

Safer Street Website Update

Environmental Crime

The Team have completed four domestic waste amnesties with a total of sixty-one residents using the service, which has led to a reduction in reported fly tips. Feedback from residents has been positive and identified the need for an evening event.

A 'Night of Action' has been organised for 17th March 2023 and will include community engagement and visibility in the area.

CCTV

Nine sites within the local area were identified and twelve CCTV units have been installed in all locations. In addition, four state of the art CCTV units, with the ability to recognise number plates, have been deployed within the boundary of the Ninefields area. These are mobile and will be positioned in the most needed areas.

The extra CCTV has already identified a number of fly tips and Epping Forest District Council Staff are using the latest technology to view the CCTV footage remotely.

Diversions Activities

The local Thursday evening Youth Club, which is funded by the Safer Streets Project, has introduced monthly self-defence classes for all young people. These are held on the first Thursday of each month and are free.

Starting dates confirmed for the outreach bus which will include sports facilities and music and podcasting workshops, not only will this create safe spaces for young people but specialised workers will be onboard to provide guidance and signpost young people to supporting services. The project starts on the 17th March 2023 and will continue throughout the school holidays and is currently being advertised to all young people through schools, social media and locally.

Epping Forest District Council have also been working in partnership with the Youth Service to offer a 'Food Education Programme' to young people. During these sessions attendees will be educated on how to cook healthy meals and upon completion will be provided with a kitchen appliance to take home.

Community Safety

A Crimestoppers Zone has been set up within the Ninefields area. This involves 12 road signs and a leaflet drop with how to report crimes anonymously to each property on the estate. Since introducing the zones it has led to an increase in crimes being reported.

A day of action took place on the 8th March 2023 and included engagement with residents, free distribution of crime prevention materials and bike marking for residents.

A theatre performance focussing on gangs, county lines, exploitation and grooming has been arranged for 12th June 6pm-8pm, the session is aimed at parents. If you would like to book onto the training or would like more information, please email the Ninefields Safer Streets email.

Area Enhancement

The brand-new play park is due for completion at the end of March and an open day planned for the 11th April 2023. Please check out the website for opening dates and further information.

New welcome signs and wayfinder boards are being placed around the estate. Additionally works are being carried out to cut back vegetation to increase the feeling of public safety.

Healthy Relationships

Workshops for Children in year five and six are being rolled out to four local primary school during the month of March 2023. This is an interactive forum theatre workshop and explores healthy relationships and internet misuse.