

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper

## Corsham Community Area Board

### 2 June 2011



#### 1. Neighbourhood Policing

**Team Sgt:** Andy Beaven

##### **Town Centre Team**

Beat Manager – PC Hazel Anderson  
PCSO – Shaun Redmond

##### **Rural Team**

Beat Manager – PC Mandie Ball  
PCSO – Charles Campbell

#### 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.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

#### 3. Police Authority Representative: Mr Angus Macpherson

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or  
<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

#### 4. Performance and Other Local Issues:

**Sergeant's message** – I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a new member of the team at Corsham; I am currently covering for Alex Reid whilst he undertakes duties at Chippenham. I have come over from Chippenham where I was supervising a Pro-Active Crime Team. I feel my experiences I bring with me will prove invaluable at keeping Corsham a safe place to live. I look forward to speaking to you all as I am on patrol over the Summer and I welcome all comments and suggestions from residents on how we can continue and or improve the delivery of a Quality Service to our Community.

**Anti-Social Behaviour** – Over the past couple of months the Corsham NPT have been working with our Partner Agencies and the Community. We have been specifically targeting those who engage in Anti-Social behaviour:- Following a meeting between Corsham NPT & Mr Bill Hall owner of the Martingate Centre a new CCTV Camera has been installed on the side of the Co-Op building facing Newlands Rd – this will provide coverage of the Car Park where the teenagers tend to congregate and also the Kebab Van which has been experiencing some low level anti-social behaviour during the evenings-mainly at Weekends. The lamp post in the High Street Car Park has now been adapted to allow the Corsham Town Council portable CCTV system to be mounted on it. Wiltshire Council have also lowered the height of the surrounding trees in order to provide better camera coverage. I would also like to add that Anti-Social behaviour may increase now the evenings are lighter, we will continue to patrol, engage with the teenagers and deal with nuisance behaviour robustly.

### **Local Issues**

We have also been working closely with a specialist team within Wiltshire police to continue our efforts in targeting and disrupting Metal & Lead Thefts, we have had some very positive results with 3 persons interviewed regarding their involvement, these investigations are continuing. We have also had some good leads from the Community in identifying persons involved in theft of stone, these investigations are currently underway – and at this point I would like to pass on my thanks to anyone that has given us information whether it has been anonymously or in person. Any information however small is vital in helping us to build on our evidence.

**Bluez 'n' Zuz Discos** – This is an initiative run by Wiltshire Police to give local youngsters something to do and to help tackle Anti-Social Behaviour. It is aimed at youngster's aged 11- 16 years of age. The Disco is held every other month when the School Hall at Corsham School is available from 7-9:30pm. It is staffed by Officers from the local NPT's and Partnership Agencies (Wiltshire Youth Service) to create a safe environment for youngsters to socialise in. Corsham has been holding these discos for 3 years now and the events so far have been very successful.

There are future events planned including a disco to welcome the new Year 7's to the Comprehensive in September.

**Forthcoming NPT Event:-** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1100-1700hrs – Chippenham Rural NPT & Corsham Rural NPT are organising a Country Fair in the grounds of Stanton Manor Hotel, Stanton St.Quinton. Ticket costs:- Adults-£2.50, Under 16's-£1.50, Under 6's-free. As well as displays from Wiltshire Police and Crime Prevention Advice there will be pony rides, children's petting corner, hog roast, cream teas, dog shows, archery, Arena displays, falconry, Arts & Crafts stalls, Local produce, laser clay shooting, wood carvings and much more. All proceeds going to 3 charities. You can either buy tickets on the day or beforehand from PC Mandie Ball at Corsham Police Station – A great day out for all the family.

**Crime Prevention when you are out and about**– Ensure someone knows where you are going and when you will be home, also plan how you will get home before going out. Never walk home alone and certainly do not take short cuts through dark alleys or large open spaces. If you believe that you are being followed, cross the street - if necessary criss-cross. If you are still being followed go to the busiest place you can find.

Drink responsibly and never accept a drink from a stranger or leave a drink unattended; Think! Don't drink and drive.

Always check a taxi driver's identification and never get into an unlicensed taxi. If a friend is dropping you home ask them to wait until you are inside the door.

Remember, your safety and well being is far more important than material belongings. Don't compromise your safety for a mobile phone or another valuable item.

See something Suspicious? Report it – If you think it's suspicious.....it probably is.

Inspector Steve Cox  
Area Commander