


Community Safety Postcards available today

Making the Carrick Knowe area of west Edinburgh a safer and cleaner place to live is the aim of a community safety postcard initiative taking place today.

The postcard, which highlights the successful work of the West Community Safety Forum and how members of the public can raise issues of concern, will be handed out at the entrance to the Scotmid supermarket on Saughton Road North between 10am and 3pm.

Achievements in recent months in the wider West Edinburgh area have included regular joint police and council patrols, engaging with young people by liaising with schools, and working with parents to respond when antisocial behaviour is identified. Other initiatives have included raising awareness of and stopping dangerous parking around schools so it is safer for children to cross roads.

The postcard can be used by members of the community to contact the Neighbourhood Partnership about any suggestions regarding improvements to the area.

 Councillor Paul Edie, Community Safety Leader and Chair of the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership, said: "There are some fantastic initiatives in the west of the city which are making a real difference to people's lives."

"This postcard has proved successful in other parts of the neighbourhood area and I am sure this success will be repeated in Carrick Knowe. It highlights the wide range of community activities taking place day in day out across west Edinburgh and also gives people an opportunity to have their say in what

matters to them.

“Over the past four years great inroads have been made across the city in tackling antisocial behaviour and it’s important we do not rest on our laurels. By listening to their suggestions the Council and partners like the Safer Neighbourhood Teams from the police and the Council’s Community Safety officers can better direct resources to dealing with the public’s concerns.”

Money for the postcards came from the Edinburgh Council Social Justice Fund which allows local forums to develop initiatives to support community safety objectives.

The West Edinburgh Community Forum is made up of members of the public, community council, residents’ associations, neighbourhood watch groups, council and police staff.