

## Welcome to the December edition of the Safer Ashfield Bulletin

### Helpline for hate crime Victims

Stop Hate UK is a new 24 hour helpline set up to give advice, support and guidance to victims and witnesses of hate crime.

The helpline is funded by Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottinghamshire Police with the aim of increasing the reporting of hate crimes in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

A hate crime is any form of verbal or physical abuse that is motivated by sexual orientation, gender, disability, religion or ethnicity. Anyone wishing to report an incident of hate crime should call the helpline on **0800 138 1625**.

A series of posters and leaflets are available to help promote the service. Please contact Emma Sowter if you would like to receive electronic copies  
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### Freedom programme

Nottinghamshire Women's Aid will be delivering their next Freedom Programme in the New Year. The programme is aimed at any woman who wants to learn more about the reality of living with domestic violence and abuse. This is a 12 week rolling programme starting on the 13 January 2011 and will be held at The Eastside Community Centre, Mansfield Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield from 10am to 11.30am. To book a place, call **01909 533610**.

The Freedom Programme will also be run by NNIDAS and the Sure Start Children's Centre at the Diamond Centre in Kirkby-in-Ashfield. The programme starts on 10 January and will run for 12 weeks each Monday from 1pm to 3pm. To book a place, call the Diamond Centre on **01623 473 010**.

Free crèche places are available for both courses.

### Dragon's Den Phase 2

Following on from the success of the first Dragon's Den project, phase two is now getting underway with local schools. The theme this time is building bridges across the generations and it challenges schools to devise a media campaign which addresses the issues of anti-social behaviour and improves understanding and respect between older and younger residents. Each school will hold their own competition and then select one team to go through to the final in March. The entries will be judged by a panel comprising representatives from Nottinghamshire County Council, Ashfield Community Safety Partnership, Nottinghamshire Police and the local media. The winning team will get to see their ideas brought to life with a budget of £5000.

### **Dog control orders**

The first Dog Control Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) has been issued following the introduction of Dog Control Orders by Ashfield District Council.

The FPN was issued to a man walking through Hucknall Market Place with three Staffordshire Bull Terriers that were roaming free without leads.

Hucknall is now one of the town centres within the district that has a Dog Control Order in place stating that dogs must be on leads at all times, for the safety and wellbeing of other residents and people using the town centre.

The man will now face prosecution for contravening the Dog Control Orders and action will also be taken against him for aggressive behavior.

### **Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)**

The MARAC is a fortnightly meeting which adopts a multi-agency approach to victims of domestic violence. The aim of the MARAC is to increase the safety, health and wellbeing of the victim and reduce the likelihood and impact of any further abuse. Only high risk cases are brought to the MARAC following an agency referral and risk assessment. Some agencies have an information sharing role, for example feeding back to a school, while others will take direct actions. A safety plan will be drawn up for each victim to capture all agreed actions and to enable effective monitoring of each case.

### **ASBO issued to Huthwaite youth**

After terrorising his local neighbourhood, 15-year-old Callum Raworth from Huthwaite was given an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) on 13 October 2010 which will last for two years.

Callum's ASBO prohibits him from behaving in a manner which causes distress to any other person or encouraging others to do so, threatening or distressing passengers or members of staff when using public transport, causing racially aggravated damage, using abusive or insulting racist words or behaviour, displaying any threatening, abusive or insulting racist material, consuming or being in possession of alcohol whilst in a public place and from entering certain areas of Huthwaite unless accompanied by certain family and friends.

If Callum breaches his ASBO he risks arrest and being put back before the courts which could result in a prison sentence.

**The Safer Ashfield Bulletin forms part of a wider programme of communications activity under the Respect for Ashfield header. This is designed to encourage and promote respect for Ashfield by showing local people how organisations are working in partnership to tackle ASB across the district, and keeping them informed of current developments and achievements.**

**If you have any news which you would like to submit for a future issue of the Safer Ashfield Bulletin, please contact Emma Sowter ([e.sowter@ashfield-dc.gov.uk](mailto:e.sowter@ashfield-dc.gov.uk)) or telephone 07943 095 830.**