







Please find below the list of press releases from SSP for the period of: 1/12/11 – 2/2/12 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?	
Trading Standards	unknown	6/12/11	Evening Gazette	Court for man who sold cigs to children	Andrew Mark Dack pleaded guilty to two offences of under age sales of cigarettes at his shop Windlestone News and Convenience Store, Billingham. He received a conditional discharge and ordered to pay £500 in costs.	Yes	
Police	Internal	13/12/11	Evening Gazette	New clue in hunt for attacker	Police have released a CCTV image in a renewed bid for information after a disabled man was robbed in a Stockton toilet.	No	
Police	Internal	20/12/11	Evening Gazette	Outdoor fun's on the cards	Children from a Stockton youth club can now enjoy more outdoor adventures thanks to a PCSO's help in securing the cash to buy two new tents.	Yes	




Cleveland Fire Brigade	Internal	24/1/11	Evening Gazette	Brigade issues warning	Cleveland Fire Brigade is warning Teessiders of the danger of electrical failings. As part of electrical fire safety week, the brigade wants to make sure people know the risks and take care when using electrics in the home.	Yes	
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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 1/12/11 – 2/2/12 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?	
2/12/11	Evening Gazette	Assault in bar	Police are appealing for witnesses to an assault that took place in Lasers Bar, Bridge Road on November 21 st the 57 year old man is in a stable condition in James Cook Hospital. A 24-year old man was arrested on suspicion of assault but released without charge.	Police	No	
2/12/11	Evening Gazette	Hunt for armed gang	The hunt for an armed gang who tied up a terrified couple at their remote village home in Carlton near Stockton is continuing. The raiders restrained the couple, who run a gunsmith's business before stealing a decorative gun and a substantial quantity of jewellery. Police are appealing for any information	Police	No	





5/12/11	Evening Gazette	Behind bars after brawl	Drunken violence erupted in the pool room of the Reindeer pub in Stockton on February 24. CCTV footage showed Joseph Tyers and Lee Westwood talking before Tyers and 3 other men from Thornaby assaulted Westwood over an insult made. Tyers was jailed for four years, other men jailed for nine months each.	Courts	Yes	
5/12/11	Evening Gazette	Jail for dealing	Robert Smiles, 45, from Stockton who worked for a charity in his spare time has been jailed for dealing amphetamine from his mobile phone. Smiles was caught with £800 worth of the Class B drug after police stopped his car in Stockton. He was jailed for six months after he pleaded guilty to supplying and possession with intent to supply.	Police	Yes	
12/12/11	Evening Gazette	Cash conned from elderly	A con woman who fleeced thousands out of pensioners has been jailed for six years. Mary Connors from Thornaby posed as a caring social worker to steal the life savings of vulnerable pensioners. Whist pensioners were distracted with Connors her 45- year old employed son- in- law William O'Conner, 33, rummaged through their homes.	Police	Yes	



12/12/11	Evening Gazette	Like father like son	A father and son embroiled in a punch-up outside The Reindeer pub Stockton on December 30 last year. Darren Hawkes, 39, punched a man several times with support from his father Edwin Hawkes, 65. They were each given suspended prison sentences, Darren 12 months suspended for two years and Edwin eight months suspended for 12 months.	Police, Courts	Yes	
13/12/11	Evening Gazette	Brandon tragedy-teen pleads guilty	A teenager has admitted causing the death of nine year old Brandon Maggs by dangerous driving. James Mitchell Burns, 19 pleaded guilty to the event that happened July 15, Roundhill Avenue, Ingleby Barwick. Burns will be sentenced January 27 th .	Courts	Yes	
14/12/11	Evening Gazette	Grave visitor's ordeal	A cruel thief who snatched a handbag from an elderly woman is being hunted by police. The 81-year old victim was walking along Green Lane, on the black path which runs alongside Durham Cemetery when she was targeted by a female thief. Police are appealing for witnesses.	Police	No	

