



Justice is Working | Autumn 2009

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Cash seized from criminals to be used to improve local communities

Gloucestershire Criminal Justice Board has been running a **Community Cashback scheme** to use the ill gotten gains recovered from criminals to fund projects which will improve Gloucestershire's neighbourhoods.



Taking the cash out of crime

£95,000 has been made available for projects which tackle crime and disorder around the County. 61 bids were received and evaluated with the public being given the opportunity to have their say by nominating their favourite.



The bids were narrowed down to five which have now been submitted to the Office for Criminal Justice Reform for a final decision:

- Furniture Recycling Project
- Whaddon Youth Centre
- Street Pastors
- Rose Garden Restoration
- Restorative Justice at HM Prison Gloucester

The final decision on which bids have been successful is due any day now – check our [Community Cashback Website](#) for the details in a few days time.

Inside Justice Week starts on 17th October



National Inside Justice Week is an opportunity for the public to take a closer look inside our justice system. In Gloucestershire, the different criminal justice agencies will be taking to the streets to meet the public at two road-shows:

- Saturday 17th October – Regents' Arcade, Cheltenham
 - Thursday 22nd October – Kings' Walk Shopping Centre, Gloucester
- Go to [What's happening in Gloucestershire?](#) for more information.

Try your hand at being a Magistrate



Two of our local papers will be focusing on the justice system in Gloucestershire during the week commencing 19th October. **The Gloucestershire Echo and The Citizen** will be featuring a mock trial throughout the week, examining a different aspect each day.

DIARY DATES

Inside Justice Week
17th-24th October

[Website](#)

Not in my Neighbourhood Week

2nd-6th November

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

Gloucestershire Compact Annual Event

This year's annual Gloucestershire Compact Event on 3rd November is open to voluntary and community sector, public sector and other delegates from Gloucestershire.

The aim of the event will be to explore the relationship between underrepresented voluntary and community organisations and the public sector, identifying challenges, opportunities and practical ways to improve outcomes for communities.

There are 60 free places for partners from either the voluntary and community sector or the public sector.

You can [download the booking form](#), or, for more details, speak to a member of the VCS Assembly Team on 01452 522600.

Board Meeting Dates

The next full Board meeting will be on 18th November

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Staff working on the frontline will be interviewed about their role, and the public will be invited to vote on whether the fictional defendant is guilty and, if so, what the sentence should be.

[Web Site](#)

From 19th October you will be also able to follow the series online by going to www.thisisgloucestershire.co.uk.

Being effective, transparent and responsive for victims and the public



The Government's **Public Service Agreement 24** requires Criminal Justice Boards to ensure that they "deliver a more effective, transparent and responsive criminal justice system for victims and the public". The Board has now published its Delivery Plan outlining how it is doing that in 2009-10. [Download a copy](#) from our website.

Tackling Race Disproportionality

The Board is starting a major piece of work to help understand whether there is any racial unfairness in the criminal justice system within Gloucestershire. The project will analyse the ethnicity of people coming into contact with the system at various key stages so any unfairness can be identified and tackled.

Partnership Conference

Later this month, the Board is hosting a conference for Board Members and staff from their organisations, crime and disorder reduction partnerships and members of Gloucestershire's **Safer and Stronger Community Partnership**. All of these key partnerships within the county have responsibility for crime in some way, and the event will be an opportunity for everyone to ensure that they are working effectively together to maximise resources.

We hope you find our newsletter informative. Look out for the next issue early in 2010. If you have any feedback on this issue please [click here](#) to email us.

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