



Justice is Working | Spring 2009

Welcome to the fourth issue of **Justice is Working** from Gloucestershire Criminal Justice Board.

Gloucestershire's Justice Superheroes

The winners of Gloucestershire's first Justice Awards have now been announced. [More details](#)

All winners were invited to a Celebration evening at the Hatherley Manor Hotel. The judges were impressed by the quality of the nominations and by the many inspiring stories of dedication and hard work going on throughout the county's justice system. In one category, Partnership of the Year, there were so many deserving nominations that the judges picked three winners:

Mental Health In-reach & Drug Strategy Team



An innovative partnership comprising 2gether NHS Trust's Prison In-Reach team and HMP Gloucester's Drug Strategy Team.

Together they have formed a Safer Custody Support Group which is available to all prisoners in distress.

The group aims to support prisoners through peer and professional support. It promotes confidence and assertiveness, hopefulness and a belief in recovery.

Benedictine Monastic Order of Monks & Gloucestershire Probation Service



A unique partnership between the faith sector and the Probation Service. Through the Community Payback Team, offenders are put to work to help the Monks at Prinknash Abbey restore the old walled garden and orchard.

The partnership helps offenders to learn new skills which will help them find employment and move away from an often chaotic lifestyle. At the same time, the monks are pleased to be able to contribute to the rehabilitation of offenders particularly as the rule of St. Benedict encourages manual labour stating that "idleness is the enemy of the soul".

Domestic Violence Court Team



Operating in the sensitive area of the prosecution of domestic abuse, this partnership between the Police and the Crown Prosecution Service centres around Gloucestershire's specialist Domestic Violence Court.

The direct CPS to Police liaison helps to speed up the progression of a case which is crucial in domestic abuse cases where the injured party is vulnerable - if the case is taking too long, the victim will often retract their evidence because of the stress they feel under.

DIARY DATES

Criminal Justice and the Voluntary and Community Sector Conference
4th June 2009,
9.30am-1.45pm

A joint conference to increase understanding between voluntary and community sector groups and the agencies forming the criminal justice system in Gloucestershire.

If you would like to reserve a place, complete and return the registration form [here](#)

Inside Justice Week

17th-24th
October 2009

[Website](#)

Not in my
Neighbourhood
Week

2nd-6th
November 2009

[Click here](#) for information on last year's event

Board Meeting Dates

The next full board meeting is on 8th May 2009

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Feedback from Annual Seminar



At the Board's Annual Seminar in January, around 130 colleagues, stakeholders and community members joined the Board to help with our business planning process. During the day discussions centred around "improving public confidence" and "community engagement".

Two key themes came out of the day – the importance of communication, and the need to ensure agencies join up our approach to community engagement. As a result, the Board is currently developing a multi-agency community engagement strategy and setting up a multi-agency communications forum.

Restorative justice at Gloucester prison

The Board has agreed to provide £20,000 to Gloucester Prison to help start a restorative justice project.

Restorative justice gives victims the chance to tell offenders the real impact of their crime, to get answers to their questions and to receive an apology. It gives the offenders the chance to understand the real impact of what they've done and to do something to repair the harm.

This initial funding enables a specialist RJ practitioner to commence work on the project, but the Prison is looking to secure further funding to develop the initiative further.

Justice Seen. Justice Done.



Gloucestershire Constabulary has affirmed its commitment to the Policing Pledge, which outlines the standards of service everyone can expect to receive from the force.

The Pledge is a national initiative, under which police forces are expected to deliver a 10 point plan to ensure law abiding citizens are supported and kept safe from harm.

[Click here](#) for more information

New Chair for Criminal Justice Board



After two years as Chair of the Board, it is now time for Adrian Foster to step down, although he will continue to sit on the Board in order to represent the Crown Prosecution Service.

The Board's new Chair is Assistant Chief Constable Ivor Twydell. If you would like to contact the Chair you may do this via the Board's Support Team – contact details are on the right.

New contact details for the Board

The Board's support team have moved offices and are now located at Police Headquarters in Quedgeley. Please note that the new contact details are:

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