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#### Paws on Patrol is Back!!

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

The event will build on the success of previous years and we are delighted to welcome the return of our beloved Police Dogs demonstrating their skills in how they protect us on a daily basis, Meirion Owen and his Collie sheep dogs herding Indian Runner Ducks and LGAgility, all performing in the arena.

Not to mention our novelty Dog Show—it's free to enter and great fun too. It's not Crufts but all the dogs are beautiful in their own way with categories of: The Cutest Pup, Golden Oldie, Prettiest Female, Most Handsome Male and Best Rescue. All the winners are automatically entered into the Best In Show.

The event will be opened at 12 noon by the Right Worshipful Mayor of Gloucester, Sebastian Field and the timetable for the afternoon is as follows:

- 12.15 Police Dog Display including Paws on Patrol mascots Ace and Holly and their friends Ellie, Stella and newly qualified Quest
- 13.10 Dog Agility Display LG Agility
- 13.45 The Quack Pack entertaining display of trained sheepdogs herding Indian Runner **Ducks**

🏶 15.00 Free to enter Novelty Dog Show

4 16.00 The Quack Pack

🏶 16.30 Police Dog Display

And if you don't like dogs, there are lots of fun activities to enjoy, including lots of interesting stalls—see page 2 for more details—barbeque, icecreams, bouncy castles, face painting, archery and football, including the exciting bubble football where you are harnessed into an inflated ball with your legs sticking out to allow you to run around it's great fun!





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#### Paws on Patrol 2016

Currently the stands and attractions to be found at Paws on Patrol on 7th May are:

- Safer Gloucester
- Police Dog Section with Paws Mascots Ace and Holly
- Gloucester Police Fingerprinting
- ◆ The Quack Pack
- The Lady and The Tramp Grooming Salon and Spa
- Doggie Photobooth
- Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service
- ◆ Serve On Rescue Service
- Aston Project and Great Expectations
- ◆ LG Agility
- Barking Bistro and Bakery
- Cheltenham Animal Shelter with Have a Go Agility
- Dogs Body Canine Massage Therapy
- Dogs For Good
- Kidney Research
- SPA Veterinary
- The Kennel Club
- Victim Support
- Lead on Pets
- PAT Therapy Charity and Space Dogs
- Lifelink/Handylink
- First4Castles Inflatables
- T Cup Rides and Games
- Guide Dogs for the Blind
- ◆ Teckels Animal Sanctuary
- Rileys German Shepherd Dog Rescue
- ◆ RSPCA
- Sassy Pets Accessories
- Rainbow's Facepainting
- Kingfisher Treasure Seekers
- Gloucester Samaritans
- Acers Pets
- Brandon Trust
- Friendship Café Barbeque
- Friendship Café Archery
- Increase the Peace
- ◆ Tigers Together/MY:UK Football Tournament
- ◆ J M Sports Events Bubble Football
- Sue Ryder Jams and Pickles

- ◆ Turning Point
- South West German Dog Rescue
- Angel Treasure Trove
- Charlie's Community Cancer Support
- James Hopkins Trust
- 2gether NHS Mental Health Foundation Trust
- Tartaglia's Ice Cream
- Vale Wildlife Hospital
- Utility Warehouse
- Secret Garden Nursery
- Vets4Pets

.....and keep checking for more updates—it promises to be a great day!

If you have any friends or relatives who are not members of Paws on Patrol, please encourage them to come along on 7th May and become a Patroller!



## **Competition Time**

Safer Gloucester held a competition for local children to design their own Hero Dog and send their interpretations for judging in order to win a place in the arena on 7th May to assist the Police Dog Handlers command the Police Dogs.



Our picture shows Sam, Joe, Holly and Allison working hard on their entries for the Hero Dog competition whilst at Charlie's Children's Holiday Activity Group.

## Stop Loan Sharks!

A loan shark lends money illegally.

