

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Corsham Community Area Board
08th June 2010



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Alex Reid

Corsham Town Team

Beat Manager – PC Lauren Bishop-Bailey

PCSO – Shaun Redmond

Corsham Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC Mandie Ball

PCSO – Steve Butler

PCSO – Charles Campbell

Chippenham Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC Heather Barham

PCSO – Norman Webster

PCSO – Val Wagstaff

2. NPT's - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Corsham Town – ASB Martingate Centre & the Recreation Area
- ASB High Street Car park

Corsham Rural – ASB Pine Close, Rudloe
- Speeding, Bowden, Lacock

Chippenham Rural – Burglaries, Villages
- ASB, Christian Malford

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

3. Police Authority Representative: Mrs 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

Corsham Town

There have been a series of thefts from vehicles within Corsham over the past couple of weeks, specifically targeting Satellite Navigation devices, mobile telephones and other electrical items including laptops etc.

The majority of vehicles attacked were left insecure, therefore providing an easy target for the offenders.

Please ensure any valuable items are removed from vehicles and lock your vehicle, setting any alarms and crime prevention equipment/locks etc when left unattended.

ASB has remained low across the Town, however with the warmer weather and longer evenings; this is an area that will remain a priority for the NPT locally and positive action will be taken against those individuals causing problems.

Corsham Town NPT are attending the Big Blue Bus every other Wednesday at the Thingley traveller site which has helped improve traveller relations and allows an opportunity for community engagement.

Corsham Comprehensive School have generously provided the use of an office at the school for NPT staff to allow meetings and surgeries with pupils and parents.

Funding has been secured to continue with youth events in the Corsham School which are due to be announced soon.

A meeting has been set up of the Corsham Youth Council at the Town hall and further meetings are planned in the future.

Corsham Rural

The Camera Safety Unit has been frequenting Velle Hill at Gastard again. Results will be released in due course.

Speed checks have been carried out in the Box area and eight Fixed Penalty Notices issued to offending drivers.

An ASB Operation was carried out involving eight Officers patrolling on the Recreation ground and also the area by the Co-Op Shop in Box. The Youth Club were also addressed about the issues and will advise their members to educate the local youth and prevent nuisance matters.

This Op will take place again next month but since the Operation took place earlier this month there have been no further ASB reports, which is a pleasing result.

Speed checks have been carried out in Lacock and one vehicle was seized for an offence of No Insurance.

There have been several consultation meetings with the Parish Council, Highways, the local Police Beat Manager and The National Trust over the last six months to discuss the proposal of yellow lines in the Village to alleviate parking and traffic problems which are a source of constant complaint.

A draft agreement has been reached and the layout and siting of the proposed lines have gone out for public consultation this week.

Two burglaries have taken place in Rudloe, on both occasions alcohol was stolen. It is suspected that local teenagers have stolen the alcohol during the hot weather from outdoor insecure fridges. Enquiries continue into these matters.

There have been several recent reports of youths riding around on mopeds without helmets in the Colerne area.

This will be robustly policed and several Operations will be carried out over the next six weeks arranged by the NPT in conjunction with Traffic Officers to catch the offending parties, one youth has been reported for traffic offences.

Chippenham Rural

A warrant was executed under the Misuse of Drugs Act at a dwelling in Kington Langley. This proved a very successful operation, acting on community intelligence and as a result Police located a well established cannabis factory set up. A male was arrested and a large quantity of cannabis plants and associated paraphernalia were seized, disrupting the supply of drugs locally and sending a firm message that drugs will not be tolerated in the community.

A Community Support Officer from the rural NPT team located an abandoned van in Sutton Benger, unlocked and unattended and believed it to be suspicious.

He saw a known male with previous convictions for vehicle crime elsewhere in the village, but at the time could not link him to the vehicle. The vehicle details were then checked and following a number of enquiries it was found to be a stolen vehicle. The van was seized and forensically examined which subsequently provided positive forensic results relating to the male originally seen in the area at the time. This was an excellent example of proactive patrol work and the benefit of checking out every detail. Enquiries are ongoing to arrest the suspect.

CRIME & DETECTIONS (May 2008 – April 2010 compared to previous year)

CORSHAM	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	MAY 08 - APR 10				MAY 08 - APR 10	
	2008/09	2009/10	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	134	113	-21	-15.7%	49.3%	52.2%
Dwelling Burglary	31	41	10	32.3%	22.6%	34.1%
Criminal Damage	250	205	-45	-18.0%	20.8%	9.3%
Non Dwelling Burglary	80	74	-6	-7.5%	5.0%	10.8%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	67	48	-19	-28.4%	7.5%	12.5%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	21	20	-1	-4.8%	23.8%	20.0%
Total Crime	854	753	-101	-11.8%	24.8%	22.7%
County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently County Division is performing very well and is ranked 3rd (out of 15) for our overall detection rate and 2nd (out of 15) for our overall crime levels						

Anti-Social-Behaviour – reported incidents

APR-JUNE 2009	JULY-SEPT 2009	OCT-DEC 2009	JAN-MAR 2010	MONTHLY AVE (09/10)
216	225	144	158	62

5. Abstraction Rate Performance:

The Policing Pledge sets a target of a minimum of **80%** for the time spent by NPT staff on their respective areas. The performance figures for **Corsham**:

SGT % ON AREA	CBM % ON AREA	PCSO % ON AREA
100.0%	95.7%	99.3%

Inspector Kate Pain
 25th May 2010
 Area Commander