

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board September 2015



## 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](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

## 3. Performance and Other Local Issues:

**Drugs** – Two local youths were issued with Cautions as a result of being in possession of Cannabis.

Two males who are not local were arrested for Possession with the Intent to Supply Class A Drugs at Fiveways, they are currently on bail.

Another two males, again not local were arrested on Boxfields Road as they were found to be in possession of Cannabis, they have received Cautions as a result.

**Burglary** – A local youth was issued with a Caution for a Burglary in Priory Street where he reached through an open window, nothing was stolen and a Burglary in Ivy Field, Corsham where he stole a laptop.

An unknown person broke the lock on a sash window at a property in Prospect, gaining entry, they stole a gold chain and money.

An unknown male threw a plant pot at a property in Pickwick causing the window to smash, no entry was gained and they then stole a bike from the rear garden.

**Non-Dwelling burglaries** – A shed was broken into situated in the front garden of a house in Hawthorn. A large mower and electric saw were stolen.

This document has been updated since first publication.

A padlock was cut off to a Unit in Potley and a quantity of vehicle batteries was stolen.

Entry was gained to a shed on Pound Pill, Corsham a quantity of tools were stolen.

**Criminal Damage** – A door at Hartham Park Quarry has been damaged by being vandalised.

A door at the derelict Copenacre site has been damaged twice. This is one of the escape shafts for Hanson's miners – NPT have been liaising with Hanson's Mines Manager and the door has now been replaced with a more substantial steel one. Cameras and their housing have also been repaired and relocated.

Paint stripper has been thrown on a car in Reybridge causing £8,000 of damage – enquiries are continuing.

Unknown offender(s) set fire to a hedge on Oliver Ave, Corsham.

Unknown person(s) spray painted racial and offensive material on various locations with the Springfield Skate park area. Town Council staff managed to remove most of this.

A fence on Providence Lane has been damaged on two occasions.

The wooden gate next to Mountford Opticians, Martingate Centre has been forced by unknown person(s). This has been removed and the adjoining wall made safe.

A local adult male has been dealt with by way of Community Resolution after he was identified for being responsible for smashing a window at a pub on Corsham High Street, he has agreed to pay for the repairs.

**Theft** - 2 Mountain bikes were stolen from Colerne. One was left insecure at the side of a house and was valued at £600. The other was forced off a locked bike rack on the back of a car, this was valued at £2,500. Both thefts occurred during the hours of darkness.

Two insecure Mountain bikes were stolen from Queens Avenue and two old bikes left in there place. An insecure bike was stolen overnight from the Martingate Centre.

Two manual portaloo pumps were stolen from a field in Lacock.

An antique cast Iron garden roller was stolen from the grounds of a farm at Ditteridge valued at £200.

Show jumping equipment and jumps were stolen from a field in Neston valued at £1,500.

A large Hurricane silver and glass lantern and Tiffany handbag which were presents, was stolen from a Private party held at Guyers House Hotel, Pickwick.

**Assault** – A male was assaulted outside The George Pub in Lacock. Two male suspects have been identified and have both been interviewed. A decision will be made by CPS regarding a prosecution in due course.

An adult male was arrested and charged for assaulting a female.

This document has been updated since first publication.

**Other** - There was a serious RTC on Pickwick Road, Corsham on 07.09.15 where a cyclist collided with an HGV, he had to be airlifted to hospital and the roads were closed for several hours.

**Anti-Social Behaviour** – There have been several complaints involving guinea fowl belonging to the Rudloe Hall Hotel. The birds have been causing a noise nuisance to residents and have also been getting loose and running on to the A4 adjacent to the Hotel causing a nuisance to motorists. The NPT have been working closely with the Environment Agency and positive results have been obtained from noise monitoring equipment being placed in residents houses. The work around this problem continues as a matter of urgency and we will hopefully see a satisfactory outcome very soon.

It has been reasonably quiet with very few reports of ASB in Corsham Town over the summer holidays which is pleasing.

**Information** – We have a new Sgt Ronnie Lungu and PCSO Barbara Young who has joined the Corsham NPT Team.

**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 1080 people have joined the page to receive updates posted by the NPT – if you are on Facebook please join us.

Ben Huggins

Inspector for Chippenham, Calne and Corsham, Royal Wootton Bassett, Cricklade, Malmesbury.