

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board January 2016



1. Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).

Sgt: PS Ronnie Lungu

Town Centre Team
Beat Manager – PC Hazel Anderson
PCSO – Shaun Redmond

Rural Team
Beat Manager – PC Mandie Ball
PCSO – Barbara Young

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham NPT also regularly updates are on our Facebook Page at facebook.com/Corshampolice. This has been effective in putting out local crime warnings (in addition to usual methods such as Neighbourhood Watch), appeals for witnesses or information and for putting out good-news stories. We also use the site to tell the community about upcoming consultations. So far over 1262 people have joined the page to receive updates posted by the NPT – if you are on Facebook please join us.

3. Performance and Other Local Issues:

Distraction Burglaries

An unknown male appeared at the elderly victims front door on Lypiatt Mead claiming to be from security and that he has seen a male leaving the property with a bag and he had found keys, meanwhile a second male is believed to have entered the house via the back door, forced a bedroom door upstairs and searched a fitted cupboard, search of a briefcase and purse and jewellery box. Money and jewellery were stolen.

A male claiming to be from the Council visited an elderly lady at her home in Rudloe. He banged on the lounge window to get her attention. The lady is almost completely deaf and partially sighted. The lady instructed the male to speak with her daughter who lived nearby but he said he had already done so and tricked her into giving him the key safe number. He entered her home and stole her purse. Investigations are continuing into who the male is. Please be extra vigilant and if you know elderly residents/family please encourage them to put a chain on before answering the door and if they do not have an appointment with a particular agency do not let them in and if need be please call the Police.

Burglary

A rear window was forced to a property in Broadmead whilst the elderly occupants were in another room, a quantity of cash and jewellery was stolen.

Non-Dwelling burglaries

Monks Park Mine, Gastard was broken into whereby the padlock on the outer door was broken off. Damage was caused to a machine, a wall and keys to a dumper truck and an excavator were stolen. Total cost of damage & theft £300.

A shed was broken into on a property on Pockeridge Drive – Tools two £4,000 were taken.

Criminal Damage

A number of vehicles parked on Stokes Road and Station Road, Corsham were damaged on Saturday 27th February, enquiries were made at the Great Western Pub and CCTV has been checked, three offenders have been identified and interviewed and they fully admitted causing the damage and have offered to pay for all the damage caused and apologise to the owners either in person or in writing. This will be dealt with by way of Community Resolution. The owners have praised Corsham Police for their efforts and speedy detection of this. Corsham NPT are also working with the pub landlord.

An intoxicated male broke glasses and other items inside The Northey Arms Public House. A licensing assessment was carried out but the male arrived there intoxicated and was not served inside the pub. Due to police involvement the male has agreed to pay for the damage in full.

Theft

In Colerne, wrought iron garden furniture has been stolen out of a residential garden – valued at £150.

A lock-up on the Moonrakers Farm estate was entered by a person with access to the site keys. An antique estimated at £10,000 was taken. A male from the Trowbridge area has been arrested and is currently on bail.

Unknown female suspect has been seen on CCTV to go to a till at the Co-op, Corsham and pick up £40 from the dispenser that the previous customer had not picked up with her shopping and receipt.

Vehicle Crime

Corsham and surrounding villages were experiencing a number of reports of thefts from vehicles and shed breaks, Corsham NPT supported by neighbouring stations were carrying out high visibility patrols. A suspect has been identified from forensic evidence he is now in Prison and offences have stopped.

A lorry in Box parked on a residential driveway had its outer padlock smashed and tools to the value of £700 were stolen.

A vehicle was left insecure in Rudloe and a blue disabled badge was taken – the Council have now replaced this.

A tow bar on a vehicle parked in Colerne has been damaged by unknown means, possibly someone standing on it.

A vehicle in Colerne has had the whole passenger side damaged by another vehicle or passing lorry.

A van parked on Priory Street, Corsham had the lock forced and a bike and cycling equipment were stolen.

Drugs

An adult male from another town has been approaching youths in Corsham and Chippenham offering them money, tobacco and drugs in exchange for sexual favours and as a result was breaching his civil injunction which was in place. He was a persistent shoplifter stealing alcohol. When arrested he was found in possession of an offensive weapon. Following great work by Corsham and Chippenham NPT officers he was sentenced to 9 months in Prison.

A male driver was stopped on the A4; his vehicle was searched after Officers smelt cannabis. A small amount of cannabis was located and the driver received a cannabis street warning. Also on the A4, on a different date, a male driver was stopped and a large amount of what is believed to be Class A drugs were found. The male was arrested and is currently on bail whilst the drugs are sent off for testing.

Drink Drivers

A male driver was stopped approaching Corsham and arrested for being twice over the legal limit. He is now waiting for court hearing.

A local man was sentenced at Chippenham Magistrates Court recently for being drunk in charge of a motor vehicle, he was fined £540.00 and had to pay various costs also disqualified for holding or obtaining a driving licence for 4 months.

Suspicious Incident

Two dead sheep were found in a ditch adjacent to a lay-by near to Five ways. One was partially butchered.

Other

An adult male who was arrested and charged for indecently exposing himself to females appeared in court. He was ordered to pay various costs, participate in an accredited programme for 40 days, a rehabilitation activity requirement and to register with the Police for 5 years. He has also signed an ABC Contract with Wiltshire Council with regard to ASB.

A male has produced a fraudulent £50 in the Factory Shop to purchase goods, identification of this male is being sought from another Force as this is a widespread issue. Please be mindful if you are in possession of a £50 note!

Fly-Tipping

There have been two incidents of fly-tipping, one in Kingsdown and one on the Leafield Ind. Estate. The green waste & mattresses dumped in Leafield were set alight. A witness took the number plate of the vehicle in Kingsdown as it was tipping. Both these incidents are being dealt with by Environmental Services – Wiltshire Council.

Information

On the evening of the 28th February there was a fatal road traffic collision on the A350 at the Whitehall lights whereby a local male in his 40's died. Investigations are in their early stages as to the cause of the accident. There is a lot of speculation at the moment from members of the public as to how the collision occurred which is involving a petition to change the road lay-out.

Please be assured that there are many factors to consider and a thorough investigation is being carried out by the Tri-Force Serious Collision Investigation Team. Their findings will be presented to the Coroner.

There is now a Police Information point at the reception desk within the Campus, the volunteer will be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1000-1300 hours. Should members of the public attend the Campus to make a report or speak to the Police and nobody is available or not on duty they may use the yellow phone which is located outside the front door and they will be connected to a Police operator.

A new youth facility has started at Corsham Campus on Friday evenings, Emma Drage, Community Youth Officer for Wiltshire Council will be able to provide further updates with regard to this.

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