

Newsletter

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"Imprisoned" Lord Stafford with, from left, Amy Minchin, Ellen Williams, Jeremy Hodgkiss, Keith Stewart and Amanda Parrish at Shire Hall Cells

Fundraisers get a taste of porridge

The Children's Safety Education Foundation hosted two Jail and Bail events involving leaders from the Staffordshire business community. Dressed in convict suits and carrying swag bags, the 'convicts' were placed in custody until they raised enough bail money - £500 each - to be released.

All proceeds from these events, which exceeded the target to reach £7,500, will be used to educate school children about dangers such as bullying, drugs, first aid, fire safety and hate crime.

Debbie Batkin, area fund-raising manager, said: "This was a unique opportunity for local business leaders to make a real difference to school children in the Staffordshire area. We aim to make children feel safe, involved and reassured."

The Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the events including Lord Stafford, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Mark Meredith for their invaluable support in making these events a truly memorable experience.

Pictures courtesy of The Sentinel and Express and Star



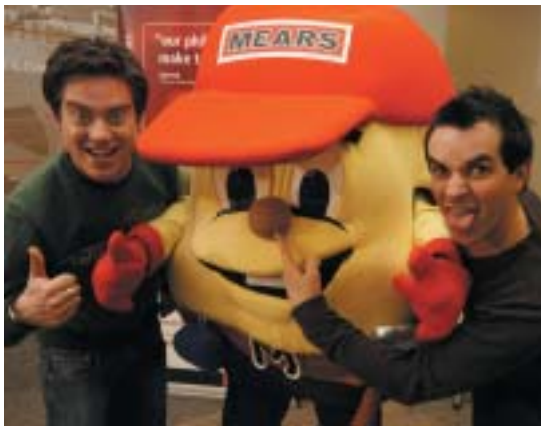
BAIL ME OUT: Stoke-on-Trent elected mayor Mark Meredith does his stint behind bars for The Children's Safety Education Foundation.

Dick and Dom from BBC

Dick and Dom from BBC showed up at The City of Manchester Stadium recently to congratulate finalists and winners from primary schools in Stockport and Manchester, who took part in a new health and safety poster competition.

The initiative launched by Mears Social Housing was endorsed by the Foundation. Resources have been developed that teach children aged between five and seven years of the dangers that can exist in the home when tradesmen are doing repairs.

Dick and Dom judged the health and safety posters. Ronan Dalton, aged seven, won £500 prize money for St Mark's School. Well done!



Junior Fire Safety Quiz

Over 100 Schools took part in 15th annual Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Junior Fire Safety Quiz during 2005. The final took place on November 18th at Burnley Football Club with ten schools competing for an array of shields and prizes.

The quiz was based around the Foundation's 'Red Alert' publication and was hosted by local firefighters and attended by civic leaders from North East Lancashire and local sponsors.



Overall winners of the quiz were the team from St Oswald's, Accrington (pictured left). They also won the Shield for the Hyndburn and Rossendale area. Whittlefield School from Burnley came second and St Veronica's from Rawtenstall were third.

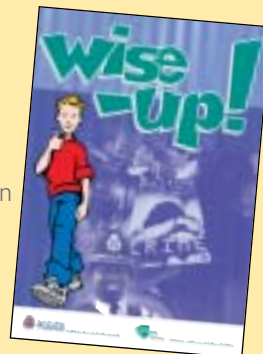
Wise-Up! with GMPA

Greater Manchester Police Authority are running a campaign to reduce the levels of anti-social behaviour in areas of Greater Manchester.

The activity is part of a national campaign led by Police Authorities in conjunction with their local Police Service.

The Foundation's 'Respect Your Life, Your Choice' resource has been adapted to support the campaign. The resource will be distributed to young people attending Secondary Schools.

Uzma Alam, Community Engagement & Consultation Manager at GMPA said "we are delighted with the revised resource and feel it has made a valuable contribution to our campaign over the holiday season."



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Did you know?

