

London Borough of Bexley

News Release

For Immediate Release

16 June 2016 / PR 8334

SCHOOL TRUANCY PATROLS IN BEXLEY

The Council's Education Welfare Service and the local police recently undertook a very successful joint truancy patrol aimed at ensuring that all children in the Borough get a good education and go to school.

Four police officers and four Education Welfare Officers travelled around the Borough in a police marked people carrier and an unmarked police car. They concentrated on the Erith, Thamesmead, Crayford, Welling and Sidcup shopping areas.

In addition four more police officers and four more Education Welfare Officers patrolled the Broadway shopping mall. The patrol was very well received by the public and shopkeepers.

A total of 38 young people were stopped. All received 'stop slips' and follow-up letters will be sent to their schools and parents as appropriate.

Another truancy patrol is planned before the end of the summer term and the Council will continue to work closely with local police teams to ensure that young people appreciate the importance of attending school.

Ends

