

Huntingdonshire Business Against Crime - Looking forward to 2006

The New Year brings fresh challenges for Huntingdonshire Business Against Crime (HBAC). 2005 has been a great success and we are now sharing information with St Neots businesses after they joined HBAC in Huntingdon and St Ives, in the fight against crime and anti social behaviour.

By coordinating efforts in three towns information can be shared easily to and from members, using Police photographs of known offenders, two way radios and the crime database. In future excluded individuals will be banned from all members premises.

HBAC Commercial was established in 2005. Businesses in the Blackstone Road/Latham Road area north of Huntingdon have been working with HBAC and Cambridgeshire Constabulary to share information on crimes and incidents, and best practice on crime prevention. It is expected that this initiative will reach a wider audience in 2006.

The work of HBAC could not take place without key partners, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) – Community Safety Partnership (HCSP). CCTV based at HDC links to HBAC members via the two way radios. Work is currently underway to improve the quality of the radio link to both St Ives and St Neots.

On a lighter note a recent initiative with HCSP addressed the theft of purses in Huntingdon and St Ives. Cat bells were attached to purses to alert the owner that their hard earned cash is on the move

HBAC helps Huntingdonshire businesses in the fight against crime and makes our towns safer places to live and work.

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