



EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”

EASTBOURNE CID TAKES THE CRIME FIGHT TO THE CRIMINALS

Thieves in Eastbourne will be thinking twice before breaking into people's garages after 2 youths were filmed burgling a garage which had been wired up with hidden cameras.

Eastbourne Police caught the two hapless thieves when they broke into a bait garage and tried to steal a Yamaha motorcycle. Footage from the garage has been released by Sussex Police and can be seen through Youtube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5yTxDzwydU&sns=tw

This innovative tactic was featured on the BBC South East Today programme on Monday along with an interview with Detective Inspector Paul Phelps who talked about the successful use of 'bait' garages in crime hot spots in Eastbourne.

This is the first time 'bait' garages have been used by the Force:

- They are neither expensive nor labour intensive.... all equipment used is in-house and only takes about 2/3 hours to rig a garage.
- They are proving to be highly effective... as soon as someone enters the garage a mobile phone text is sent to the officers to notify them of an intruder. Images from the cameras are downloaded, the suspect is identified and then arrested.

District Commander Chief Inspector Jayne Dando, “Our aim is to reassure the local community that Sussex Police care about the effect that opportunistic thieves have on people's lives. We are taking the fight to the criminals to reduce this type of crime and instill fear in potential perpetrators that they will be caught.”