

# News flash

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## SAFER PLACES SCHEME LAUNCHED IN EASTLEIGH



On one of the few dry April days, the Mayor of Eastleigh, Councillor Wayne Irish officially launched the Safer Places Scheme at The Point, attended by over 90 people. Afterwards we had a walk lead by the local PCSO's and Active Citizens Group to spot the new Safe Places around the town centre.



Safe Places in Eastleigh town centre are The Point, The Swan Centre, Tesco's, Poppins and Cosy's cafes, The Sewing Centre, Oswald Bailey's, Sainsbury's, One Community, the Town Centre Office/shopmobility, Wells Place Centre, the Police Station, Fleming Park Leisure Centre, the Civic Office, the Hexagon Centre and Eastleigh College.

Safe Places are now also running in Boyatt Wood, West End, Botley and Fair oak, so look out for the stickers there! We are working on finding Safe Places in other areas now. Remember you can use your card in any area where the scheme operates.

The Safe Place cards are free and available from the Civic and Town Centre Offices, and at One Community in Romsey Road. During Learning Disability Week, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 10am-2pm, the Active Citizens Group will be running a stand in the Swan Centre about the scheme and giving out cards, so come and see us there.

We have already heard of two instances of people finding their cards useful, so please tell us if you have any other examples.

*Pauline Spiers*

Safer Places Scheme co-ordinator





# MENCAP SUMMER BBQ

EBR MENCAP are holding a Summer BBQ at  
Royal Victoria Country Park  
on SATURDAY July 14. Come and join us!

Tickets on sale soon – book on 023 8048 3471

## INSPIRE ME

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROJECT

We are still taking bookings for two of the workshops which we are running in June. Workshops take place in Eastleigh and have been funded by the Co-op's Charity Appeal 2011 and by a grant from Councillor Alan Dowden.

**Managing your money (5 weeks starts June 14)**  
**Citizenship (all day on June 10)**

The workshops are open to young people with learning disabilities aged between 18 and 25 inclusive who live in Eastleigh borough or in the Romsey area.

Call Michelle to find out more or to book your place. 023 8048 3471



## MENCAP Health Walks



**June 2 – Knowle Park, near Wyvern School**

**June 16 – Mansbridge, meet at White Swan pub**

The MENCAP Walking Group meets on alternate Saturday mornings throughout the year. They are a friendly group who like walking in the countryside and on the beach. Walks start at 11.00am and last for approximately one hour. All the walks are led by a trained Walk Leader and the walks are chosen because they have no stiles and are on fairly flat ground. We usually meet in a car park where there are facilities nearby.

**N.B. If the weather has been wet or is doubtful on the day, please call Kath 023 8026 5426 or Helga 01489 784633 to make sure the walk is going ahead. Very occasionally we do have to cancel a walk.**

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