

West Sussex Mediation Service External Newsletter

Give me the money!

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WSMS has recently taken advantage of a special offer, which enables us to keep up with modern technology and take payments via debit or credit cards on the move.

'Paypal Here' is a neat device that pairs with an iPhone or Android mobile phone, via bluetooth. The small card reader requires no leads or landline — just a mobile signal

Here's to the future of payment

and battery charge. Payments, of any amount, can be made anywhere, indoors or out. The chip and pin card reader is of British design. You have to download a free app on to your mobile phone to facilitate the payments. You are also able to send electronic receipts and invoices from your mobile.

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External Edition

Published for the Funders and Supporters of the West Sussex Mediation Service. We think the gadget will be useful to take donations at events or payments for paid mediations at the time, to avoid bad debtors or late payment. Card fees are 2.75% of the transaction but this could be loaded onto the bill. WSMS already uses Paypal to receive and make payments.

To view a short video on 'Paypal Here' follow this link: http://ow.ly/ClvG2

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Spot the mistake

Not my faux pas but perhaps I should have chequed (sic).



Shame our cheque was not in the same amount (but we gratefully received £200 — from East Grinstead Town Council)

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Snippets



> We are pleased to see the return of Talitha to our mediator ranks after a little time away from us. It's good to have her back. The same can be equally be said for Brian, from Bognor Regis, who has also announced his return to the fold after a period of absence.



> We have broken the £5,000 barrier in terms of earned income from fee paying mediation since 1st April. By the year end we will have far exceeded our previous year's total (£5,485).





If time allows, Nick would like to organise a **Christmas Social** for anyone connected with WSMS, past or present. To gauge interest, type of event favoured and best day of the week to choose, please drop a line to Nick by email (nick@wsms.org.uk)





To read an interesting article on which age group are the nosiest neighbours — follow this link: http://ow.ly/DpNKF (Apparently over half of 18-34 year old in a recent survey admitted to spying on their neighbours).



QUOTE OF THE DAY







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Competition



How would you like to win some fantastic prizes and a great donation to a charity of your choice by getting into the Halloween spirit?

We want you to get creative and take a picture of your Halloween festivities - pumpkin carvings, spooky costumes, terrifying decorations...

Post your photos on Facebook and Twitter or email to charity@giveacar.co.uk
Make sure you like our pages to receive results and updates!

How to enter

Facebook

Post your photograph on the Giveacar Facebook page timeline Twitter

Tweet your image to @giveacar and mention your favourite charity

Deadline

Midnight - Tuesday 4th November

Prizes

1st

Amazon Kindle and a £200 donation! 2nd

6 month Netflix suscription and a £100 donation!

3rd

£20 Amazon voucher and a £50 donation!

Perhaps you will have children/grandchildren dressing up for Halloween or are creative with your Halloween decorations or pumpkin carvings. Worth us joining the fun and raising our profile. Remember deadline for submissions is **Midnight 4th Nov.**

Referrals

We have ticked over nicely in October with 28 referrals by 28th of the month. That takes us ahead of the same month last year but not as huge a figure as our record busting October 2013 when we took 39 referrals. It is great to see 30 of our mediators active on current or pending cases on our board. We continue to have a strong number of referrals via the Police but self referrals continue to dominate. Worthing Borough and Horsham District have feature most frequently.



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'Mediation' across the Globe

Here is an article recently published online by the -

THE TIMES OF INDIA | Bangalore

It was a scene straight out of a curry western. Two rival gangs were meeting for a reconciliation recently. A member of one group was recently killed by the rival gang's leader and the meeting was called to strike a deal. But it ended in a bloodbath with members of the slain rowdy's gang having their revenge.

They hacked to death their associate's alleged murderer Nakhra Babu, 45, and seriously injured three of his aides in a bloody attack in Jai Bheem Nagar, South-east Bangalore.

It was a busy Sunday for Madiwala police who are on the job to track down the absconding killers. Nakhra Babu was allegedly involved in the murder of his mentor Kavala alias Vijaya Kumar, a former member of the notorious Soma gang, in Tamil Nadu in June.

Nakhra had been arrested after Kavala's murder and was released on bail after three months. Since his release, Nakhra and his associates began getting threat calls. As things escalated Nakhra decided to strike a deal with his enemies.

An associate of Nakhra, (Raj) called the meeting at his house in Jai Bheem Nagar. Raj told Nakhra and his men to come unarmed. Nakhra had four men with him, and Kavala's gang, 13 men.

The **mediation** went on for some time but soon things started falling apart. Kavala's men pulled out their weapons and attacked their rivals. Nakhra and his men were outnumbered. Three men suffered serious injuries, while Nakhra was hacked repeatedly and fatally wounded. The 13 attackers then fled. Raj absconded, raising suspicion that he set up Nakhra for his rivals.

A senior police officer said it seemed like a premeditated attacks. "The **mediation** was just a pretext and also gave them the best opportunity to strike with precision," said the officer.

Three of the attackers were identified, police sources said.