16/12/11	Evening Gazette	Man tried to steal barmaid kisses	A pub customer admitted trying to steal kisses from a barmaid. The Thornaby pub worker told police that Charles McGinley asked for a lift home on the first occasion- before trying to kiss her on the lips. On the next night, she refused his request for a lift but he jumped into the passenger seat and again tried to kiss her. McGinley, 55 of Thornaby pleaded guilty to two charges of sexual assault. Sentencing January 19 th .	Police	Yes	
20/12/11	Evening Gazette	Fate awaited	A Stockton man was waiting to learn his fate after he admitted setting fire to his own home. Nickie Ritchie, 37, of Cleatlam Close, Stockton pleaded guilty to arson. Sentencing January 27 th .	Courts	Yes	
22/12/11	Evening Gazette	Attacker locked up	A raging attacker who left a man disfigured and covered in blood has been jailed for three years. Ben Edgell, 26, of St Paul's Street Stockton came out of his girlfriend's home and shouted at Mr Honeyman; Mr Honeyman challenged him but then walked away. Edgell chased him and assaulted him. Edgell admitted to the assault and later said he had drunk 20 bottles of premium lager that day.	Courts	Yes	

5/1/12	Evening Gazette	Mystery of body in Tees	Police have launched an investigation after a man's body was discovered in the River Tees close to Stockton's Infinity Bridge. A Cleveland Police spokeswoman said: "Currently, the death is being treated as unexplained."	Police	No	
6/1/12	Evening Gazette	Crash driver admits charge	Trevor Wilson, from Stockton has admitted to dangerous driving when he crashed into a bridge as it carried students from Stockton Sixth Form.		Yes	
6/1/12	Evening Gazette	Football star denies third assault claim	Titus Bramble has appeared in court to face a third charge of sexual assault. The 30-year old Sunderland defender first appeared at court in November, where he was accused of indecently touching two women in separate incidents during a night out in Yarm. During a second hearing the player was told an additional sexual assault charge relating to one of the existing complainants was to be added to the indictment. The matter was discharged after the prosecution said it offered no evidence.	courts	No	
9/1/12	Evening Gazette	Downing Arrested	Former Boro player Stewart Downing has been released on bail after being arrested in Yarm. It is believed the arrests followed an incident at The Keys with an ex-partner of Downing. Pending further inquiries.	Courts	Yes	

11/1/12	Evening Gazette	Alcohol Ban	Three pubs have had their licenses temporarily suspended after twice selling alcohol to 15 and 16 year olds. (The Kings Arms- Billingham, The Union Arms- Yarm, The Eagle-Eaglescliffe)	Police	Yes	
11/1/12	Evening Gazette	Cannabis dealer is spared jail term	A Cannabis user-dealer once caught importing 20kg of the drug worth £64,000 from France has been spared jail. Alan Calvert, 44, of Ilkston Walk, Stockton, admitted possessing with intent to supply. He was given a 12month prison sentence suspended for two years with 18 months supervision	Courts	No	
16/1/12	Evening Gazette	Teenager charged over boys' deaths	A teenager from Stockton has been charged with causing the deaths of two young college friends by dangerous driving. He will appear at Teesside Youth Court.	Youth Courts	Yes	
16/1/12	Evening Gazette	Drugs: two in court	Two men were due to appear in court accused of being involved in a large scale supply of cocaine on Teesside. The pair were arrested in the Fairfield area of Stockton. Stockton police thanked members of the public for support.	Police	Yes	
16/1/12	Evening Gazette	Behind Bars	Two men of Hartington Road, Stockton, who attacked another man, breaking his jaw, have each been jailed for more than three years.	Police	Yes	

