

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board Thursday 24th May 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

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:

.Community Speedwatch (CSW) for Bowden Hill-Lacock, Devizes Rd-Box, Velly Hill-Gastard

Officers have been actively campaigning for Volunteers for each area to identify at least 6 Volunteers from each area who would like to be part of the Community Speed-watch Team. We have several volunteers for Lacock and Gastard. We will be carrying out our 1st nights' training on the 28th May in Lacock with Calne CSW joining us. More Volunteers would be very welcome for each of the 3 areas - please contact your NPT if you would like to Volunteer. In the meantime Officers will continue to carry out Speed checks in ALL areas.

Mentioned at the previous Area Board Officers were aware problems with **ASB** late in the evening outside a licensed premise on Priory Street. Local Officers have been working closely with immediate residents and the Licensee of the premises. We are pleased to report that due to the partnership working no further reports of ASB have been reported. That said; we will continue to monitor the situation and deal with any future reports quickly and firmly.

Rogue traders are still operating across the area, targeting; in the main our elderly residents with offers of 'cheap' garden/home repair work. If in doubt, do not accept any offers and contact the Police with details, especially needed are 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; business flyers with their contact details on and allow a 7 day cooling off period for the customer to change their mind. In relation to the above, two males were arrested last week who reside in Corsham and Chippenham and are being dealt with by Gloucester Police for a number of such offences which have occurred in their area. We would like to thank members of the Community, vigilant neighbours of our elderly and NHW who continue to robustly police their own 'Street visitors' by reporting instances and suspicious vehicles to us. Your help is invaluable in catching these criminals who prey on our vulnerable neighbours.

Community Event – Corsham had a very successful Sci-Fi Event on Saturday 28th April. This was a well attended event and showed good partnership working. A large amount of money was raised for charity.

Theft from Motor vehicles – These have decreased since the last Area Board, however, we have had a couple of incidents whereby a number of cars were damaged by 2 males in the Corsham Town area – these males have now been arrested and are being dealt with.

Stone Tile Thefts – Local Officers working with CID are pleased to report that a male was charged and received a 16 month prison sentence after admitting to 21 counts of Theft. These were mainly from Church roofs in Lacock, Broughton Gifford & Box as well as 5 other Wiltshire areas and 2 out of Force. It is without doubt that residents of Villages falling victim of these thefts have passed us valuable information which have assisted in our Investigations.

EF Corsham	Crime				Detections	
	May 2010 - April 2011	May 2011 - April 2012	Volume Change	% Change	May 2010 - April 2011	May 2011 - April 2012
Victim Based Crime	730	569	-161	● -22%	15%	15%
Domestic Burglary	27	17	-10	● -37%	19%	12%
Non Domestic Burglary	102	91	-11	● -11%	4%	3%
Vehicle Crime	133	87	-46	● -35%	8%	13%
Criminal Damage & Arson	170	128	-42	● -25%	11%	14%
Violence Against The Person	101	70	-31	● -31%	43%	33%
ASB Incidents	513	506	-7	● -1%		
Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed in line with peers and better than average for All Crime and better than peers for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Mar 2011 - Feb 2012)						
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution						

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Inspector Chippenham, Calne and Corsham