



# SAFER News from the Community Safety Partnership GLOUCESTER

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## Paws on Patrol - back May 7th !

Paws on Patrol is returning to Gloucester Park on Saturday 7th May 2016!

The event will start at 12 noon and will feature our fabulous Paws on Patrol mascots Police attack dog Ace and search dog Holly and their colleagues and handlers to show off their skills and how they work so hard to keep us safe.



We are delighted to welcome the return to the arena of Meirion Owen and the Quack Pack from Carmarthenshire. Meirion is a very accomplished and well respected sheepdog handler who started sheepdog trialling at the age of nine. He has won many trials including the Welsh National Sheepdog Championship and appears regularly on television appearing on the BBC's "One Man and His Dog", "Countryfile" and "The One Show".

On 7th May Meirion will be demonstrating the amazing talents of his sheepdogs who will guide a herd of Indian Runner ducks around a course that includes tunnels, slides and pens. His demonstrations are informative, educational and highly entertaining. They are interactive, allowing hands-on audience participation.



The bookings are arriving from businesses and local charities who are eager to attend this ever popular event—keep an eye on the Safer Gloucester website for details as it is being updated regularly.

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**Save the date—**

**7th May 2016**

**in Gloucester Park:**

**Safer Gloucester Presents**

**Paws on Patrol**



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## City's New Cameras Keep Us Safe

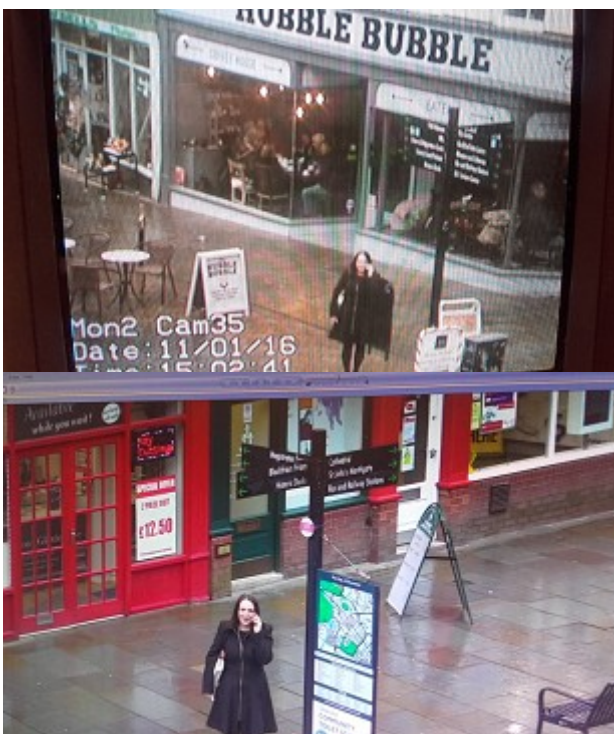
Working in partnership with BT, the Gloucester City Council rolled out the new CCTV cameras in September 2015, as part of an upgrade project with the installation of free Wi-Fi and improved 4G connectivity in the city centre

The upgrades saw 50 new high-definition CCTV cameras installed in the heart of the city centre and Gloucester Park, along with a new camera control room.

One of the major benefits of the new camera system is the improvement to image quality, as well as 360 degree movement capabilities, which allows camera operators to follow suspects as they move through the streets.

Following a number of successes, Police chiefs praised the new CCTV system as being a decisive part in the prosecutions.

PC Mark Mansfield, licensing officer for the city, said; "It's stunning. This CCTV is crystal clear, not like the pixelated images of old. Night time is now like daytime thanks to these facilities. They're already helping us identify people linked to incidents and I'm sure will help us get results we wouldn't have otherwise got in the future."



Councillor Jennie Dallimore, cabinet member for communities and neighbourhoods, (pictured with an old camera above and new camera below), said; "When we put the new CCTV systems in place in September, we wanted to make sure people that are working, studying, shopping or socialising in the city felt safe on our streets.

"These state of the art systems help to keep crime levels low and improve safety in Gloucester by acting as a deterrent to any potential criminals.

"We want Gloucester to be a safe and welcoming place for people to live, work and visit. Working alongside the Police, we're helping to make that a reality."

## Safer Internet Day—9th February

Safer Gloucester will be working to promote safer internet use for all. The top tips for Safer Social Networking can be downloaded from the Safer Gloucester website <http://goo.gl/V5sWtc>

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre also have some really useful advice for children young people, parents and teachers—[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) . They have a You Tube Channel with a new resource "Nude Selfies - What Parents and Carers need to know" helping parents to understand why young people create and share nude images.

## Drug and Alcohol Awareness

Safer Gloucester will be joining Turning Point to share advice on how to stay safe when using Gloucester's vibrant night time economy.

Turning Point will also be joining us at several community events throughout the summer with advice on substance misuse and harm reduction—check events at [www.safergloucester.co.uk](http://www.safergloucester.co.uk) .

To find out more about Turning Point's services see <http://www.turning-point.co.uk/>

## Restorative Gloucestershire

Restorative Gloucestershire is a group of statutory, non-statutory and voluntary sector partners who have joined together with the aim of offering all people who come into contact with the Criminal Justice System, or who come into conflict in the community, an opportunity to participate in a restorative intervention.

