

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board 2014



## 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 – Barry Mussard

## 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** – During February after extensive intelligence gathering and investigations a warrant was executed at 2 properties above one of the shops in the High Street. A number of Cannabis plants were found growing in one of the properties with an estimated street value of £10,000. A male was arrested and has been charged. The second property was searched but was not involved in Cannabis cultivation. The warrant was executed on information received from members of this Community and shop owners who became suspicious of a smell coming from one of the properties and alerted the Town Officer. Your information and vigilance is invaluable and will be treated in the strictest confidence – another great example of the Community and the Police working together.

**Forgery & Counterfeiting** - A male attempted to pass a £50 note in the Co-op, Martingate Centre. An experienced sales assistant noticed the note did not feel right even though it had passed the 'pen' test. The assistant confiscated the note and the male paid for goods by other means. The same male then attempted to pass more notes in shops in Chippenham. CCTV and fingerprints have been obtained and enquiries to trace the male are underway.

**Theft** - An elderly man had his wallet stolen after using his card in the Co-op Martingate Centre. It appears from CCTV that he was watched by 2 males whilst punching in the pin number on the card machine. He was then followed out of the shop and had his wallet taken from his pocket whilst being purposely distracted by 2 females asking for directions. His card was then used within 20 minutes on numerous occasions in shops in Chippenham, it was also used for on-line shopping and at 2 cash-points resulting in him losing a huge amount of money. As he had

completed his shopping for the day he was unaware his wallet had been taken until the next day. It is imperative that you shield your pin number whenever you use your card whether that be in a shop or at the cash-point.

**Anti-Social Behaviour** – Corsham NPT have received training on a new project called the Youth Crime Initiative. For those unaware this is part of the Wiltshire Integrated Youth Support Services and any youths coming to Police notice will instigate a Community Restorative Justice meeting. This is an opportunity for young people to engage with the Police and other supporting agencies within the Youth Support Services to enable them to acknowledge and identify the harm they may have caused in the Community and to accept their responsibilities for their actions. It impresses high importance on understanding how their behaviour impacts upon others and their victims.

There have been a couple of ASB reports in the Martingate Centre. This is our new priority and Corsham NPT have been engaging with the youths. Home visits have been made and referrals have been made to the Youth Crime Initiative as just described.

Three teenagers from Notton House School have also been entered into the new Youth Crime Initiative and have gone on to work with Youth Offending and the Prevent team after having caused Criminal damage and anti-Social behaviour within the School. It was a positive intervention and the School now report a marked improvement in their behaviour.

**Information** – Corsham Policing Team held another successful Bluez ‘n’ Zues disco on Valentine’s night at Corsham School - over 90 children had an enjoyable time. The next disco will have an Easter theme and is being planned for April.

**Community Engagement** – In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham NPT also regularly update a Facebook Page at [facebook.com/CorshamPolice](https://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 or information and for putting out good-news stories. We also use the site to tell the community about upcoming consultations. So far over 432 people have joined the page to receive updates posted by the NPT – if you are on Facebook please join us.

EF Corsham NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to February 2013	12 Months to February 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to February 2013	12 Months to February 2014
Victim Based Crime	513	454	-59	-11.5%	16%	12%
Domestic Burglary	30	17	-13	-43.3%	13%	0%
Non Domestic Burglary	64	60	-4	-6.3%	2%	3%
Vehicle Crime	60	54	-6	-10.0%	0%	0%
Criminal Damage & Arson	132	121	-11	-8.3%	15%	6%
Violence Against The Person	87	83	-4	-4.6%	33%	20%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	339	315	-24	-7.1%		

\* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

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