

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013



## 1. Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).

**Sgt:** PS Nick Cooke

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

**Drugs** Three young males were stopped in Box and searched for drugs. A report was received from a member of the public of youths smoking in a Car Park in Box close to a vehicle. All three were taken back to Corsham Station and searched. Two of them were in possession of cannabis – one received a cannabis street warning and the other received a Reprimand.

**Dwelling Burglaries** During the past 6 months there have been several dwelling burglaries in surrounding rural villages. A male was traced forensically and arrested for these and other burglaries and has been sentenced to 8 years imprisonment. This male was also responsible for an armed robbery at a jewellers in Malmesbury which was taken into account when he was sentenced.

**Criminal Damage to the Lion Plinth in the Martingate Centre** You will have noticed that the plinth the Lion sits on has now been repaired. Due to there being good CCTV Footage of this criminal act an appeal went into the newspaper. The two males responsible came forward, apologised profusely and wished to pay for the repairs. Their apology and honesty was gratefully accepted by the owner and the Plinth has now been repaired.

**Knifepoint Robberies** – A male has appeared in Court and pleaded guilty to 2 knifepoint robberies in Corsham, he has pleaded guilty and is remanded until February 2013 when the Case will be going to Court.

**Blues 'N' Zues** A very successful Blues ' N' Zues Xmas Party was held at Corsham School for 11-16 year olds. This was organised and supervised by Corsham Police Officers and Staff. There was a good turn-out of youngsters who all had a good time. Another one is being planned for around the time of Valentines Night – this will be publicised shortly.

**Shoplifting** A male residing in Rudloe we mentioned at the last report who was being held on Remand has now received a 34 week prison sentence for several shoplifting offences in Corsham, Chippenham, Trowbridge and Melksham.

**Indecent Exposure** A male was arrested for two counts of indecent exposure on Middlewick Lane. He was charged and appeared in Court, he has been remanded on unconditional bail until the 21<sup>st</sup> January for pre-sentence reports.

**Burglary - Katherine Park** We are currently investigating a burglary at The Co-Op on Katherine Park whereby a door was rammed by a vehicle to gain access. Nothing was taken and the vehicle was abandoned nearby. It is believed that a white vehicle was also involved as it was seen in the vicinity at the same time. We would like to encourage anyone with any information regarding this Crime to contact us – you may do so anonymously.

**Community Engagement** – In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham NPT also regularly update a Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/CorshamPolice](http://www.facebook.com/CorshamPolice). This has been effective in putting out local crime warnings (in addition to usual methods such as Neighbourhood Watch), appeals for witnesses and information and for putting out good-news stories, as well as telling the community about upcoming consultations. So far over 100 people have 'Liked' the page to receive updates posted by the NPT and this number is steadily growing – if you are on Facebook please feel free to join us.

EF Corsham	Crime				Detections	
	January 2010 - December 2011	January 2011 - December 2012	Volume Change	% Change	January 2010 - December 2011	January 2011 - December 2012
Victim Based Crime	617	524	-93	● -15%	15%	17%
Domestic Burglary	22	29	7	● 32%	9%	14%
Non Domestic Burglary	88	70	-18	● -20%	5%	1%
Vehicle Crime	108	58	-50	● -46%	10%	0%
Criminal Damage & Arson	140	129	-11	● -8%	14%	16%
Violence Against The Person	65	92	27	● 42%	35%	36%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	426	279	-147	● -35%		
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 Victim Based Crime and Domestic Burglary in the previous 12 month period (December 2011 - November 2012).						
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution						

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