

National Hate Crime Awareness Week

On Thursday 19th October a group of multi-agency members met in Saltash, Safer Saltash, Devon and Cornwall Police, Refugee and Asylum Seeker Resettlement Team, The Complex needs Team, Crimestoppers, Town and Cornwall Councillors.

We spent the day visiting public facing businesses, we had in depth conversations with staff about any form of hate crime and asked if the businesses would support us by displaying a 'NO PLACE FOR HATE' window sticker in their shop/taxi/pub/restaurant/surgery/school/library. This sticker which is visible in the windows supports the fact that this will not be tolerated in Saltash. On this sticker there is a QR code which can be scanned to report immediately to Devon and Cornwall Police any form of hate crime which includes (sexism, racism, disability etc.)

Along side the window stickers we also had leaflets that have been produced by the Resettlement Team which encourage compassion from the English-speaking community towards refugees and third-party reporting information from crime stoppers.

After this very successful hate crime campaign we had ran in Saltash over 65 businesses, traders and organisations in the town participated. One of the major points that was brought to my attention by all businesses in Saltash was the need for CCTV in our town due to the fact of numerous robberies that have occurred in the last few months.

With this issue in mind the local businesses are looking to form a group to support them called "Shop Watch" this will be supported by Devon and Cornwall Police with the supply of radios on a reduced charge per month.

Environmental Vision Audits

This is a meeting of multi-agency sectors, which include safer Saltash, town and Cornwall councillors, Devon and Cornwall police, Cornwall housing and Cormac.

We have chosen certain areas in Saltash to walk and visually inspect areas for issues such as dog fouling, drug use, littering, overgrown walkways and paths and any fly tipping. We have found this to be very beneficial to ourselves as we are on foot as a group and able to communicate personally with the public.