

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board Thursday 22nd March 2012



## 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  
PCSO – James Gatherum

## 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. 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:

We have been passed the results from January's Metro Count Speed Survey particularly from Westwells-Rudloe and Devizes Road-Bath which are eligible for a (CSW) Community Speedwatch. Officers are actively campaigning for Volunteers for each area by liaising with members of the Community, Parish Councils and NHW to identify at least 6 Volunteers from each area who would like to be part of the Community Speed-watch Team. This is also being advertised in Village magazines, at PCM's and by way of NPT Posters – please contact your relevant NPT if you can assist. We continue to recruit more Volunteers for Vellely Hill-Gastard and Bowden Hill-Lacock, which are also eligible for a CSW from a previous Metro Count. In the meantime Officers will continue to carry out Speed checks in ALL areas.

Local Officers have recently raised awareness in the press and at local events about dog fouling within the Community. Disappointingly they have had reason to speak to a couple of dog owners whilst on patrols. These owners have had to be educated in clearing up after their animals – Dog fouling is taken very seriously as it can lead to human diseases and will not be tolerated.

During January & February there were several reports of ASB late in the evening outside a licensed premise on Priory Street. Local Officers continue to monitor the situation with regular visits to the premises, also liaising closely with the licensee. Recommendations have been made that Visitors to the establishment are strongly encouraged to use the designated smoking area at the rear of the premises instead of gathering at the front of the property on Priory Street, this will help keep noise to a minimum. Reports of this ASB seem to be a lot less than they were and we will continue to monitor the situation until reports cease completely.

Rogue traders are still operating across the area, targeting, in the main our senior residents with offers of 'cheap' garden/home repair work. If in doubt do not accept any offers and contact the Police with details, especially descriptions of those involved and vehicle registrations which aid us in taking firm action against these individuals. Anyone touting for business must, by law, provide a firm quote, a business flyer with their contact details and allow a 7 day cooling off period for the customer to change their mind. In relation to the above, three males were arrested recently for a number of such offences and are currently being dealt with by our Trading standards colleagues which is a positive result. Adding to this we would like to thank members of the Community, vigilant neighbours of our elderly and NHW who are robustly policing their own 'Street visitors' by reporting many more instances/suspicious vehicles to us.

Although fewer - there have still been thefts from motor vehicles; targeting items such as Satellite Navigation units. It is important to ensure that your vehicles are secured when left (even if only for a couple of minutes) and any equipment or items of value are removed from your vehicle when left unattended and alarms - if fitted - are set. There have also been recent incidents of breaks to Sheds with Power tools being targeted. Please ensure you lock your sheds and fit security lights - additionally, please take the time to make a record of make, model and importantly serial numbers of these items as Police regularly recover property but often cannot identify the loser. A dedicated team are tackling these thefts (and non-dwelling burglaries) across the Sector and are gathering some good results. If you need any Crime Prevention advice/visits, please contact your local NPT Officers.

Corsham	Crime				Detections	
	January 2010 - December 2011	January 2011 - December 2011	Volume Change	% Change	January 2010 - December 2011	January 2011 - December 2011
Violence Against the Person	123	72	-51	-41%	47%	36%
Dwelling Burglary	33	22	-11	-33%	24%	9%
Criminal Damage	190	140	-50	-26%	11%	14%
Non Dwelling Burglary	86	87	1	1%	5%	5%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	80	86	6	8%	1%	12%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	25	17	-8	-32%	28%	6%
Total Crime	786	672	-114	-15%	20%	19%
Total ASB	569	505	-64	-11%		

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers for All Crime and for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Jan 2010 – Dec 2011)

\*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences

\*\* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution

Inspector Martin Schorah – Chippenham, Corsham & Calne