



19 October 2010

“Have Your Say” on Barnstaple Town Centre Night-time

A town centre community engagement exercise will take place on Saturday 23rd October 2010 (between 1930hrs and midnight). Teams from local Neighbourhood Police and Safer North Devon will be out and about in the town Centre area of Barnstaple aiming to listen to the views of our local communities.

Barnstaple town centre is one of the busiest in North Devon for our night-time economy with many residents, visitors and workers all out during the evening. We want people to approach us and tell us what they think police or partners can do to make them feel safer and have an even more enjoyable night out. All partners want to use this evening to help set priorities for those using Barnstaple at night and to capture anything more that people feel we or other organisations can do to ensure they have a safe night or make them feel even safer. All feedback will be completely anonymous.

Our teams will be in and around as much of the town centre area as possible and will be visible on the streets in the main areas of high activity. We would be particularly keen to hear from those working as part of the night-time economy taxi drivers, door staff, pub staff etc as well as those using the facilities – pub goers, restaurant users, theatre and cinema goers. Please don't be shy come and tell us what you think!

Sector Inspector for Barnstaple Toby Davies said “ Police and partners have successfully reduced levels of alcohol related disorder over the past few years but with Christmas on the horizon we are coming to the time of year where more and more people come into the town at night.” He added, “This is a really good opportunity for the community to help police and partners prioritise what is important to them”

Community Safety Manager for Safer North Devon Amanda Palmer commented “Police, councils and partners as SND are working on lots of joint initiatives, night time patrols and ongoing awareness campaigns with all our partners so our communities can continue to enjoy a safe night out. Our initiatives are developed as a result of this kind of community feedback, so we hope that everyone will come forward with their ideas.”

NB There will be a follow up 2 weeks after this with the results of the ‘Have Your Say’ night – and the priorities

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*Police and councils work with other partner agencies as Safer North Devon to ensure North Devon and Torridge remains a great place to live. The Partnership covers both North Devon and Torridge Districts and is supported by agencies who are accountable under the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act to deliver on a reduction in Crime, Fear of Crime and Anti-social Behaviour as well as others with a local stakeholder interest. Our accountable bodies are North Devon and Torridge which include: Devon County Council, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, North Devon Council, Devon Primary Care Trust, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, Devon and Cornwall Police Authority, Torridge District Council and Devon and Cornwall Probation Area. For further information visit: www.safernorthdevon.co.uk

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