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## COMMUNITY SAFETY INFORMATION Issue 2 2011

### 'Borrow a Box'

The 'Borrow a Box' Scheme, run by South Bucks District Council's Community Safety Team, is giving residents the opportunity to do something about graffiti on their property by offering **free** response kits.

Graffiti relates to any drawings, tags or messages that are painted or written on buildings, walls or street furniture. It is unsightly and illegal and can attract other crimes to a particular area.



The graffiti response kits which are available from the council are safe, simple and easy to use: full instructions are provided along with appropriate protection equipment.

South Bucks District Councillor Anita Cranmer, Portfolio Holder for Community, says, "Graffiti on commercial premises or private property remains the responsibility of the owners to remove. Graffiti can spoil both public and private property and can be very costly to remove. The environmentally friendly kit can be customised to take into consideration the type of surface effected.

These environmentally friendly kits will give residents the tools to help make their local area, cleaner and greener".

Neighbourhood Inspector, Bhupinder Rai says, "Graffiti can add to the fear of crime and can be a contributing factor in the decline of a neighbourhood or area. By working with our partners and local residents, we aim to have a clean 'graffiti free' environment".

**To borrow a graffiti response kit, for a returnable deposit, contact South Bucks District Council's Community Safety Team on 01895 837200.**

#### *We want your views:*

*The Community Safety Team would like to have your views on crime and disorder in the district. You can contact the community safety team on:*

**Tel: 01895 837200**

**Email: [communitysafety@southbucks.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@southbucks.gov.uk)**

## THE CENSUS IS COMING!

2011 is Census year. The questionnaires are being delivered to every household by Royal Mail from 4 March. The householder is responsible for completing the questionnaire and returning it either online (open from 4 March) or by post (reply paid). One form should be completed for each household although individual members of a household, over the age of 16, may request an individual form for privacy. Please complete and return your census form, as soon as possible by 27 March 2011.

If you need help in answering any of the questions or in completing the form, please telephone the Census helpline on 0300 0201 101 or request help on line at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk). The Text Relay number for census help is 18001 0300 01201 160. Should it not be possible to help you using any of these methods, you can attend a "Census Drop-in Centre" or arrangements can be made for a Census Collector to come to help you. If you wish to return the form by post, but have lost your return envelope, do not worry, you can send it to FREEPOST 2011 Census, Processing Centre, UK. **Everyone should be included in the census – all people, both householders and overnight visitors. It is used to plan and fund services for your community – services such as education, transport, health and leisure facilities in addition to housing and employment and therefore ultimately benefits the whole community.**

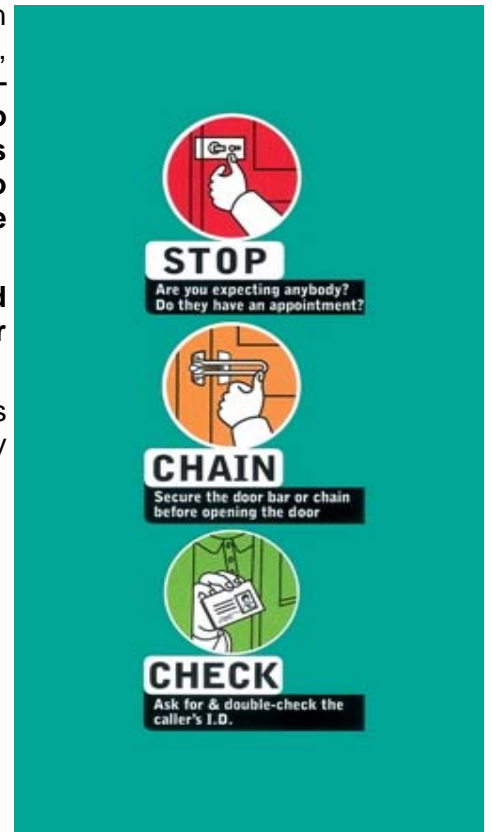
**Personal information given in the Census is both confidential and secure. It is never shared with any department in national or regional government or with anyone in local councils.**

Taking part in the Census is very important and is compulsory. This means that you could face a fine if you don't participate or if you supply false information.

### Census Key Dates:

- **4 March:** Royal Mail postal delivery starts
- **7 March:** Special enumerators start to visit ALL communal establishments in the area
- **27 March: CENSUS DAY-** Don't forget to return your Census questionnaire!
- **6 April:** Census collectors start to visit households who have not returned forms

Help tomorrow take shape!



### **Gerrards Cross Parking Watch Scheme (Pilot) update**

**Since the pilot launch on February 1st 2011, volunteers from Thames Valley Police have sent out 12 letters to vehicle owners for parking illegally or inconsiderately in Gerrards Cross.**

### **Did you know....**

**.....There are currently 514 Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators in South Bucks.**

**To find out more about Neighbourhood Watch in your area contact the Amersham Watch Office:**

**Tel: 01494 736642 or Email: [chilternvale.ringmaster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:chilternvale.ringmaster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)**

### **Stoke Poges and Wexham: Good results**

In February, locations formally known for auto-crime were visited by the Council and Neighbourhood Police officers to help them keep up their new record of being auto-crime free over the last 6 months.

- Stoke Park
- Nuffield Health and Fitness
- Wexham Park Golf Club
- Wexham Street
- Farnham Park golf Club
- The Lanes Driving Range
- The Red Lion

64 letters have been sent to vehicle owners using these locations as they had left valuables on show in their car.

