

Ashuk awarded money to aid crime fight

A COMMUNITY crime fighter has been given £1,000 to combat anti-social behaviour and bring safety to his neighbourhood.

Ashuk Ahmed MBE, of Austin Road, Luton, won a grant from the Government's Community Crime Fighters' Fund.

Mr Ahmed, 47, trained as a Crime Fighter and is an experienced volunteer who has been given the skills and training to work alongside police.

The money will be used by Luton's Mitalee Youth Association, of which Mr Ahmed is a member, to hire a broadcasting studio and produce a series of discussion programmes about community safety which will be broadcast on radio station Diverse FM. Mr Ahmed said: "I've been involved in community work for more than 25 years in Luton.

"I have run a number of projects to do with anti-social behaviour and nuisance youths which have been very successful.

"It's important because the community I live in has a high level of deprivation and it's the only way to solve the problems and make everyone's lives better.

"The radio programmes will raise awareness so people can get better information on how to tackle crime and know where to go to get help."

If you are interested in fighting crime, or would like advice about solving problems in your neighbourhood, contact Mitalee Youth Association on 01582 731400.



Head found in Lagoon case

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charged in connection with Mr Gilbert's death and a trial is due to begin at Luton Crown Court next week. They are:

- Nichola Roberts, 21, of Burford Close, Luton, charged with familial homicide and perverting the course of justice and murder.
 - Natasha Oldfield, 19, of Chertsey Close, Luton, charged with familial homicide, perverting the course of justice and murder.
 - James Watt, 27, of Chertsey Close, Luton, charged with murder, familial homicide and perverting the course of justice.
 - Antonio Watt, 70, of Chertsey Close, Luton, charged with familial homicide and perverting the course of justice.
 - Jennifer Smith-Dennis, 58, of Chertsey Close, Luton, charged with familial homicide and two counts of perverting the course of justice.
 - Richard Watt, 25, of Chertsey Close, Luton, has pleaded guilty to familial homicide.
 - The charge of murder remains on file but he will stand trial charged with perverting the course of justice.
 - Robert Watt, 20, also of Chertsey Close, Luton, has pleaded guilty to two counts of perverting the course of justice. He will continue to stand trial for familial homicide and murder.
- Sentencing for the offences the defendants have pleaded guilty to will take place at the conclusion of the trial.

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