



# Safer Hastings Partnership

## Funding makes difference to local residents

### Clearing up abandoned vehicles



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### Skates on at YMCA

FOR THE second year in a row, the Safer Hastings Partnership has allocated a small grant of £2,000 to enable the YMCA to continue with its popular roller-skating sessions.

The Tuesday Skate Session has grown massively since it was launched in September 2006, with more than 600 members and an average weekly attendance of around 80 young people.

Karen Manning, CEO of Hastings & Rother YMCA, said, "A huge thank you to the SHP for once again helping to fund our extremely popular Tuesday night Skate Session. It is great to be able to offer a free session that encourages sports and fitness in a safe environment. We give young people somewhere to go, something to do and a sense of belonging."

The SHP grant will be spent on staffing the session and paying for the hall hire.

The Tuesday Skate Session takes place from 8pm to 10.30pm and is open to young people aged 14 and older. A nominal 50p is charged for skate hire.

THE SAFER Hastings Partnership has contributed £1,700 towards the removal of 30 abandoned vehicles in Coghurst Woods. The vehicles were originally dumped by joyriders. The East Hastings Multi-Agency Tasking Team (MATT) applied for the small grant from the SHP to remove the vehicles, many of which are burnt out. The £1,700 from the SHP has paid for a specialist winch, while another £3,000 has been supplied by the local Neighbourhood Renewal Unit. The multi-agency clearance event will involve 1066 Housing Association's Resident Services Organisation, the

Probation Service, Hastings Borough Council's Warden Service, Police and the Youth Development Service. Paul Fagan, Priority Area Project Officer, said, "We are very pleased to receive this contribution from the SHP to help us fund the clearance of these abandoned vehicles in various states of decay. "An awful lot of hard work has been carried out by a number of agencies through the East Hastings MATT over the last 18 months, and this 'Community Clearance Day' will see that work culminate in creating a much cleaner, greener and safer area of wooded land, which can be used by all members of the community."

### St Paul's awarded grant to tackle bullying & anti-social behaviour



A 10-WEEK anti-bullying campaign was launched by St Paul's CE Primary School this week using funding from the SHP. The SHP donated £870 specifically to fund the purchase of anti-bullying resources for the school, which has 630 pupils, to launch its campaign to coincide with National Anti-Bullying Week, which began on Monday 19th November. The grant has been used to buy resources such as posters displaying playground rules and games, as well as materials needed to establish an effective School Council. Head teacher Mrs Lock, pictured left with students, said, "We aim to raise the children's awareness of the consequences bullying has upon the lives of those at the receiving end, both at school and within the community. "We believe the resources this funding has enabled us to purchase will educate the children in their responsibility, citizenship and the local community."

