

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board 2013



1. Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).

Sgt: PS Nick Cooke

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Hazel Anderson
PCSO – Shaun Redmond

Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC Mandie Ball
PCSO – Barry Mussard

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

3. Performance and Other Local Issues:

Drugs – Two cautions have been issued for males being in possession of cannabis.

Drink Related Incidents - We have had a few drink related incidents recently whereby Police have attended, 2 males were arrested for assaulting Police and one male for being drunk and disorderly. Youths have been stopped and search at Springfield Recreation ground and found to be in possession of alcohol which was confiscated, letters and home visits to parents have been made.

Shop lifting - There has been a couple reports of shoplifting in the town and enquiries are ongoing.

Vehicle Crime – An insecure Honda Motorcycle was stolen from Beechfield Road, Corsham. A number of items were stolen from a secured vehicle during daylight hours. On another occasion a male had removed his guitar and laptop which he placed next to his car whilst assisting his young child, two unknown males stole the items. It is important that vehicles are secured and that no valuables are left in the vehicle, on display or unattended.

Burglaries – Entry was gained to a dwelling on Park Lane, an iPad and television was stolen. Entry was also gained to C K Handwash, Easton Lane; a quantity of car wash equipment to the value of £6,500 was stolen. The safe at the British Legion was stolen overnight containing a vast amount of cash. Thomas' Butchers was burgled and the till drawers and cash were stolen.

A couple of non-dwelling burglaries have taken place on the allotments in Colerne whereby entry to sheds have been gained, fortunately nothing was taken. There was also entry made in Colerne to a garden shed and a high valued pedal cycle was taken. The NPT are working with the victims, discussing crime prevention and setting up target operations.

Criminal Damage – The playing field and cricket pitch in Lacock next to the play park has been damaged on a number of occasions. It is thought that someone has been using a metal detector and as a result, have been digging search holes. A patrol task has been set-up to give the area plenty of attention during the hours of darkness.

Local Resolutions – Two adult females were dealt with by way of Local Resolution for causing damage to pumpkins which were grown by local school children. The females have apologised and will be writing a letter to the children so it may be read out at assembly and each will contribute £20 to the school gardening club.

Anti-Social Behaviour We have received several reports of ASB in the Martingate Centre. Positive action has been taken, the CCTV was viewed to identify those responsible. They have had home visits, staff at the Mansion House (Youth club) informed and local youth workers have assisted Corsham NPT with foot patrols. This has currently stopped the ASB.

A very successful Bluez n' Zuz took place on Friday 25th October with a Halloween theme at Corsham School for Years 7 to 11 despite the heavy rain, many youths attended, plans are underway for another one prior to Christmas.

Road Safety Week 18th to 24th Nov – This is a yearly campaign run by the road safety charity 'Brake' and is the UK's biggest road safety event. It aims to encourage grassroots action on road safety and raise awareness about the part we can ALL play in preventing tragedies and making roads in our Community safer. Corsham NPT have arranged to attend Corsham Primary School to deliver Road Safety Advice. On Monday the 18th we will be re-launching 'See Me' with the newest members of Box Primary School being fitted out in their new fluorescent vests with flashing arm bands and on Tuesday 19th we will be leading a Road Safety Speed awareness Campaign in partnership with Box Primary School, the village speed watch team and the press.

Information - Corsham NPT have attended a workshop on Restorative Justice which should be introduced to the North of the Sector within the next few months. This is a panel of trained individuals which bring victims and suspects together so they can discuss the impact that their actions have had on their victim.

Community Engagement – In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham NPT also regularly update a Facebook Page at [facebook.com/CorshamPolice](https://www.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 396 people have joined the page to receive updates posted by the NPT – if you are on Facebook please join us.

EF Corsham NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to October 2012	12 Months to October 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to October 2012	12 Months to October 2013
Victim Based Crime	541	470	-71	● -13.1%	16%	16%
Domestic Burglary	32	17	-15	● -46.9%	6%	12%
Non Domestic Burglary	82	63	-19	● -23.2%	1%	3%
Vehicle Crime	61	55	-6	● -9.8%	15%	0%
Criminal Damage & Arson	116	117	+1	● +0.9%	14%	12%
Violence Against The Person	83	86	+3	● +3.6%	36%	27%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	230	252	+22	● +9.6%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

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