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Respect for Lenton 2009.

Cracking down on Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Fly Tipping are just some of the initiatives taking place during the next Week of Action, 'Respect for Lenton 2009', begins on Monday 9th March.

Community Reassurance will play a big role in this Week of Action, with increased high visibility patrols from Police & PCSO's in Lenton and around the shops in Sherwin Road, after the community raised concerns around ASB in the area.

There will also be work to combat fly posting and fly tipping, with officers working to remove illegal posters and take evidence of fly tips with a view to prosecution if those responsible can be traced. Street Scene will also be working on environmental improvement in the area around the high rise blocks.

This will be the 24th Week of Action to take place in the City, and the ongoing success of the Weeks of Action programme is testament to the genuine collaboration between partners, agencies and most importantly the local community in fulfilling the pledge to make **'neighbourhoods cleaner, greener, safer and healthier for everyone'**.

The planning process for Respect for Lenton 2009 has involved all the key agencies who work in the area, local businesses and local residents. The plans have been generated through an in-depth analysis of needs, and activities will take place during the day and night.

As with all Weeks of Action, the organisations involved have set challenging targets to reach over the course of the week. The results of the Week of Action will be available throughout the week on request.

Events, Photo & Media Opportunities

Monday 9th Spring Planting and Information Event, Penn Avenue

Residents across Lenton are getting the chance to improve their horticultural skills and have their say at the same time at a Spring Planting and Information Event, which is being held along Penn Avenue **(from 1300-1500)**.

Representatives from the Dunkirk & Lenton Partnership Forum, Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Management, Recycling, and Park Rangers will be helping with the planting and be on hand to offer advice to residents.

Tuesday 10th Environmental Improvement/Waste Management (ALL DAY)

Officers will be out and about around Lenton, checking for grot and waste spots and waste bins which have been left on the street.

Street Scene will be putting the finishing touches the toilet block on Castle Boulevard, which is being renovated to improve the local environment.

Crime Prevention Event

Residents will get the chance to get crime prevention advice and talk to local officers as Nottinghamshire Police and Community Protection hold a crime prevention event at Tesco's **(1200-1800, Tesco's, Sherwin Road)**.

Wednesday 11th Lunch Club 'Tommys' at Thomas Helwys Baptist Church from midday

Fancy a **FREE** Lunch and see what is available around the Lenton area in improving your well-being and helping to make your area a safer place for all to live and work.

- Advice on giving up smoking as part of **National No Smoking Day**, plus information on health well-being.
- Help and assistance on what's due to you with grants and benefits
- **Free light bulbs** and information on keeping energy bills down
- Home Safety Checks from Fire & Rescue Service
- Information on what's on in the locality
- Nottingham University Students Union on opportunities for students to get engaged with a wide range of projects and services available for young people.
- Meet your local Police Beat Manager (0800 - 0930).

From 1200 to 1500, Thomas Helwys Baptist Church (Church Street, Lenton).

Thursday 12th **Breakfast Club**

Improve your health with a **FREE** smoothie and taster massage session. A **FREE** breakfast with tea and coffee is also available as well as a chance to meet other local residents, talk to staff from the Forum, Compass, the Fire Service, Business Link Venture and the health trainer.

From 1000-1200 at the Lenton Centre. (Willoughby Street, Lenton).

Power League Football Match

Children and Young People will get the chance to participate in a Power League football session tonight (from 1700-2000, Power League Superstadium, Thane Lane).

Allan Breeton, Director, Neighbourhood Crime & Justice for Nottingham Crime & Drugs Partnership said,

“Many of the improvements made during the original Lenton Week of Action in December 2006 have been sustained; local residents have raised further issues that concern them. This Week of Action gives us the opportunity to respond to these concerns and ensure the residents and businesses in Lenton see further progress made in their area”.

Any residents wishing to get involved or wanting more information on the ‘Respect for Lenton 2009’ Week of Action can contact the Neighbourhood Management Team on 0115 915 4723 or 07870 597 162.

Activities happening throughout the week.

Monday to Friday: Daily partnership briefings will take place from 0900 The Lenton Centre.

SmartWater: 1000 homes will be Smartwatered during ‘Respect for Lenton 2009’ by a range of partners and the local Neighbourhood Watch.

Residents of Lenton wishing to have their property Smartwatered should call the Burglary Reduction Team on 0115 915 3701. Smartwater appointments can now be made online, via the Nottingham City Council website by clicking here: <http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/smartwater>

Enforcement, Prevention, Home Fire Safety Checks, Grime and Graffiti: Operations will be taking place throughout the week, photos, interviews and information can be arranged on request.

To arrange interviews or to enquire about any aspect of the Week of Action call; Scott Marshall on 07507 884798 or Katy Follows on 07985 885531.

Notes to editors

What is SmartWater?

- SmartWater is a clear fluid that can be painted onto property to enable the true owner to be identified if it is stolen.
- The SmartWater mark is invisible to the naked eye but can be detected by the Police using special lamps.
- SmartWater uses forensic scientists to give each householder a unique code and enables the Police to return stolen property to the rightful owner.
- The Police can also charge anyone found in possession of an item marked with SmartWater that does not belong to them.

It has proven to be an excellent deterrent to burglars.

Residents from across Nottingham are being encouraged to report problems in their area to the Nottingham City Council's **Anti-Social Behaviour Helpline** on **0115 915 2020**. Crime can be reported anonymously to **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111**.

Respect for Nottingham tackles anti-social behaviour in our City Centre and neighbourhoods to make Nottingham a cleaner and safer place.

In 2003, Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire Police, Nottingham City Homes and partners came together to launch Respect for Nottingham, after the people of Nottingham voiced their opinions loud and clear that they wanted us to take serious action to tackle and prevent anti-social behaviour in our city.

Weeks of Action are just one aspect of the work that the Respect for Nottingham initiative is undertaking to stamp out anti-social behaviour in the city and make Nottingham's neighbourhoods cleaner and safer for everyone.

The Respect for Nottingham 2008-2011 Strategy was refreshed and relaunched in August 2008; copies of this are available from the CDP or can be downloaded from the CDP website at www.nottinghamcdp.com/index.asp?pageid=Respect_for_Nottingham.xml.

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