

**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Corsham Community Area Board
Thursday 20th October 2011**



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Alex Reid

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Hazel Anderson
PCSO – Shaun Redmond

Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC Mandie Ball
PCSO – Norman Webster

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. Police Authority Representative: Gill Stafford

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

4. Performance and Other Local Issues:

Five youths involved in a criminal damage matter by the lake at Corsham Estate were recently dealt with by way of local resolution. Letters of apologies were written, their parents/guardians attended the Police station with the youths and they also attended the Fire Station for a workshop/presentation advising of the dangers and impact of fire-setting.

Around ten new Neighbourhood Watch schemes have been set-up in Katherine Park; these are currently awaiting registration and the street signs to be erected. This is a positive step to increase local awareness and vigilance within the community.

St Patricks School – There have been several complaints from parents regarding vehicles mounting the kerbs and pavements in order to keep the traffic flowing along the road.

This issue has been monitored along with the Head Teacher and is being referred to the agenda for the next Corsham Transport meeting on Monday 10th October.

A number of Councillors have been e-mailed by the parents and the Head Teacher will progress all the action points which were suggested for the updated travel plan – school buses will cease with effect from Sept 2012 which causes further concern due to more vehicles bringing children to the school.

An issue was raised regarding vehicle speed through Box. An analytical speed survey was conducted through the village; however the recorded vehicle speeds failed to trigger the threshold figures required to set up a Community speed watch scheme. However local NPT Officers will progress with random speed checks and feed the results in to the Council and the Speed watch group who are on standby to progress this should there be a recorded increase.

There is still an issue both Country and County wide regarding metal thefts, with a lead theft at both Box School & Real World Studios. Real world studios have now put up an infra-red camera covering their premises and the road outside. No leads as yet. There will be increased patrols in the area by NPT to deter further offending.

The children's play area was damaged in Colerne by unknown persons rendering it unsafe for the local children to use. Colerne Parish Council are in the process of getting the play area fixed.

Community First is a new Wiltshire Good Neighbour service operating across the County.

They aim to provide access to key services that some of the more vulnerable and elderly members of the community may not easily have access to.

There is now a coordinator in Box working within the locality and we have already passed on details of an elderly person needing additional support and help.

Anyone requiring further information regarding this service can either contact the Corsham NPT or the service manager Helen Lines on 01380 732828 or email hlines@communityfirst.org.uk

Finally, the darker nights are looming and the annual traditional events of Halloween and Bonfire night are fast approaching.

In recent years Corsham has enjoyed relatively low levels of ASB in the local community; however we will be distributing posters and covering letters to shops in Corsham area requesting that the sales of fireworks, eggs and flour are regulated and not sold to minors to reduce the risk of both ASB and criminality.

In addition, on both nights there will be extra staff on duty at Corsham increasing our coverage by carrying out high visibility patrols across the area.

Corsham	Crime				Detections	
	October 2009 - September 2010	October 2010 - September 2011	Volume Change	% Change	October 2009 - September 2010	October 2010 - September 2011
Violence Against the Person	125	81	-44	-35%	46%	37%
Dwelling Burglary	36	24	-12	-33%	14%	25%
Criminal Damage	200	129	-71	-36%	8%	16%
Non Dwelling Burglary	75	98	23	31%	5%	3%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	70	81	11	16%	4%	1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	25	19	-6	-24%	12%	21%
Total Crime	774	669	-105	-14%	19%	18%
Total ASB	597	489	-108	-18%		
<p>Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Sept 2010 - Aug 2011) and better than peers for All Recorded Crime in the most recent three months (Jun - Aug 2011)</p> <p>*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences</p> <p>** Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution</p>						

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