

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

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. Performance and Other Local Issues:

Drugs – A male was arrested for being in Possession of Cannabis.

Robbery - A young adult male has recently been sentenced to 18 months imprisonment for the offence of Robbery in Corsham which took place in December 2012.

Shed breaks In the last month there has been a couple of shed breaks in the Corsham area. It is likely that these are linked to other nearby Towns where several shed breaks have occurred. There has been limited forensic evidence but several under cover operations are being carried out to try and catch those individuals who are responsible.

Thefts from Motor Vehicles – There has been a few reports of thefts from motor vehicles, mostly transit vans containing tools. It is important that vehicles are secured and that no valuables are not left in the vehicle or on display.

Shop lifting Two males residing in Rudloe have been arrested for shoplifting offences in the Corsham and Chippenham area and are currently on bail with strict conditions until the 24th May. They are being 'policed' regularly.

Blues 'N' Zues A very successful Blues 'N' Zues disco was held in March 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 and many of whom won some fantastic raffle prizes. Another one is planned for Friday 24th May.

Sexual Assault - At the end of April a white male in his 50's with short cropped white hair approached a female in an alleyway in the Coulston Road/Kings Avenue area of Corsham and sexually touched her. There were no witnesses but we are awaiting the results of the forensics that have been sent off for analysis. Following this there have been two further instances where females have been approached in Alleyways in the Corsham area. All of these offences are being investigated by CID & PCT and robust patrols are being carried out by NPT & GPD.

Anti-Social Behaviour Corsham NPT and WCC have jointly sent Anti-social behaviour questionnaires to all the residents on the High Street in the vicinity of The Royal Oak and are awaiting their responses.

Community Engagement – In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham NPT also regularly update a Facebook Page at 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 or information and for putting out good-news stories. We also use the site to tell the community about upcoming consultations. So far over 120 people have joined 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.

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