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 Safer Stockton Partnership  
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Please find below the list of press releases for the period from 6<sup>th</sup> March to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. Copies of the full articles are available from the Community Safety Team.






DATE IN NEWS	MEDIA TYPE	ARTICLE TITLE	BRIEF DETAILS	SERVICES MENTIONED	
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Project helped shield kiddies'	At least five children on Teesside have been saved from potential sex attacks thanks to a ground-breaking offender disclosure scheme. The child sex offender review was launched in the Stockton district last September in a bid to help people protect children from paedophiles.	SBC, Police	
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Minimum booze price 'unlikely' '	Demands for minimum prices to be imposed on alcohol were being backed by the Government's chief medical officer today-but ministers are already retreating from the idea. The plan could double the cost of some beverages and shops would be required to charge at least 50p per unit for drinks. The department of health indicated there was little prospect of the proposal being adopted while households were being squeezed by the recession.	Health, Government	


March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Gazette	'A thief from the age of 12'	Derek Lowe, 35 of Delstrother Avenue Stockton has been jailed again, after 23 years of shoplifting. Lowe usually went shoplifting when he was drunk and had 124 convictions for 432 offences dating back to 1986. His ASBO has been breached 10 times in the past 12 months after it was imposed in March 2007 to run until 2012.	SBC, Courts, ASB Team.	
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	The Northern Echo	'Inquiry launched after body found'	An investigation is under way after the body of a woman was found by bin men. The woman, who is believed to be in her 30's, was found in Newtown Avenue, near Bedford Street, Stockton, at about 8:45am, yesterday.	Police	
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Man died of electric shock in his home'	A man found dead in his Thornaby flat has probably been electrocuted an inquest has heard. Stephen Mitchell Scott, 44, was found at the flat on Holbeck Walk, in Thornaby, on September 4, last year.	Police	
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Day of reckoning'	More than 100 police officers swooped on homes across Teesside early today in a crackdown on suspected major players in the drug world. A convoy of 15 police vans left Cleveland Police Headquarters in Middlesbrough today to deliver an early morning wake up call to suspend dealers. Police Strike teams smashed down front doors at seven houses in the Norton Grange area of Stockton at 7.30am as part of Operation Stockholm.	Police	


March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Kids and boozing'	Nearly three-quarters of Teesside youngsters quizzed about their drinking habits said they parents knew they drank alcohol, and claimed that family or parents were involved in buying them alcohol. Around 200 Billingham pupils in years 6, 8 and 10 gave their views in Ofsted's annual TellUs3 survey. Young people's drug and alcohol services on Teesside are now backing a government drive to provide clear messages to parents and teenagers on the health effects and risks of drinking alcohol.	DAAT	
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	The Northern Echo	'Six arrests as police raid homes in drugs crackdown'	Six people were arrested as more than 100 officers raided in a town yesterday in a crackdown on suspected drug dealers. Men ages 18,19,24 and 26 were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply heroin, and man aged 20 and a woman ages 23 were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply crack cocaine in the dawn raids in Stockton	Police	
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Man is fined for breach of pub ASBO'	Stephen Champley 27, was fined yesterday for setting foot into two forbidden pubs. He was banned from Thornaby pubs in the PubWatch scheme under a two year Anti –Social Behaviour Order. He was fined £100	Police	


March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Gazette	'It's the courts duty to protect officers'	'Cleveland police federation branch chairman Stephen Matthews spoke out after Thomas William Oliver, 50, avoided a jail sentence for attacking a police horse and its rider, at Teesside Crown Court last week. A community order for 18 months with a supervision requirement and attendance to the 'Think First' programme was imposed.	Police	
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Care home worker is accused of neglecting the elderly'	Aurora Petre, 33 has appeared in court accused of neglecting vulnerable elderly people in Billingham Grange care centre. Petre has been charged with ill-treating or willingly neglecting four female residents who lacked, or whom she reasonably believed to lack, mental capacity.	Police	
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Keep close eye on kids'	Parents in Ingleby Barwick are being urged to curb the behaviour of their hell-raising children. Ingleby Barwick Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT), has noted an increasing number of disruptive youths congregating in large groups on the estate.	Police	
April edition	NSCN News	'Have you got a drink problem?'	Stockton Borough Councils Community Safety Team's award winning Think B4 U Drink campaign is asking men at work to recognise the potential dangers of regular 'weekday' drinking. 'Men at Work' campaign is to be launched this April.	SBC	

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Hartlepool Mail	'Bad behaviour man given a five year ASBO'	A 45 year old man has been given a 5 year ASBO. Michael Boyes was handed the ASBO after Stockton Borough Council's anti-social behaviour team applied to Teesside Magistrates' Court following a long series of anti-social behaviour complaints.	ASB Team, Courts SBC	
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Northern Echo	'Five- year ASBO for drugs offender'	A man has been given a five-year anti-social behaviour order following a series of drug offences. Paul Thompson,52, whose last known address was in Durham Road, Stockton, is prohibited from behaving in a manner which is likely to cause harm or distress to others and from supplying drugs, prescription or otherwise, unless in a medical emergency.	ASB Team, SBC	
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Lessons in knife crime'	Teenagers are to learn the brutal truth about the dangers of carrying knives in a series of workshops for schools. The first took place at Northfield school in Billingham yesterday.		
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Attack charge pair in court'	Two men aged 23 and 24 were charged at Teesside magistrates court with wounding with intent. The attack took place on Yarm lane in Stockton just before 3am on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Police	
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Gazette	'New place for kids to hang'	Youngsters in Thornaby have a brand new place to 'hang around'. The new hanger youth facility has come to function after more than a years work of planning and designing by Stockton Borough Council youth service and local young people	SBC, youth services	

April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Yob attack on our park'	Vandals have attacked a rejuvenated park in Thornaby spoiling the fun of youngsters on their Easter holidays damage is estimated at thousands of pounds.	SBC- Care for Your Area	
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Drink posters'	Teesside blokes are to be targeted in a new poster campaign that highlights how regular boozing can affect well being	SBC	
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Northern Echo	'Safer streets'	Stockton Borough Council's cabinet has formally accepted the recommendations of a scrutiny review of neighbourhood policing, Neighbourhood Watch and CCTV which will include crime prevention advice and positive information about crime statistics on its Ringmaster telephone service.	SBC, Police	
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Drugs raids lead to arrests'	Six young men were today arrested in the final phase of a massive clampdown on drug dealing in Stockton. More than 100 officers were deployed in a series of dawn raids targeting suspected major players in the Teesside drugs trade.	Police	
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Evening Gazette	'Seventh man arrested after drugs raids'	Police have now arrested seven suspected drug dealers targeted in the Tilery area of Stockton yesterday in raids which fell under the Cleveland's Force's ongoing Operation Sabre.	Police	

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