










Agenda Item No: 16  
 Safer Stockton Partnership  
 15 December 2009

Please find below the list of press releases from SSP for the period of the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 09 – 1<sup>st</sup> December 09 Copies of the full articles are available from the Community Safety Team.

Press releases sent by Stockton agencies:



Service:	Date sent to Comms dept:	Feature date:	Media type:	Article title:	Brief Details:	Provides reassurance?	
CFYA	unknown	26/10/09	Evening Gazette, Darlington and Stockton times	Theft of drain covers 'putting lives at risk	Residents in Stockton are being urged to remain vigilant to prevent thieves stealing drain covers. Stockton Borough Council has issued the warning after 58 gully covers were taken from kerbsides across the Borough this year.	Yes	





Police	5/11/09 – internal police comms dept.	6/11/09 – 9/11/09	Evening gazette, Northern Echo Website	Lethal Air bomb fireworks	An urgent appeal has been made after a number of large air bomb fireworks were stolen from a public display. Police and Stockton Borough Council said they posed a serious threat to the safety of untrained users and anyone nearby	No	
SSP	4/11/09	11/11/09	Evening Gazette	Anne's gang	A Teesside scheme to encourage youngsters to look out for crime on their street is gaining nationwide interest. Three years ago Anne Howard set up the first junior Neighbourhood Watch scheme with St Bede Primary School in Newtown, Stockton. Anne has been nominated by SSP for a community champion award.	Yes	
SSP- Trading Standards	07/11/09	11/11/09	Northern Echo	Beware of internet 'pop-up' cash scams	People are being advised to be wary of pop-up internet adverts. Stockton Borough Council's trading standards have issued the warning after consumers signing up for a free trial of instant weight loss pills found money was taken out of their accounts weeks after they paid for postage and packaging.	Yes	






SSP- Trading standards	20/11/09	26/11/09	Evening Gazette	3,000 DVDs were fakes	A Stockton man has been hit with 180 hours of unpaid community work for selling counterfeit goods	Yes	
SSP	27/11/09 - Police internal comms dept.	27/11/09  1/12/09	Galaxy Radio  Evening Gazette	Street Pastors  Angles in dirty places	Cleveland police are announcing the work of new Street Pastors, an initiative of the Christian Churches, is open to volunteers of all faiths to offer a service to the community. These volunteers will help and assist intoxicated clubbers in Stockton High street. TB4UD water bottles, flip-flops condoms will be handed out. The pastors will be launched Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December.	Yes	
SSP	26/11/09	1/12/09	Evening Gazette	£152K boost to end blight – cash to tackle anti- social behaviour	Extra cash totalling £152,000 has been awarded to Teesside councils to help in the battle against anti-social behaviour. Stockton has been awarded £44k	Yes	




Please find below the list of press articles relating to crime in Stockton as picked up by a court reporter or other source for the period of the 17<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009. Copies of the full articles are available from the Community Safety Team.


Press articles that have been picked up by a court reporter or other source:


DATE IN NEWS	MEDIA TYPE	ARTICLE TITLE	BRIEF DETAILS	SERVICES MENTIONED	PROVIDES REASSURANCE?	
26/10/09	Evening Gazette	'Gang were like dogs'	Judge George Moorhouse was shown CCTV footage of five men and youth circling Gareth Walsh in the centre of Stockton before leaving him bloodied and bruised from kicks and punches, nearby Zanzibar nightclub. Youths have been identified; two have been given a 9 month suspended jail sentence and other three and are to appear before court.	Courts, Police	Yes	
28/10/09	Evening Gazette	'Knife terror man is jailed'	Robert Walker, 32, from Stockton caught carrying a kitchen knife has been locked up for 9 months after a judge told him the public were 'sick to death' of people carrying blades.	Courts	Yes	

28/10/09	Evening Gazette	'Woman assaulted in handbag theft'	A 35-Year old woman was pulled to the floor by her hair, punched and kicked as a thief tried to steal her handbag. Police are appealing for witnesses following the incident at 7pm on Wednesday on Centenary Crescent Norton.	Police	No	
2/11/09	Evening Gazette	'Revealed'	More of Teesside's deadly drugs networks have been shattered this year than ever before, Gazette can reveal, Caught and convicted and caged for a total of 100 years, they are now beginning the longest prison sentences handed out in 2009 – seven of the fifteen men from Stockton	Police	Yes	
4/11/09	Evening Gazette	'Animals are our passion and these past three years have been hell...'	Owners of a pet shop ' Petropolis' branded 'simply disgusting' by a district judge have had their convictions for cruelty to animals, quashed.	Courts	No	
11/11/09	Evening Gazette	'Hunt is on for armed robber'	A manhunt is underway after a masked Knife-wielding robber struck at Billingham town centre Ladbrokes. He is thought to have made off with a large amount of money. Police are appealing for witnesses.	Police	No	

11/11/09	Evening Gazette	'Man, 65, attacked by couple'	A good Samaritan who tried to calm an arguing couple in Stockton highstreet was brutally kicked unconscious and had his wallet stolen. Police are appealing for witnesses	police	No	
16/11/09	Evening Gazette	'Why are properties allowed to fall into this state?'	The growing scourge of run down and boarded up properties blighting a Stockton community across Newtown attracting crime and asb is revealed today.	Empty properties team-Stockton council.	No	
20/11/09	Evening Gazette	'Can you identify this duo?'	An appeal has gone out after a 24 year old man was assaulted upstairs in the Keys on Yarm High street. The incident occurred at about half past midnight on wed 21 <sup>st</sup> October.	Police	No	
20/11/09	Hartlepool Mail	'From grot to games'	Derelict land has been transformed into a games haven thanks to determined residents. People living near a neglected patch of land off Roscoe Road in Billingham were being plagued by anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping.	Residents association	Yes	
24/11/09	Evening Gazette	'Inquest re-opens on OAP'	At Middlesbrough Register Office yesterday Teesside Deputy Coroner Tony Eastwood adjourned the inquest into Patricia Thompsons death until the result of a crown court case.	Courts	No	

24/11/09	Evening Gazette	'Hero dog nabs 'inept' burglar'	A Billingham man whose dog caught a burglar putting him behind bars for three years was given a 250 pound reward by a judge.	Courts, Police	Yes	
27/11/09	Evening Gazette	'Scales of justice'	Paul Anthony Crawford, 22, of Appleton road, Stockton, Jailed for eight weeks for breach of ASBO.	Police, ASB Team	Yes	
30/11/09	Evening Gazette	'Stab threat man jailed'	Unemployed David Hughes is jailed for four years after admitting being part of the gang which stormed a Thornaby address, home to 3 Zimbabwean men, after an allegation of offending Hughes girlfriend.	Police	Yes	

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