Restorative justice is a process by which offenders can communicate with their victims and agree a resolution rather than going through the courts. This often involves a face to face meeting and is designed to help the victim achieve closure on the incident and for the offender to empathise with the victim as well as to accept responsibility for their actions and apologise. In theory any crime can be at least partially resolved by means of restorative justice or community resolution as it is sometimes known.

The victims of the crime have to agree to undertake the process and can be given compensation by the offender as a way of resolving the crime.

Restorative practice can involve both proactive approach to preventing harm and conflict and activities that repair harm where conflicts have already arisen.

Where the latter is required, a facilitated restorative meeting can be held. This enables individuals and groups to work together to improve their mutual understanding of an issue and jointly reach the best solution. In many cases, a less formal approach, based on restorative principles, may be appropriate.

Restorative practice supports people to recognise that all of their activities affect others and that people are responsible for their choices and actions and can be held accountable for them. It enables people to reflect on how they interact with each other and consider how best to prevent harm and conflict.



## Volunteer Restorative Practice Facilitators Needed in Gloucestershire

ARE YOU A GOOD LISTENER, NON JUDGEMENTAL AND A FAIR MINDED PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

Please contact: [contactus@restorativegloucestershire.co.uk](mailto:contactus@restorativegloucestershire.co.uk)

## Project Argus Training

In December, Safer Gloucester hosted a multi media terrorist attack simulation that allowed licensees from the night time economy to consider decisions about what they and their staff might need to do in helping to prevent and survive a terrorist attack, or other catastrophe like flooding, fire, explosions or major disaster.

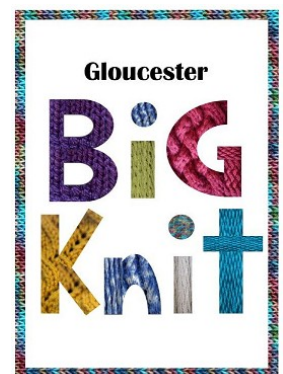
This training is to be repeated for retailers in the city centre at 9am on Tuesday February 9th. Invitations have been sent to the city centre shops but is open to any retailers in the city. The event is free to attend but bookings do need to be made by telephone: 01452 396984 or email: [cdpartnership@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:cdpartnership@gloucester.gov.uk) . Bookings will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

## Do You Have Any Spare Wool?

The big Knit is a group of people who meet at 12 noon each Friday at the Guildhall Arts Centre to enjoy knitting.

In 2015 the Big Knit knitters created over 300 items which were donated to local charities.

Their success means that they are now short of wool in order to continue. If you have any spare wool, please take it to the Guildhall and place it in the wheelie bin at the top of the stairs.



## Gloucester Best Bar None 2015

Each year Best Bar None hosts a national awards ceremony at the House of Lords, inviting the coordinators and winners from each active scheme.



A series of awards are presented at this event and Gloucester (who accredited 15 new premises in the first year,) has reached the finals in the Best New Scheme category.

The first stages of the judging was completed by Kate Nicholls (CEO of the ALMR and BBN Board Director), and Katie Mackie (External Corporate Affairs Manager for Molson Coors, one of BBN's headline sponsors) and then Robert Humphreys (BBN Chair), Cmdr. Simon Letchford of the Metropolitan Police (NPCC Alcohol lead), and Sue Brown, a journalist with the Mail on Sunday, met to make the final decision as to who will be winning the Best Overall Scheme award, The Best New Scheme award and the Most Innovative Scheme award.

The reception will take place on 2nd February and will be attended by the scheme winners, coordinators and adjudication panel.

## Designated Driver Scheme

Safer Gloucester was pleased to support the Licensed Victualler's Association (LVA) who promoted a "Designated Driver Scheme" throughout December. If a group of people visited a licensed premises and one



member of the group had agreed to be the designated driver, showing the bar staff their keys, they were offered free soft drinks throughout the evening. Several members of the Licensed Victualler's Association took part in the scheme in December and some have continued the good will gesture into the New Year. It is worth asking

the bar staff if you are the Designated Driver on a night out in Gloucester.

## Knife Crime Concerns

On 16<sup>th</sup> December, 81 members of the community came together to take part in the conversation "how can we create a Gloucester where everyone feels safe?"

Safer Gloucester hosted the event following an event held by residents to discuss their concerns of knife and weapon related crime in the City, but also focussing on community safety as a whole.

The event was facilitated by Cormac Russell to



introduce an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach to the concerns raised. ABCD focuses on

"what's strong" rather than "what's wrong" in communities and is a way for residents to identify their assets and use them to be part of the solutions to issues that affect their area.

A city map was covered in suggestions of local assets that could help be part of solutions. At the end of the night, attendees were asked to make a pledge that could help to increase the community's safety and incorporate more young people in the conversation. 50 suggestions were received from attendees who will be invited to explore those ideas further in one to one conversations.

We will also contact more young people to invite them to participate and be part of the overall solutions to residents' concerns.

The next community conversation will be held in April (to be confirmed after consultation with the community) and will see residents and agencies alike updating on what they have done and how we can work together to overcome crime and the fear of crime in our City.

Additionally, in response to public requests, the Police launched a knife surrender on 18th January. If you, or anyone you know, has knives or weapons that they can be encouraged to dispose of, they can be taken to Barton Street Police Station and placed in a secure bin without being asked personal details or any details about the knife.