

**TACKLING
DRUGS**
**CHANGING
LIVES**

National Tackling Drugs Week

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INTRODUCTION

A flurry of activity was carried out during the National Tackling Drugs week in the South East Region.

I was fortunate enough to be able to go out and see some of these inspiring and well organised events—it certainly made a change to my standard week!

I have captured some of the events carried out over the last week however this list is by no means complete as partners are still getting press releases and photo's developed.

There is also a short film currently being developed which will showcase some of the activities highlighted in this newsletter. Keep an eye on our community safety e-forum for its release

<http://eforums.gos.gov.uk/>

Our Community Safety team in GOSE set up our own NTDW awareness display on the ground floor of our office and held a Q&A session at our monthly all staff meeting.



Meet the GOSE drugs team

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Surrey Police officers and representatives from partner agencies gathered together on Monday morning (19 May) to see the Drugs Bus off on its tour of the county. During National Tackling Drugs Week the Surrey Police Drugs Bus visited schools, communities and town centres across Surrey to raise awareness of drugs misuse, the issues around it and the multi-agency help available to drug users.



Surrey Drugs Bus parked in Guildford train station

Reading offered information and advice on drugs services at the South East Reading Road show

As part of our awareness week HMP Springhill in Bucks held a Recovery Celebration event. CARAT staff along with peer supporters and the drug testing staff share prisoners achievements with their families and friends whilst offering advice and support.



Slough YOT staff and young dodge ball players

The Slough Youth Offending

and West Berkshire DIP held an awareness raising event in Newbury Town Centre.



South East Reading road show

Both events were jointly managed between all partner agencies and well attended.



West Berks Awareness Stand in Newbury Town Centre

Team along with ISP (intensive supervision programme) held a Dodge ball event at the Montem Sports centre between the staff and the young people. The event was well attended including 2 very brave PSCO's! Bracknell launched their New Hope integrated substance misuse service by holding an open event, leaflets drops, awareness raising evening for parents and itemizer demonstrations.

HMP Maidstone held drug awareness training and day's activity in swabbing key areas of the site and use of HMP drug dogs to identify drug use to in

An Oxford nightspot became the first club in Oxfordshire to declare itself a drug free zone— anyone who now comes through the door will be drugs and weapon searched including the staff and the entertainment.

A new Kent Crimestopper campaign targeting those living off the proceeds of crime was launched on the 19th May at Kent Police HQ in Maidstone.



New campaign "Too much bling, give us a ring"

The Police are determined to remove financial assets from criminal networks.

form future supply ops.

Housing and support services providers BCHA (Bournemouth Churches Housing Assoc) and Reading Borough Council officially opened Waylen Street, a project providing accommodation, care and support to rough sleepers with addiction problems in Reading.



Waylen Street opening