31/1/12	Evening Gazette	Brothers hit by ASBOS	Two Stockton teenage tearaway brothers have been hit with Asbos to run until the day they both turn 18. The orders were imposed on Dwayne Davis and Kearan Davis during hearings at Teesside Magistrates Court.	Courts – No mention of ASB Team	Yes	
31/1/12	Evening Gazette	Solider John tells how club attack left him with a broken jaw	A Billingham solider who was attacked on GLAM nightclub floor has had to undergo an operation to fix his broken jaw. Police are appealing for witnesses.	Police	No	
31/1/12	Evening Gazette	Teen attacker freed	An apprentice joiner who was locked up after a bizarre racist attack on a Billingham taxi driver has walked free after top judges were told he has learnt his lesson by showing genuine remorse and desire to change. Daniel Madden, 18, of Central Avenue now faces a 6 month suspended sentence and 40 hours of unpaid work.	Youth Courts	Yes	
2/2/12	Evening Gazette	The moment when shop owner faced a hooded knifeman	An armed thug left empty-handed after trying to rob a brave and quick thinking Thornaby shopkeeper. The masked man burst into the Dil-Raj stores, pointed a knife “Rambo style” at worker Bob Singh Atwal and demanded cash. Mr Atwal immediately pushed the panic button which alerted the police. Police are appealing for witnesses.	Police	No	

2/2/12	Evening Gazette	Costly meal for litterbug	A KFC meal ended up costing one careless customer nearly £600 after a littering offence landed him in court. Greg Jarrett was caught on CCTV dropping food boxes and paper bags from a car window in the fast food chains car park in Haydock Road, Thornaby. After failing to pay a £70 FPN, Jarrett of Norton was fined £350 with £227 costs and a £15 surcharge.	Court	Yes	
2/12/12	Evening Gazette	Woman found with head injury	A Stockton woman was rushed to hospital after being found unconscious with serious head injuries outside her home in Tarring Street, in the Parkfield and Oxbridge area. Police are appealing for any information	Police	No	

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Court in brief – Cases which relate to Stockton:

<p>Gary Oliver, 52, of Myrtle Road, Stockton fined £700 and ordered to pay £65 costs for driving while using a mobile telephone.</p>	<p>Stevie Smith, 28, of Bridge Road, Stockton given a 12-month conditional discharge for theft and failing to surrender to court.</p>	<p>Nicholas Curwin, 24, of Cheviot Crescent, Billingham fined £165 and ordered to pay £65 costs for speeding.</p>	<p>George Croft, 29, of Morven View, Stockton given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £85 costs for being drunk and disorderly.</p>	<p>Paul Nixon, 59, of Hollybush Avenue, Thornaby, banned from driving for 36 months and ordered to pay £85 costs for drink driving.</p>	<p>Claire Appleby, 25, of Wolviston Walk, Stockton, fined £175 and ordered to pay £75 for using a TV without a license.</p>	<p>Christopher Jones, 31, of Wolviston Back Lane, Billingham, fined £225 and ordered to pay £65 costs for using a vehicle without insurance.</p>
<p>Anna Mann, 27, of Yarm Road given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay costs of £20 for theft.</p>	<p>Andrew Garthwait, 36, of The Avenue, Stockton fined £130 and ordered to pay £65 costs for speeding and failing to give driver information.</p>	<p>Joseph Dollard, 22, of Dundas Street, Stockton, fined £100 and ordered to pay £100 costs for using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour.</p>	<p>Janine Pinkney, 34, of Londonderry Road, jailed for 10 weeks for theft.</p>	<p>Dean Allinson, 27, c/o Holme House Prison, jailed for six weeks and banned from driving for 12 months for driving while disqualified and using a vehicle without insurance.</p>	<p>Barry Hayes, 30, of Eastbourne Road, Stockton fined £160 and ordered to pay £61.68 compensation with £55 costs for theft, possession of Class B drug and failing to surrender to custody.</p>	<p>Michael Donaldson, 29, of Clyde Grove, Stockton, given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £70 compensation with £45 costs for criminal damage.</p>

Fighting Crime – The following concerns have been raised by residents in Stockton and made priorities by Cleveland Police

