

Alcohol is no excuse

Research indicates that during major sporting events incidents of domestic abuse increase because people drink more. With the European Cup and the Olympics both being held this summer, along with the Jubilee celebrations, the East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership wishes to highlight this issue and spread the message that this type of behaviour is not acceptable.

Domestic abuse accounts for about a third of all violent crime reported to the Police nationally and it is believed that many more cases go unreported.

A new poster 'Alcohol is No Excuse' is currently being displayed across Devon. It has been adapted for use in East and Mid Devon to provide **local** helpline numbers for both domestic abuse and alcohol support services.

Town and parish councils will be sent a copy of this poster to display in a prominent place to help raise awareness.

You can also help to spread this message by putting the helpline numbers in your parish magazine or website:

Don't suffer in silence - for support contact:

Stop Abuse for Everyone - Domestic Abuse Support Services

Helpline: For 24-hour confidential support and information call **01392 667144*** (Exeter, East & Mid Devon) or our free local helpline on **0800 328 3070***

www.safe-services.org.uk

* The 01392 number cannot be traced but the 0800 number may show up on your phone bill.

Addaction – Alcohol Support Services

Helpline: **01392 431 588**

www.addaction.org.uk

Police: Emergency **999**

Non-emergency **101**