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Drink and drugs-free zone

The clocks have changed, the nights are lighter and the weather's better... and Boston Police and Boston Borough Council have stepped up action to deter street drinking.

Notices have been posted around Central Park in English, Polish and Russian warning that consumption of alcohol and taking of drugs will not be tolerated and offenders will be reported to the police.

The high-visibility presence of a mobile police station in the park this week will underline the message.

And owners of off-licences throughout the town have joined the campaign to reduce under-age drinking. They have now all been trained to challenge anyone purchasing alcohol who they believe to be under 25 to prove they are old enough to purchase alcohol. They have also been trained to spot those who might be purchasing alcohol on behalf of someone too young to buy it for themselves.

Yesterday a team of police and a community safety officer from the borough council were out in force spraying a chalk-based stencil outside off licences warning of the clampdown on under-age drinkers and posting the don't drink or take drugs notices.

Boston's community police inspector Andy Morrice said: "We have had success in deterring street drinkers from the town centre, around the war memorial and the Stump. Now we will be concentrating on Central Park and Witham Bank. We want to



Police Volunteer Cadet Louisa Hulme (17), a uniformed public service student at Boston College, sprays the under-18 warning logo outside Pasikonik supermarket in Red Lion Street. She is enjoying work experience with Boston Police

keep people out of the habit now that the weather is getting better.

"The mobile police station will be staffed until late at night and anyone can come to us to report street drinking or anything else."

The initiatives come under the umbrella of the Community Alcohol Partnership which brings together local retailers and licensees, trading standards, police, health services, schools and other agencies to tackle the problem of underage drinking and associated anti-social behaviour. Off licence staff in Boston have received high standards of free training in such schemes as Challenge 25 and ways to prevent alcohol being sold to adults for minors.

See more pictures <http://bit.ly/2mP0Dkq>

WIN your shopping and help protect children

Don't miss out on the chance of winning a £10 shopping voucher, just by putting a sticker in your car showing support for new rules on smoking in cars carrying children.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2nf4Nhx>



Kids clean up

Boston's tenth annual big clean-up takes place next month, but children have already completed the Big Schools Clean-up. 545 children at primary schools throughout the borough waged war on litter when they cleaned up in and around their own schools grounds. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2nL6zKm>



Growing support for accident victims memorial fund

An appeal to fund a memorial garden near Boston for all of Lincolnshire's road accident victims is gathering pace.

The next event is a fashion show by Lincs Fashions at Boston United's, York Street. Ground starting at 7pm on Wednesday, April 5.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2mz8Fh6>



Town's first Hanseatic visitors

Students from Harderwyk, together with their new friends from Boston College's travel and tourism course, were welcomed into the Boston Borough Council chamber by Mayor, Cllr Stephen Woodliffe. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2nV8edZ>



Rohan's Boston view gifted to town

A piece of original art, in the style of the famous railway posters promoting the places they served, has been presented to Boston Borough Council and now hangs in pride of place in the main committee room at Municipal Buildings in West Street. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ng2oFL>



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