

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board May 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

3. Performance and Other Local Issues:

Drugs – An adult male was arrested on the B3353 for being in possession of Cannabis, he has been charged and is due to appear in court.

An adult male was stopped on the A4 and searched and found to be in possession of Cannabis, he was issued with a Cannabis Street Warning.

An adult male from THINGLEY was arrested for being in possession of cannabis and was later issued with a Cannabis Street Warning.

An adult male was stopped on EASTON LANE and searched, he was issued with a Cannabis Street Warning.

An adult male was stopped and searched on LACOCK ROAD and found to be in possession of Cannabis, he was issued with a Cannabis Street Warning.

An adult male was stopped and searched in Corsham due to a strong smell of cannabis coming from the vehicle he was driving. Also a set of car number plates were located within the vehicle, he was arrested on suspicion of theft and possession of cannabis.

Non-Dwelling burglaries – The Co-op in the Martingate Centre was burgled and a quantity of cigarettes were stolen. A number of days later, entry to the Co-op was gained once again where the window had been boarded up, the suspects appeared to be targeting the cigarettes, but due to previous crime prevention advice, they had been removed prior to the shop closing and nothing was stolen. Enquiries are ongoing for both.

A young adult male entered Corsham School premises and stole a fire extinguisher, he has been issued a Community Resolution and paid for a replacement extinguisher.

Entry was gained to a shed on Pickwick Road, a number of bicycles were stolen.

Criminal Damage – A vehicle was damaged in the pub car park in Box after an argument. A male was arrested and paid for the damage caused.

Theft – A local youth was arrested for two shoplifting offences and is on bail. A different youth was issued a Community Resolution for shoplifting from the Co-op.

Two rolls of fencing were stolen TVO £90 from Ashley in Box. Two vans had catalytic converters cut off and stolen whilst parked in Leaffield Ind. Estate.

Scrap metal and equipment was stolen from a driveway in Tellcroft Close, Corsham.

The Youth Club tuck shop money and chocolate has been stolen from a cupboard within the Corsham Campus, enquiries are ongoing.

Vehicle Crime – A motorcycle was stolen from a driveway on Burn Road, Corsham. Number plates were stolen from a vehicle parked in Katherine Park.

A number of vehicles were damaged on Station Road and Stokes Road, Corsham, enquiries made at the nearby licensed premises and CCTV footage, three adult males contacted the Police to apologise and have been issued with Community Resolutions and have agreed to pay for all the damage caused.

A vehicle parked on Priory Street, had the drivers side window smashed, nothing was stolen.

A vehicle parked on Meriton Avenue had the wing mirror damaged by unknown person.

Two vehicles were stolen, 1 from Box and one from Colerne. These vehicles were found undamaged in the Bath area. Following forensic work, enquiries are continuing between Avon & Somerset and ourselves.

There were a number of vehicles left insecure in the Box & Colerne area whereby opportunists tried car door handles and took various items left inside the body of the vehicles and from the glove boxes.

Robbery – A robbery occurred at Watlings Jewellers in Lacock. Enquiries and leads are being followed up by our CID working alongside other Forces.

Other - There was a fatal RTC on Tuesday 26th April on the A4, Corsham, Police are appealing for witnesses.

A road rage incident occurred in Gastard and this was dealt with by way of a Community Resolution. The offending driver wrote a letter of apology to the driver of the other vehicle.

An adult male was stopped and search for drugs, which was negative however he was found to be in possession of an offensive weapon and enquiries are ongoing.

An adult male was arrested for being Drunk and Disorderly and was later issued with a Fixed Penalty Ticket.

Anti-Social Behaviour – A local adult male has been arrested and is in Prison for breaching an injunction which stipulated conditions involving various locations in Corsham.

An adult female was issued with an ABC (Acceptable Behaviour Contract) for misuse of the 999 system.

Community Engagement – In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham NPT also regularly update a 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 1374 people have joined the page to receive updates posted by the NPT – if you are on Facebook, please join us.

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