

LICHFIELD DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

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HIGH SHERIFF SUPPORTS PANEL'S DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The Panel's ambitious Drugs Awareness Presentations to Primary Schools throughout Lichfield District has received a boost from the High Sheriff of Staffordshire, Mrs. Sheila Carver. Mrs. Carver visited St. Chad's C.E. Primary School on 25th January when its pupils received a presentation from Mr. Ian Hall who is delivering the talks on behalf of the Panel. The aim of the presentations is to help give Year 5 and 6 pupils accurate information on drug use in a balanced and sensitive manner.



Alan Birch, Chairman of the Panel, says:

“We are extremely pleased that the High Sheriff is finding time in her busy schedule to visit one of the presentations. The initiative is co-funded by P.A.S.S. (Partners Assuring a Safer Staffordshire) and the High Sheriff is a trustee of this organisation. The Panel is very grateful for their continued support. Feedback from Head Teachers of those Primary Schools which have already received presentations is very positive and the Panel hopes to be able to continue to support the programme from its own funds as well as its co-sponsors P.A.S.S. and the A.T.R. Whittington Barracks.”

Tracey Coles, Head Teacher, is very pleased that the Lichfield District Crime Prevention Panel continues to organise the programme. Tracey says:

“Educating children about drugs, giving them accurate information about substances is an important issue. The children are more attentive when such a talk is delivered by someone in authority with detailed knowledge. Class teachers have less credibility because they don’t tend to spend their evenings on the streets! The role of the Year 6 class teacher in the programme then becomes one of discussing strategies on how to deal with situations when you are offered drugs but wish to say no, particularly if under pressure from peers to accept. Such education is vital to our young people. Long may the Lichfield District Crime Prevention Panel find the funds to continue this important work.”