They are illegal because:

- All lenders must be licensed by the Office of Fair Trading. Loan sharks are not.
- All lenders have government agreed standards for money collection. Loan sharks do not.
- Legally all loans must have paperwork outlining charges, the amount you borrowed and the amount you need to repay. Loan sharks do not provide this.

How can you tell if you have borrowed money from a loan shark?

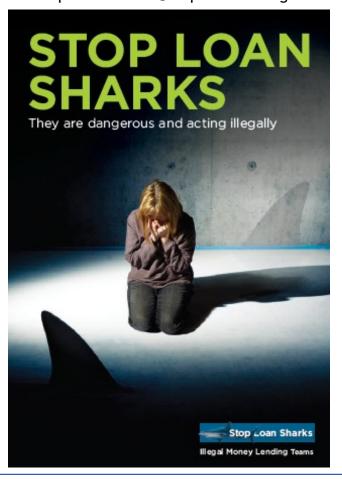
Loan sharks often:

- Take your benefit or bank card as security on the loan
- Don't tell you when you will finish paying
- Increase the amount you owe even if you are making regular payments
- Threaten or use violence to get money from you

If you have borrowed money from a loan shark, you haven't broken the law—they have. To report them in confidence:

Call 0300 555 222

Text 'loan shark' and details to 60003 Email reportloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk



### **City Safe Birthday Celebrations**

On 1st May 2016, City Safe will celebrate the second anniversary of its launch. This is a significant milestone for the scheme because it is now self-financing, which was the requirement of the Police and Crime Commissioner in 2014 when funding over 2 years was awarded to City Safe.

There are currently 130 members: 110 in Gloucester and 20 in Stroud. City Safe works with local licensees and traders to use "Yellow Cards" to deal with anti social behaviour in the city centre. If anyone is given 2 yellow cards they are automatically "Red Carded" and banned from entering any member premises for 12 months.

In the last two years, 867 yellow cards have been issued and 108 people excluded. At the present time, there are 87 people excluded.



# **Spring Gardening**

Spring has arrived, together with the spring flowers, blossom and lighter evenings.

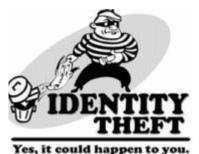
As we venture out into the garden again, please remember that burglars are often opportunists, gaining entry to our homes through open doors or windows. Remember to keep them locked, especially the front door when you are in the back garden.

Always close and lock your downstairs and easy reach windows when you go to bed or pop out - even for a short while.

Also, make sure you always secure your gardening tools and ladders inside your shed or garage when they are finished with. Unsecured, they can be used as tools to break into your home.

## **Protect Your Identity**

Remember—recycle your waste paper not your personal details.
Unwanted mail, credit offers and bills all contain enough data about you to potentially steal your identity.
Shred it! Tear it! Protect it! Recycling is good but keep it safe.



#### **News From The Street Pastors**

Gloucester Street Pastors celebrated their 6th birthday at their Annual General Meeting on 4th March. Alastair Sammon, the organisation's Chair, reported that in 2015/16, the Street Pastors had helped 873 people, given out 365 pairs of flip flops and 334 bottles of water, and picked up 2,178 bottles left lying around that could have been picked up and used as weapons.

Most of the help went to vulnerable people who had consumed too much alcohol. The Street Pastors sobered them up with time and water, got them up on their feet, phoned a friend or a relative, got them to a taxi, or accompanied them home.

They diffused aggressive situations, usually by waiting around where they could be clearly seen by those involved and were even told by one young woman that she felt that their presence had prevented her from being raped.

Safer Gloucester would like to extend its gratitude to all the street pastors who voluntarily give of their time to patrol the centre of Gloucester on Friday and Saturday nights.







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#### **PCC Elections**

The Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner Elections are on 5th May 2016 alongside the local council elections. Candidates are:

Barry Kirby-Labour

Martin Surl—Independent (Current PCC) Will Windsor-Clive—Conservative