










Agenda Item No: 22  
 Safer Stockton Partnership  
 21 December 2010

Please find below the list of press releases from SSP for the period of 22<sup>nd</sup> of October – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 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?	
SSP	September	Nov/Dec edition	Stockton News	Thank you results coming up!	Audit piece thanking residents for filing in surveys	Yes	
SSP	September	Nov/Dec edition	Stockton News	A blaze of thoughts	Cleveland fire service is offering advice and practical help to keep you safe against hazards in the home.	Yes	





Police	Internal comms dept.	28/10	Evening Gazette	Crime falls on Teesside	7,500 fewer victims in the last year. ( article mentions Stockton)	Yes	
Council Members	Unknown	17/11	Evening Gazette	Young people to raise issues	Stockton North MP Alex Cunningham is holding a special drop-in session for young people at Stockton town hall to discuss any issues that young people may have in the constituency.	Yes	
SSP	Early November	24/11	Northern Echo	5,000 people give views about crime	Audit piece outlining the top 6 priorities.	Yes	
SSP	Early November	27/11	Evening Gazette	Crime:5,222 views	Audit piece thanking residents and outlining top 6 priorities	Yes	
Police and Crimestoppers	Unknown	7/12	Evening Gazette	Shop a Crook for Christmas	Gazette readers are urged to identify and catch a crook for Christmas with suspected offender pictures printed from Teesside CCTV cameras.	Neutral	



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 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?	
28/10/10  1/11/10	Evening Gazette	Boy, 15, injured by firework  It was like a bomb in my hand	A safety warning was flashed today after a teenage boy was injured when a firework went off in his hand; the 15 year old from Stockton needed hospital treatment.  A badly burned teenager who lost the full use of his hand after playing with fireworks is now warning others of their dangers	Fire Brigade, Community Safety	Neutral – self inflicted accident	
28/10/10	Evening Gazette	Horse box stolen	Police are appealing for witnesses after a horse box was stolen from Elton Village, near Stockton.	Police, Crime stoppers	No	

1/11/10	Evening Gazette	Boy,15, locked up over attack	Ryan Robinson of Whessoe Road, Stockton, has been sent to a detention centre for two and a half years after he put a younger boy in a coma and his life in the balance- with permanent brain injuries.	Police	Yes	
3/11/10	Evening Gazette	Dangerous dogs man facing jail	James Neal, 29, of Trinity Mews, Thornaby is facing jail over his two dangerous dogs which invaded a neighbours house. Neal admitted eight charges, brought against him by Stockton Council. He will be sentenced on November 15.	Animal Welfare	No	
4/11/10	Evening Gazette	Woman targeted by bag thieves	Thieves tried to steal a woman's handbag as she walked along Stockton Riverside. The 24-year old was approached from behind by two men, a white middle aged passer by shouted at the would-be thieves who then ran off empty handed. Police are appealing for information.	Police	No	


4/11/10	Evening Gazette	Illegal tobacco woman in court	A 63-year old woman named Vera Smith from Longbeck Way , Thornaby, has been caught with almost £5,500 cash, 11,400 cigarettes and 1.25kg of tobacco in her house has walked free from court. She has been issued with a warning and 12-month conditional discharge.	Courts	No	
15/11/10	Evening Gazette	Addict Robbers caught on CCTV	Drug Addicts Richard Shaw, 33, and Joanne Igo, 30, have been caught attacking a vulnerable 66 year old man in his flat in Billingham thanks to police installed CCTV. Shaw, was jailed for five years and eight months and Igo, was jailed for four years and eight months. Both pleaded guilty to two robberies and possession of a knife with intent to commit crime.	Police	Yes	
17/11/10	Evening Gazette	Smash and grab at jewellers	Thousands of pounds worth of watches and jewellery were stolen by masked burglars from Freeman's in Yarm. Police are appealing for witnesses	Police, Crime stoppers	No	
		Two men arrested after raid	Police investigating a smash and grab raid on a Yarm jewellery shop and have arrested two men.		Yes	


17/11/10	Evening Gazette	Scales of Justice	Mark Johnson, 47, of Rudyard Avenue, Stockton, has been given a two year conditional discharge and a two year restraining order for using threatening, abusive or insulting words and failing to surrender to custody.		Yes	
22/11/10	Evening Gazette	No prison for pub brawlers	Pandemonium erupted at a Teesside pub with flying fists and furniture after a misunderstanding, a court heard. The drunken violence of Dale White, 29 and David Thomas, 26, sparked a bar-room brawl in the Dubliners pub, Thornaby. White of Piper Knowle Road was arrested at the scene and given a 12-month community order with 200 hours of unpaid work. Thomas, of Dorset Road admitted assault and was given a six-month prison sentence suspended for 12 months with supervision and ordered to pay £400 compensation.	Police	Yes	

24/11/10	Evening Gazette	Man in court over nuisance 999 calls	An alcoholic has been given one last chance to stop making 999 calls or be hit with a Criminal ASBO. Norman Summerfield of Hanover Point, Norton has a number of health issues and has pleaded guilty to wasting police time. He was given conditional bail, again not to make 999 calls unless in a genuine emergency.	Courts, police, emergency services	Yes	
26/11/10	Evening Gazette	Bouncer sent to prison	An off duty doorman who battered a man unconscious in the toilets of the Zanzibar nightclub has been jailed for 18 months.	Courts	Yes	
30/11/10	Evening Gazette	Thief spared jail	A woman who preyed on an elderly man in his home, pestering him for money and stealing from him, has narrowly avoided prison. Joanne Baillie, 28, kept calling at the 72-year old vulnerable and disabled man's Stockton home. With the hope of positive change, she has been given a 9- month prison sentence with two years supervision and an indefinite re-straining order.		No	

21/11/10	Evening Gazette	Judge tells man-you deserve jail	Shaheen Ali, 25, of Teasdale Terrace Thornaby broke into Louise Dobbs' home and gave her a thorough beating, which left her needing hospital treatment. Judge Michael Taylor told Ali the incident had hallmarks of a classic domestic violence situation and that he wanted to jail him for 18 months. However Miss Dobbs sent a letter to the judge pleading with him not to jail her ex-partner and spoke of wanting reconciliation. Ali was given a 12 month jail sentence suspended for two years	Courts	No	
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2/12/10	Evening Gazette	Court hears of teen rape	A convicted sex offender twice raped a vulnerable homeless teenage girl in his home. Michael Sharpe approached the lone 17-year old girl as she sat on a bench in Stockton town centre, talked to her and took her bag. With nowhere to go she went to his home on Peel Street, Thornaby where he had sex with her without consent. Proceeding.			
7/12/10		Accused quizzed over past in dock	A sex offender accused of raping a homeless 17-year old girl at his home has admitted in the witness box that he is a paedophile. Sharpe denies two charges of rape and one of breaching a sexual offences prevention order by allowing the 17 year old into his home. Proceeding.		no	

6/12/10	Evening Gazette	Jailed Indefinitely	A knifeman who terrorised his former partner and her family has been jailed indefinitely for the public protection for a minimum of two and a half years. The judge told Andrew William Harrison, 44, from Thornaby he posed a risk to former partners, one in particular who he had threatened to kill.	Courts	Yes	
8/12/10	Evening Gazette	Tree is targeted	Yobs try to burn through light cables to a 25ft replica Christmas tree in Billingham Town Centre.	Stockton Council, CCTV Security Centre	No	