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PANEL JOINS FORCES WITH MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE TO COMBAT CRIME

Discussions between the Lichfield District Crime Prevention Panel and representatives from Staffordshire County Council's Mobile Library Services have led to the Panel's crime prevention products now being available from mobile library vehicles.

Alan Birch, Chairman of the Panel, says:

"I am delighted that the County Council have been so co-operative with our proposal. This initiative is another example of partnership working which supports the Community Safety Strategy and is a 'first' of its kind in Staffordshire".

The Panel's products which include personal attack alarms, property/cycle marking kits, door chains/bars, shed alarms, door view mirrors, home computer packs etc. can be ordered from the two mobile library vehicles which visit venues throughout Lichfield District. The project will be launched on Wednesday 1st October.

Olwen Johnson, Principal Librarian, Community Library Service, says:

"Staffordshire Library Service is pleased to be supporting Lichfield District Crime Prevention Panel in its initiative to combat crime. As well as providing an accessible library service to people living in rural and excluded areas our mobile libraries are ideal vehicles for taking all kinds of services and information to the heart of the community.

This is another example of Staffordshire Libraries' commitment to working in partnership with other organisations for the benefit of residents of the whole county".

Residents are reminded that crime prevention products can also be purchased from Lichfield District Council's sub offices at Armitage, Chase Terrace and Fazeley as well as Lichfield and Chasetown Police Stations, Window on the World at Chasetown and Lichfield Tourist Information Office.