

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Corsham Community Area Board
30th November 2010



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Sgt 85 Alex Reid

Corsham Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC 2222 Lauren Bishop-Bailey

PCSO – 6156 Shaun Redmond

Corsham Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC 1877 Mandie Ball

PCSO – 6035 Steve Butler

PCSO – 6201 Charles Campbell

Chippenham Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC 338 Heather Barham

PCSO – 6007 Norman Webster

PCSO – 6041 Val Wagstaff

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 our Wiltshire Police Website.

Corsham Town – ASB, Corsham Town
Drugs, Corsham Town Centre

Corsham Rural – ASB, Box

Chippenham Rural – Speeding, Rural Villages
- ASB, Rural Villages

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

3. Police Authority Representative: Mrs Gill Stafford

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<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

ASB in Corsham town centre has continued to remain low with few recent reports to Police, although the NPT will continue to monitor and patrol this area especially in the lead up to Christmas with the likely increase in groups gathering in the Martingate and other areas during weekend and evening periods.

There have also been continuing reports of ASB on the Springfield and Meriton recreation areas and again these are being targeted by NPT patrols with random checks throughout the evenings and weekends to deal positively with those individuals causing disruption and nuisance to the wider community.

Overall there has been a marked reduction in ASB this year, which is an encouraging trend.

A local male has been dealt with for a public order offence in Corsham, following a recent incident in a town store where abusive behaviour was directed toward the staff causing upset.

On a positive note, both Halloween and Bonfire night celebrations passed without any major incident. With the support of local retailers in not supplying/selling eggs and flour to younger sections of the community, there was subsequently only one reported instance of an egg being thrown at a property across the whole Corsham and surrounding area.

Two post boxes were damaged in Corsham after fireworks were dropped inside during Bonfire night; however there were no other reports and thankfully no injuries to anyone at either organised or private family events.

The Corsham NPT has a Face book social network site which has been recently launched and is proving a success; it can be accessed at the following link; www.facebook.com and typing in Corsham Police into the search field.

Recent activity and updates are placed here to allow engagement with some harder to reach sections of the local community and those further afield.

There have been reports of non-dwelling burglaries in rural locations from North Wraxall across to the Seagry and Sutton Benger areas. These are targeting ride on mowers, quad bikes, power tools and similar equipment. Most of these crimes are opportunist and target locations where security is poor or premises are isolated, such as farm outbuildings and sheds etc.

Additionally there have also been breaks in the Ditteridge/Middlehill area with sheds being targeted and chain saws and other power tools.

Please take the time to invest in quality locks, doors etc and also make a note of property model/serial numbers to aid identification, should property be recovered. The rural NPT teams are carrying out high visibility patrols across the area at various times in an effort to deter potential thieves.

Following a meeting with staff from 21st Signal Regiment at Colerne, issues have been raised over local residents parking vehicles alongside the base perimeter fence on the grassed area, causing obvious security concerns. A leaflet drop will be made to advise of the potential issues this causes.

MOD and NPT Police will continue their patrols around the village with MOD Police carrying out twice nightly patrols.

There is a Police point within Colerne, open in the Council Offices twice a month and further the Wiltshire library bus attends Colerne twice a month outside of the school where NPT are available to speak to the community. All consultations are published in the Colerne Parish magazine and also available on the Wiltshire Police NPT section of the website.

Speeding issues are again being raised across a variety of locations in the area. NPT Officers are now trained in speed enforcement with new highly accurate equipment and will actively monitor, carry out checks to prevent speeding and enforce where necessary.

Levels of reported crime have fallen overall, whilst detection rates in some areas have also shown a decrease. This in part can be explained by the adoption of a new Government scheme involving local resolutions.

This allows Police to deal with low level matters with the consent of the victim, acknowledging their wishes and the agreement of the offending party by utilising a variety of means, whether by arranging compensation/repair in damage cases or even a simple apology, without always invoking formal prosecutions.

This has already been successfully used in a variety of cases across Corsham; however it is not “counted” by the Home Office as a detected crime, hence the apparent fall in “detections”, although the matter has been successfully dealt with.

The Bobby van (a charitable organisation) has visited properties in Nettleton to increase security on vulnerable/elderly occupant’s properties.

A talk on security and crime prevention has been given to the Women’s Institute in Seagry by the NPT Beat Manager.

Three males have been arrested and bailed following a number of dwelling burglaries across the rural villages. Enquiries continue into these matters.

Given the particularly inclement weather of late, please be aware of issues around mud on the road/highways particularly deposited from farm and agricultural machinery. This is always an issue in rural areas and can present an obvious accident hazard to other road users. Please report severe instances to either the Wiltshire Highways department of the Council, or the Police for it to be assessed and removed. Responsibility however lies with the persons depositing and successful prosecutions have been made.

Finally, the Remembrance Day parades across the area were well attended and it was pleasing as always to see a large section of the community brave the inclement weather to show their regard and appreciation for the Armed Services.

CRIME & DETECTIONS (MAR 2009 – FEB 2010 compared to previous year)

CORSHAM	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	NOV 2008 - OCT 2009 compared to NOV 2009 - OCT 2010					
	2008/09	2009/10	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	124	123	-1	-0.8%	53.2%	48.8%
Dwelling Burglary	34	39	5	14.7%	38.2%	23.1%
Criminal Damage	241	192	-49	-20.3%	13.3%	8.9%
Non Dwelling Burglary	79	79	0	0.0%	8.9%	5.1%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	60	72	12	20.0%	8.3%	2.8%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	19	26	7	36.8%	26.3%	26.9%
Total Crime	835	781	-54	-6.5%	24.0%	19.6%

Anti-Social-Behaviour – reported incidents

APR-JUNE 2009	JULY-SEPT 2009	OCT-DEC 2009	JAN-MAR 2010	MONTHLY AVE (09/10)
199	206	144	163	59

Inspector Kate Pain
 18th November 2010
 Area Commander
 Chippenham, Calne and Corsham