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## What is the Joint Action Group? And how did we spend your money:

The Joint Action Group is a (JAG) is a multi-agency problem-solving group accountable to the Partnership. The difference is that JAG seeks to address problems in specific locations in the community. Using the expertise that exists within the group, JAG members decide priorities, agree action plans, allocate resources and ensure there is a co-ordinated response to issues highlighted at monthly JAG meetings. The South Bucks JAG received £1500 from the Area Based Grant for projects between April 2010 and March 2011:

Project	Aim	Cost
Selecta DNA signage	To help reduce burglary in South Bucks by offering kits to burglary victims and to those who are vulnerable	£360
Stoke Poges / Wexham NAG Consultation	Public Consultation to establish what the 3 main issues are to residents in Stoke Poges and Wexham	£50
Theft From Motor Vehicle	To decrease theft from motor vehicle by installing signage at various parking locations	£425
Graffiti Removal Kit	'Borrow a Box Scheme' to help make a graffiti clean environment	£150
SelectaDNA Kits and signage	To help reduce burglary in South Bucks by offering kits to victims of burglary and to those who are vulnerable	£515
<b>Total =</b>		<b>£1500</b>

If you have any questions about any of the above projects, please contact South Bucks District Council's Community Safety Team on 01895 837200.

## New sexual health service in Burnham

**A new sexual health drop-in centre for under 25s has opened at Yoga Motion in Burnham High Street .**

The new service, commissioned by NHS Buckinghamshire and run by Brook, provides relationships and sexual health information and advice, oral contraceptive pills and contraceptive injections, chlamydia screening, emergency hormonal contraceptive pills, condoms and pregnancy testing.

Angie Blackmore, Public Health Principal for NHS Buckinghamshire says: "It is important for young people to look after their sexual health to guard against unplanned pregnancy and the risk of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), such as Chlamydia.

The service provided by Brook offers completely confidential testing, advice and contraception. Many STIs don't have any visible symptoms and testing is often the only way to find out if you have one. If left untreated they can cause serious health problems such as long-term pain and infertility."

**The new service is open Tuesdays 3:00-5:00pm. For more information about other sexual health services across Buckinghamshire visit [www.sexualhealthbucks.nhs.uk](http://www.sexualhealthbucks.nhs.uk)**



### ASB Powers and Tools Consultation:

The link below will take you to the Home Office webpage for consultation regarding changes to current Anti-Social Behaviour tools and powers.

The consultation began yesterday and will continue until 3rd May.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/consultations/cons-2010-antisocial-behaviour>

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## More help is on hand for victims of anti-social behaviour

Anyone affected by anti-social behaviour is being offered help by the charity Victim Support in a pilot initiative funded by the Buckinghamshire Community Safety Partnership.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is a broad term that encompasses a wide range of serious nuisance and harassment, not all of which is formally classed as crime. However, under this pilot scheme, Victim Support is able to offer assistance to anyone affected by ASB, whether or not they have been on the receiving end of a crime.

Bill Chapple, Deputy Leader of Buckinghamshire County Council, said: "We take anti-social behaviour of any kind very seriously. It can have a huge impact on people's quality of life so, alongside all the practical work we do to tackle ASB, this pilot project offers the support people need to help them cope with the emotional effects too."

Claire Dracott-Hope, Enhanced Services Manager at Victim Support, said, "People can be affected by anti-social behaviour in different ways, but regardless of the specifics of the case, ASB often causes a huge amount of stress and upset. Talking to one of our trained volunteers can be a huge help as they can offer an understanding ear as well as giving practical advice, helping people to find their strength again."

Anyone affected by anti-social behaviour of any kind can contact Victim Support for free, confidential support. Call 0845 30 30 900 or find out more at [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk).



## 4k Anti-Social Behaviour Project Funding: How was it spent?

£4000 was made available from the Area Based Grant via Bucks County Council for projects aiming to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour in South Bucks and this is how it was spent:

Project	Aim	Cost
Mobile CCTV installation	Maypole Road, Taplow	£250
Mobile CCTV installation	Eastfield Road / Thornbridge Road	£1000
Graffiti Response Kits	'Borrow a Box' Scheme	£150
Mobile CCTV installation	Funding secured for future Mobile CCTV movements	£600
*The Well, Burnham	Youth Outreach Project, Burnham	£545
Oakwood Adventure	Activity day for teenagers in Burnham who were directed to the scheme through outreach work	£665
Football Sessions	Thursday evening football sessions for 15+ years of age at Minnecroft Road, Burnham.	£619
Denham Youth Club	Provision of summer sports equipment	£171
<b>Total =</b>		<b>£ 4000</b>

\*The Well: If you have experience and a heart for working with teenagers in your local area, please contact Sue Hoare (Project Leader) on 07528815169. If you have any questions about any of the above projects, please contact South Bucks District Council's Community Safety Team on 01895 837200.

## Community Impact Bucks :

Deliver comprehensive support and a strategic voice for the voluntary and community sector and rural communities across Buckinghamshire and rural Milton Keynes to ensure they are regarded as equal partners in the delivery of diverse services, responsive to the needs of communities and contributing to their success and well-being.

If you are interested in the services offered by CIB or would like to know more about volunteering in South Bucks contact:

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Email: [info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk](mailto:info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk)



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