

Road safety for young people

The annual Safe Drive, Stay Alive road safety events, which use hard hitting real life experiences to warn teenagers about the perils of dangerous driving, took place in the autumn.

Students from 18 local schools and sixth forms attended the events to watch a series of educational films and live speakers. The emergency services described some of the tragedies they have encountered, and parents of accident victims and former teenagers explained how their lives had been affected by poor decisions made behind the wheel.

Cllr Keith Burrows, Cabinet Member of Planning, Transportation and Recycling, said: "Most teenagers dream about passing their driving tests and getting out on the roads with their friends. But the lack of experience and newfound confidence that often goes hand in hand with gaining some independence from parents can be a lethal. Therefore it's vital we educate youngsters to take care, slow down, and speak up if you're a passenger in a car and you feel unsafe."