More than 30 million inkjet cartridges are dumped each year in the UK (1800 tonnes) - the same weight as 18 Blue Whales.

The Foundation is challenging our employees, supporters and volunteers to collect at least ten mobile phones, printer cartridges or PDAs from their community. These items will then be transferred into cash which will be used to promote Personal, Social and Health Education throughout the British Isles.

It is also easy for businesses to get involved - and completely FREE! By signing up to the scheme and collecting these items Recycling Appeal will arrange to collect the items at no cost to the company and credit cash to the Foundation's Appeal.

Anyone wishing to support can find out more by visiting www.recyclingappeal.com/csef or by calling **08451 30 20 10**



Blue Friday Balloons over Stockport

Secondary School pupils throughout Stockport took part in a spectacular balloon launch that marked the end of Anti-Bullying week. Thousands of blue balloons drifted across the winter skyline and highlighted the borough's determination to reduce the misery caused by bullying in schools. There were so many balloons the airport had to be consulted prior to the launch!

Kingsway School in Gatley held a series of Anti-Bullying events throughout the week and a special assembly was held on Friday, November 25th. Head of the Upper Site, Mrs Maxey, welcomed guests who included LEA representatives, Governors and Parents. The Foundation provided anti-bullying wristbands and Anti-Bullying safety resources to support the initiative. The assembly featured a special Anti-Bullying song 'Stand Tall' sung live by Lauren J who is seventeen. Lauren who is part of the Liverpool group Just 3, wrote the song herself about a school friend who was being bullied. Lauren was joined on stage by Salford classical singer Jon Christos and a question and answer session formed part of the assembly.

As part of the week's events the school published a special A4 booklet that contained 30 Anti-Bullying poems. Headteacher, Mr Tunnard, thanked the pupils, staff, Lauren and Jon, the guests and everyone involved in the week's events.

Pictures courtesy of Stockport Citizen



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Daredevils are being invited to get active for charity. The Foundation is inviting businesses and employees to join in its Charity Events to be held in Staffordshire.

The first is our 'Outdoor Activity Challenge' on Saturday May 13th at Stanley Head Outdoor Activity Centre. The centre, near Endon, Staffordshire will set a number of challenges for participants while friends and family will be able to enjoy bouncy castles, face painting and balloon modelling.

The second, is our charity abseil event which we will be hosting with the support and assistance of ADSIS and the YMCA. If you ever fancied doing an abseil here is your chance. The Stoke-on-Trent abseil will be held on Saturday and Sunday September 9th and 10th.

For further information about these events call Debbie Batkin on 01782 205335.



Putney Property Company Keeping Children Safe

Property company Heavenly Homes London, based in Putney pledged their support to the Metropolitan Police's Wandsworth Junior Citizen Programme.

The Programme, which uses safety resources provided by the Foundation, is aimed at young children attending Primary Schools giving them the skills to deal with a wide range of emergency situations from fire safety, bullying to home safety and vandalism.

Managing Director of Heavenly Homes London, Joe Brohoun, stated: "We are really keen to support local initiatives and the Metropolitan Police Junior Citizen Programme has a valuable role to play in the community. Educating the young children in the area will enable them to make a valued contribution to the local community as well as teaching them how to keep themselves and others safe."



Picture courtesy of Crewe Chronicle

Pupils mark safety in miles

Parents and children are going the extra mile to help the Foundation protect young people from harm.

Cash is being raised through sponsored events such as walking, running and swimming a mile, to skipping, hopping and egg and spoon racing.

CSEF school fundraiser, Leanne Marsden, said: "We know how difficult it can be to get important messages such as bullying, drug and alcohol awareness to children so we have invited parents to get involved in the fundraising initiative. Proceeds will be ploughed back into promoting the personal safety and social, health and citizenship education of children and young people throughout the UK."

Safer Neighbourhoods

On 8th February representatives from the Foundation exhibited and attended the Metropolitan Police's 'Safer Neighbourhoods' Conference. The Conference provided a platform for the Foundation to promote its work to key service professionals.

