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## Rye Town Council

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**To:** <townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 12 May 2009 08:58  
**Subject:** Rother District Update - May 2009

On Saturday 2nd May 2009 my Neighbourhood Teams took to our towns and held Neighbourhood Watch Awareness Day. I had the pleasure of visiting them all and talking to many members of the public. I was delighted to receive excellent support and feedback for the work my officers do to keep our neighbourhoods safe. Thank you to all who volunteered to become part of Neighbourhood Watch, your support and that of our existing members is valued tremendously.

On a similar note, a member of the public in Rye recently witnessed a burglary and called the police. Her fantastic support led to two men being convicted this week and receiving 3 years and 9 month's imprisonment. Over the past few months we have had significant success arresting and remanding known burglary offenders in custody. This is now reflected in fewer offences occurring. Please keep the information on suspicious vehicles or persons coming in because its working!

Last week our partnership with the business community at Ravenside, Bexhill was a real success when known till thieves were spotted, reported to police and promptly arrested for offences previously committed elsewhere before they even had a chance to offend in Rother! We are making Rother a hostile place for criminals to operate.

PC Kemp, PC Ellis and PCSO Scott recently organised a day out for pupils with special educational needs from St Mary's school with the Sussex Police Helicopter and Underwater Search Team. All had a fantastic day learning about Sussex Police and trying on uniform and equipment and culminating with the helicopter being called out which caused much excitement. The school later said the children had the best day ever.

You may have heard national media releases about the Policing Pledge. Please follow this link for a copy of our local pledge for you [http://www.sussex.police.uk/policing\\_pledge/](http://www.sussex.police.uk/policing_pledge/)  
We will do our best to meet our pledge, but if we are unable to do so we will always explain why it has not been possible and work to deliver the high standards that you deserve.

You said - Battle

You are concerned about antisocial behaviour in and around the High Street.

We did .

Surveys were conducted with Battle residents by our specialist team from HQ. The results will be available to me shortly and I will respond to what you identify as being important to you. In addition to this, student officers continue to work with Sgt Porter and her team to respond to your concerns about Market Square. From our perspective there have been fewer incidents reported and the survey results will tell me what you think.

You said - Rye Town

You are concerned about antisocial behaviour, burglary and criminal damage.

We did .

We continue to focus on these offence types to reduce and detect them. However, I am concerned about two recent weekend events in Rye town which resulted in people fighting and violent behaviour. Arrests have been made and we are actively targeting this problem from many directions,

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including working with the community, Licencees and The Safer Rother Partnership. I have also increased resources on Operation Marble to provide a visible police presence on Friday and Saturday evenings to reassure local residents and visitors. Rye is a beautiful, safe town and I am determined to prevent these types of incidents from occurring.

You said - Rye Villages  
Speeding remains a top concern.

We did .  
Operation Rye Ridesafe. Meet and Greet events took place throughout April and now the operation moves into "Stop and Advise". Road safety and speeding messages delivered as well as enforcement for motorists found committing offences. The team at Rye, led by Sgt Berry, are constantly moving around the villages with their newly purchased Speed Indicator Devices which have been well received. PCSO Holden seized an offending motorist's car last week for speeding.

Operation Collusion was such a success last month that we have planned another cross border operation with Kent Police to prevent travelling criminals using our road network to commit crime. I will update you on the results next month.

You said Bexhill  
You are concerned about antisocial youths and parking.

We did .  
The Bexhill Neighbourhood Team have been focussing on visiting parents of young people who have been stopped with alcohol. Interestingly, the majority of parents were unaware of their children's behaviour and are working with us to reduce antisocial behaviour.

Patrols have been increased at school opening and closing times to reduce parking offences and antisocial driving by parents. Please work with us to keep your children safe.

You can e-mail me direct at [heather.keating@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:heather.keating@sussex.pnn.police.uk), write to me at Bexhill Police Station, Terminus Road, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex, TN39 3NR, or telephone on 0845 6070 999, ext 64224 to let me know what you think of policing in Rother.

Best wishes,  
C/Insp Heather Keating  
Rother District Commander

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