

JUSTICE SEEN | COMMUNITY JUSTICE DONE | CRIME FIGHTERS

Crime is tackled most effectively when local people work together with the police and other criminal justice agencies - this was what Louise Casey, the Government Crime and Justice Advisor found when she looked at how crime could be better tackled in this country last year.

The Community Crime Fighters programme was announced by the Home Secretary, Jacqui Smith, in September 2008. It aims to develop stronger links between crime – fighting agencies and the communities they serve. Community Crime Fighters are members of the public who are already actively involved in their communities and want to do or know more.

Community Crime Fighters training began in December 2008 and to date over 1500 local activists have taken part in the programme. Those people coming along to the training found it very useful.

- 73% said their training was helpful in their contact with police, council anti-social behaviour team or other criminal justice organisation
- 92% said that as a result of the training they felt better prepared to play a role in helping to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in their area

The Community Crime Fighters training provides an opportunity to learn:

- What the Policing Pledge means locally
- The tools and powers local authorities could and should be using to tackle anti - social behaviour and crime
- The help provided to victims and witnesses of crime and anti-social behaviour
- Ways to get the best out of local crime fighting agencies

Community Crime Fighters autumn road show

If you work alongside police or your council locally you may like to attend one of the Community Crime Fighters training events which are taking place this autumn.

The events are **free** to attend, lunch and refreshments will be provided and help is available with travel costs if required.

Dates and locations:

South West	Plymouth	Tuesday 15 th September
South East	Brighton	Tuesday 13 th October
Midlands	Birmingham	Thursday 15 th October
North East	Newcastle	Tuesday 3 rd November
Wales	Cardiff	Thursday 5 th November
East	Cambridge	Wednesday 11 th November
North West	Liverpool	Tuesday 17 th November

To book a place please call the Community Crime Fighters registration desk on 0800 197 2965. You can also book electronically at: www.communitycrimefighters.org.uk quoting booking reference CCF02

These events are ideal for volunteers and community activists and not suitable for workers such as council reps, housing officers or the police. You should not book to attend if you have already attended a 1 day Community Crime Fighters event. Finally these events are open to people who are over the age of sixteen and not in full time education.

Community Crime Fighters Club benefits

After attending the training you will be offered a range of additional support which includes:

- Access to a Community Crime Fighters telephone support line
- Quarterly newsletter
- Additional training opportunities