

News flash

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Hi! You may have spotted Safe Places stickers appearing around Eastleigh Town Centre in the last week so I hope that you are coming along to collect your Safe Places card THIS Tuesday 24th April at 11am at the Point. The Mayor, Councillor Wayne Irish will launch the scheme and, after everyone has got their card, our friendly PCSO's Ben and Tom will lead us round the town centre spotting the stickers. In case that sounds like thirsty work, Sainsbury's have kindly donated some juice/water as well as volunteering to be a Safe Place! It is really great that local businesses have agreed to support the scheme, as it wouldn't work without them, so do congratulate them on taking part if you happen to go into their premises.

What is the Safer Places Scheme?

A 'Safe Place' is an ordinary business, organization or shop that has agreed to offer support if someone has a bad experience when out in their local community.



A person can

- enter the premises that display this logo on a sticker,
- show their Safe Places card
- and receive help in contacting a trusted person whose number is on their card, or the police if they have been the victim of a crime.

The venue provides a safe place for the person to wait for their trusted person, or the police, to arrive.

I hope to see lots of you at the launch, but I won't be sitting back after the launch, as we hope to have Safe Places across the borough and I nearly have Fairoak, Boyatt Wood, West End and Botley ready to go too – so look out for the yellow stickers.

Pauline Spiers

Safer Places Scheme co-ordinator

Ps If you really can't make it to the launch, the cards are available at One Community and the Civic Offices.

INSPIRE ME YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROJECT

We are still taking bookings for the three workshops which we are running with Royal MENCAP in May and June.

The workshops focus on: **Confidence building**
Managing your money
Citizenship

All workshops will take place in the centre of Eastleigh.

Confidence building will start on May 9 (Wednesday) and will take place from 7.00pm to 8.00pm for five consecutive weeks.

Managing your money starts on June 14 (Thursday) and will take place from 7.00pm to 8.00pm for five consecutive weeks.

Citizenship will be a one day workshop on Sunday June 14. On this workshop participants will learn about voting and contributing to their community, they will have the chance to plan a community event.

The workshops are open to young people with learning disabilities aged between 18 and 25 inclusive who live in Eastleigh borough or the Romsey area. Workshops are free and priority for places will be given to EBR MENCAP members. There will be games, activities and training in each workshop and a chance to meet new people.

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



MENCAP Health Walks



April 21 – Netley. Start from St Edwards Church, Grange Road followed by visit to the Eastleigh Friends Spring Fair

May 5 - Hillhead Meet at the seafront car park near bottom of Crofton Lane

May 19 – Warsash. Meet in the car park on the bend in Shore Road

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. The 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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