wed 15 Mar 2005 at 7.00 pm

**Safer Reading Campaign meeting dates:**

Tues 11 Apr 2006 at 6.30 pm. Civic Offices

**Police Surgeries:**

The Arch, Cemetery junction (see notice board)  
Rupert Square Information Shop, twice a month

**Councillor Surgeries:**

Details from Councillor services at the Civic offices  
Tel: 0118 939 0287/8

**Residents' Association Meetings:**

Details from the RFTRA office, Tel: 0118 939 0055

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**The effectiveness of the Safer Reading Campaign relies on  
community involvement. We therefore welcome people  
wanting to represent their local group at the forums.  
Tel: 0118 939 0900 Ext 4257 for more information**

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## Useful Contacts

SAFER COMMUNITIES NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT OFFICER

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| CRIMESTOPPERS                            | 0800 555 111   |
| NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH                      | 0118 953 6250  |
| POLICE                                   | 0845 8 505 505 |
| VICTIM SUPPORT                           | 0800 174 805   |
| RACIAL HARASSMENT HOTLINE                | 0800 174 805   |
| ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACTIONLINE         | 0845 6052222   |
| COUNCILLORS                              | 0118 939 0287  |
| GROUND FLOOR YOUTH PROVISION             | 0118 9667273   |
| YOUTH CENTRE                             | 0118 901 5630  |
| POSITIVE FUTURES                         | 0118 901 5743  |
| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (LISA HARRIS)      | 0118 901 5636  |
| RUPERT Sq INFORMATION SHOP (IMKE WILSON) | 0118 935 3594  |
| REFUSE COLLECTION                        | 0800 834 035   |
| BULKY WASTE/WHEELIE BINS                 | 0800 834 035   |
| RECYCLING                                | 0800 626 540   |
| GRASS AND TREES                          | 0800 626 540   |
| STREET LIGHTING                          | 0800 626 540   |
| TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT                       | 0800 626 540   |
| ROAD SAFETY (INC. PARKING)               | 0800 626 540   |
| ABANDONED VEHICLES                       | 0118 939 0243  |
| NOISE NUISANCE                           | 0800 626 540   |
| STREET WARDENS                           | 0118 939 0036  |
| GRAFFITI                                 | 0800 626 540   |
| NEEDLE HOTLINE                           | 0800 626 540   |
| FRANK (DRUGS ADVICE LINE)                | 0800 776 600   |
| SOLVE IT (SOLVENT ABUSE LINE)            | 01536 510010   |
| HANDYVAN SCHEME (HELP THE AGED)          | 01255 473999   |
| PACT                                     | 0118 938 7600  |
| HOUSING                                  | 0118 939 0161  |
| BERKSHIRE WOMEN'S AID                    | 0118 950 4003  |
| CROSSING BRIDGES                         | 0118 959 7333  |
| SAHARA                                   | 0118 950 8378  |

**IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 999**

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**For further information please visit**

**[www.reading.gov.uk](http://www.reading.gov.uk) and click on Community Safety**

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