

# CRAYLANDS / FRYERNS EAST

YOUR VOICE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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## CRAYLANDS INFLATABLE "HOME SWEET DOME" IS OPENED !

The new inflatable, named by the residents, is a key resource for the Craylands Community to use for events and meetings. The portable, futuristic community space will be a meeting place for people on the Craylands Estate and has evolved through extensive consultation and initially came from the idea that residents wanted a focal point on the estate to hold events and activities and celebrate the changes on their developing estate. The multi functioning shelter had been a seedling idea that developed into a mobile inflatable community space eventually to be managed by the Beachwood "Estate Management Committee". (continued on next page)



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## CRAYLANDS INFLATABLE, "HOME SWEET DOME", IS OPENED (CONTINUED)

The funding and development for the project was from the Essex County Council's "Genius Loci" programme and partnership working with Basildon Borough Council, Swan Housing and Basildon, Billericay and Wickford Council for Voluntary Services. Essex County Council Public Art team had commissioned art collective The People Speak, and London-based architects Penttinen Schone to design the structure.



Extensive consultation had taken place with local residents AND local schools who helped influence the design and recently named the inflatable. The People Speak will initially manage the project for 12 months and will showcase the inflatable space by supporting events with local residents. The structure also contains high tech electronic equipment and The People Speak will organise and develop training programmes for community groups to use the

equipment at local events. It is hoped that this innovative project, identified and used by local residents will increase community engagement and enhance the perception of Craylands and its transition into Beechwood Village.

The flexible portable space will also give the opportunity through local events to

- identify and explore the future needs of residents.
- encourage residents to become more involved in the decision making processes
- develop skills and qualifications leading to increased employment opportunities

This new project will help the residents of Craylands to become more involved in their community, if you have any ideas and want to find out more or if you would like to become a volunteer and become more involved in this project please ring Heather Wood 01268 294395.

Design by Penttinen Schöne for The People Speak. Commissioned by Essex County Council.



## NEW GROUP IN CRAYLANDS

Three mums opened the doors of a new parent and toddler group called "Rugrats" on the Norwich Walk, Craylands Estate. The mums said that they felt there were not enough places nearby for parents to meet and let their toddlers play together, the sessions are already successful. Activities include singing, dancing and painting. The group meets on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9.30 - 11.30 am at Craylands Hall. Each session costs £2.50 per child.



## SANTA'S GROTTO IN CRAYLANDS

Christmas will arrive in Craylands early with a fun packed event taking place on the 16th Dec from 1 - 4 pm. Craylands Hall will be hosting a big party for everyone, free of charge, including balloons, face painting, badge & fridge magnet making, Larry the Lion and much more. Outside the hall Santa will be inside the "Home Sweet Dome" grotto. Come join the beginning of festive celebrations with us.

**16 December 2010, 1-4 pm, Craylands**



## 'VITALITY' ON THE MOVE`

Have you visited the Craylands mobile multi-purpose clinic?

'Vitality on the Move' mobile unit has weekly "drop in" sessions on Craylands from 2.00 pm every Friday afternoon.

Craylands residents are encouraged to come down to the mobile clinic parked in Exeter Close and ask any health improvement questions relating to stopping smoking, losing weight, eating better or to book a health check.

Don't be shy, come down and meet the staff and find out how you can lead a healthier life style or just come down to meet the staff and have a welcome "cuppa".

For further information on either project please call 0800 077 8000, or visit [www.lovevitality.org](http://www.lovevitality.org)



## GATEWAY FM OPPORTUNITIES

Gateway 97.8 is a local radio station based in Basildon. The station is based in the Eastgate Shopping Centre. It broadcasts 24 hours a day with programmes reflecting the diversity within our community. It offers training courses, work experience and volunteer opportunities, as well as promoting local businesses, talent and causes. If you would like to know more please ring Yvonne Williams, managing director on 01268 833978. Thank you.



## LOCAL CRIME LEVELS

FRYERNS, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2010



ESSEX POLICE

It is now possible to check the crime levels in your area by going to Essex Police's website: <http://essex.crimemapper.co.uk> and inputting your post code.

Here is a short report on the crime statistics for Craylands/Fryerns East area for July, August and September 2010, compared to the same period in 2009.

### Fryerns

Essex - Basildon - Fryerns

All crime

Crime types

Find out more

The level of crime in this area is above average

(compared to the rest of Essex change)

Compare this area to other area(s)  
(0/5 areas selected) View comparison

How was this calculated?

The average number of crimes in this area has

decreased from 152.7 to 150.3 (1.5%)

(compared to the same three month period last year)

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Average
2009	148	163	147	152.7
2010	156	164	131	150.3

Show: Total crimes | Crime rates

Crime rates\* in this area for the last 12 months



\*Crime rates show number of crimes per 1000 people.

### Vehicle Crime

The average number of vehicle crimes in this area has **decreased** from 17.3 to 15.3 (11.5%) (compared to the same period last year)

### Violence

The average number of violent crimes in this area has **decreased** from 39.3 to 33 (16.1%) (compared to the same period last year)

### Anti-Social Behaviour

The average number of anti-social behaviour incidents in this area has **decreased** from 95.7 to 61.3 (35.9%) (compared to the same period last year)

## Take Sally and Harry to Sunday tea



If you are interested in driving a couple of lonely older people once a month to Sunday tea or host a tea party just twice a year please call:

**0800 716 543**

[www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk](http://www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk)

**CONTACT**  
the elderly

Whilst our older members are aged in body they are not aged in spirit, and our volunteer drivers and hosts have as much fun as the guests. Join us today and start your Monday knowing you have helped reduce the loneliness of your new old friends.

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Cartoon by Kipper Williams

Contact the Elderly is a registered charity in England and Wales (244681) and in Scotland (SC20937)

### Burglary

The average number of burglaries in this area has **increased** from 13.7 to 21 (53.7%) (compared to the same period last year)

### Robbery

The average number of robberies in this area has **increased** from 0.3 to 0.7 (100%) (compared to the same period last year)

## Handy Numbers

Basildon District Council 01268 533333, Adult Community College 01268 520599, St. Georges Community Housing 01266 465050, Streetcare 01268 294949

Craylands Clinic 01268 541555, Fryerns Library 01268 521642, Basildon Police Station 01268 532212