<p>1/12/11-</p>	<p>WESTERN PARISHES:</p> <p>Groups are congregating on Manor Walk, Stillington. Patrols are being carried out and asb forms issued. Housing associations are monitoring problem tenants.</p>	<p>VILLAGE:</p> <p>ASB is an issue with groups congregating at Thorntree Road shops. Officers have conducted patrols in the area and warning notices have been issued to offenders. Asb around Hawthorne Avenue and Briar Road is a new priority for police.</p>	<p>NEWTOWN:</p> <p>Tackling drug dealing, specifically at Alder Road and Myrtle Road, has been made a priority. There has been ASB around Ragworth shops but this problem has significantly reduced. Patrols are still ongoing and partner agencies are being liaised with.</p>	<p>MANDALE & VICTORIA:</p> <p>ASB has been reported on Westbury Street, Langley Avenue, Acklam Road, Mandale Road and the park on Victoria Road. The patrols around Westbury Street Library have been increased to combat the problems.</p>	<p>FAIRFIELD:</p> <p>Criminal damage is an issue around the Brookfield Road area between 8pm and midnight. Additional patrols have been introduced and calls have dropped.</p>	<p>NORTON SOUTH:</p> <p>ASB in the Albany Area, to coincide with the dispersal order. There were a couple of minor incidents of asb during the month of October, alcohol was confiscated and AS-13'S issued.</p>
<p>NORTON WEST:</p> <p>New priorities – anti social behaviour, Toddington Drive, stemming from the cut that leads to Roseworth, late</p>	<p>NORTON NORTH:</p> <p>ASB linked between Norton North and Norton South wards along the cycle path between Somerset Road</p>	<p>NORTHERN PARISHES:</p> <p>Retained property – speeding vehicles in Thorpe Thewles, Wolvison High Street and Wynyard. In the coming months,</p>	<p>FAIRFIELD:</p> <p>Criminal Damage is an issue around the Brookfield Road area between 8pm and midnight. Additional patrols</p>	<p>HARTBURN:</p> <p>ASB and criminal damage have been reported in the Whitton Road area, between 6pm and 8pm.</p>	<p>STOCKTON TOWN CENTRE:</p> <p>Retail theft in Wellington Square Castle gate centre and High Street and anti social cycling on pavements. High</p>	<p>YARM:</p> <p>Vehicle obstruction and parking issues are a new priority at The Old Market and Bentley</p>

<p>evenings and traffic issues on Junction Road.</p>	<p>and the Albany Estate. Work is currently going on between Tristar homes and Stockton ASB team. Joint visits have taken place and work is on going to secure ABC's and ASBO's.</p>	<p>Community Speedwatch is planned in Wynard and Thorpe Thewles. During the previous deployments several motorists were monitored as speeding and have received warning letters.</p>	<p>have been introduced and calls have dropped</p>	<p>Children have been identified and joints visits have been conducted with police and parents.</p>	<p>visibility patrols remain in effect.</p>	<p>Wynd. ASB is a problem around Healaugh Park/Whilley Flatts area.</p>
<p>BILLINGHAM EAST:</p> <p>Metal and cable theft has been occurring, primarily in Port Clarence and the surrounding areas. Police have arrested eight people and charged four with theft. Known offenders are being targeted.</p>	<p>BILLINGHAM CENTRAL:</p> <p>Youth congregating, littering and wildlife poaching in the Ecology Park are issues. Police have been on patrol. No incidents have been reported but police will continue the situation.</p>	<p>BISHOPSGARTH AND ELM TREE:</p> <p>There has been criminal damage and theft on Darlington Lane. Burglaries have been happening between noon and 6pm. Patrols are being carried out at key times. Three men have been arrested regarding burglaries in the area.</p>	<p>HARDWICK</p> <p>Off –road bikes on Wolviston Walk and Westerton Green are a problem. Patrols are continuing with notices being issued and bikes seized. ASB is happening around High Newham Court. Patrols are continuing and officers regularly attend youth clubs.</p>	<p>INGLEBY BARWICK</p> <p>ASB and groups congregating at Greenside, Tesco Beckfields shops is an issue. Officers have conducted patrols in the area. Several youths have been spoken to about their behaviour. Agencies are working to create facilities for youths and youngsters have started a petition.</p>		