

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board June 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

3. Performance and Other Local Issues:

Drugs – Corsham NPT carried out unexpected drug searches at Public Houses in and around the Town on Friday 16th May. The passive drugs dog indicated that two adult males had handled drugs within a 24 time frame. They were searched but not in possession of any illegal substances. The community and the Landlords welcomed our positive approach.

An adult male was issued with a Street Caution for being in possession of a small amount of Cannabis.

An adult male was arrested for drink driving and was also in possession of cannabis. He was issued with an Adult Caution.

Litotes – An elderly lady living in Bargates, Box was subject to a distraction burglary whilst male cold callers tried to encourage her to pay an extortionate amount for unnecessary gardening work. The lady had her purse stolen whilst being distracted - Investigations are still being carried out. Please warn senior members of family, friends, neighbours not to engage in conversation with cold callers. These people turn up unannounced and are sometimes known as rogue traders, bogus callers, and distraction burglars. In some cases they pretend to be legitimate builders or gardeners offering to do household maintenance. They will try to convince you that the work needs doing as it may be a danger if not done. They often start by verbally quoting a low price which dramatically increases when you agree to have the work done as they will invariably find something else that needs fixing so they can complete the original job quoted for. They will also try and trick their way into your house.

Non-Dwelling burglary – An adult male was issued with a Caution as a result of taking items from a shed in Oliver Avenue. He was quickly identified with the help of the public.

Theft – Two youths have been issued Local Resolutions for shoplifting from a local shop. They have re-paid the amount for the stolen goods and wrote a letter of apology.

An adult female has been identified for shoplifting from the same shop on two occasions, this is still ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour – A number of youths attended the SPLASH Project over the Easter holidays. This is a charity which engages with youths who have offended or at risk of offending and they offer projects such as the Wiltshire Wildlife Project.

Two males were issued with a Local Resolution for assaulting one another. A youth was issued with a Local Resolution for assaulting another youth.

Targeted patrols and an increased Police presence have been in place for Hatton Way to reduce Anti-social behaviour. The same has been put in place for the playing fields and tennis courts in Lacock.

Update on the Copenacre Site - Over the past 2 weeks PC Ball has been in Consultation with the owners of the Copenacre Site (Summix Ltd on behalf of Copenacre Developments LLP Ltd) and the Key-holders for the Site (GVA). Discussions included the state of the Site and the vandalism etc that has been reported to the Area Board and ourselves.

The situation is that Copenacre Developments have submitted a planning variation to the Plans under Section 73. This is in the advance stages of consultation with the Planning department and they are expecting an answer very shortly. Once they have the variation of the plans confirmed they will be going ahead with the exchange of the Site to Barrett Homes for development.

PC Ball has reminded the owners that if an Offender gets onto the Site and injure themselves then Copenacre Developments will be liable. The owners understand this and state that they have public liability insurance for such incidents.

They have a security officer who checks the Site once a week and will report back to the owners with any further damage on a weekly basis. Talks are continuing with the owners regarding better security of Copenacre to limit further damage.

Information – Corsham NPT showed a presence in the High Street whilst the recent filming of Poldark was taking place.

Corsham Policing Team held a Bluez 'n' Zues disco at Corsham School on Friday 23rd May. The theme was black and white.

We have been attending multi-agency meetings and found working closely together with partner agencies has proved beneficial.

Corsham NPT will moving from the Police Station on Priory Street to the new Springfield Community Campus on 2nd July. There should be real benefits from being based at this hub with other community services.

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 489 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 April 2013	12 Months to April 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to April 2013	12 Months to April 2014
Victim Based Crime	506	501	-5	-1.0%	18%	11%
Domestic Burglary	30	22	-8	-26.7%	10%	0%
Non Domestic Burglary	50	62	+12	+24.0%	0%	3%
Vehicle Crime	61	49	-12	-19.7%	0%	0%
Criminal Damage & Arson	123	156	+33	+26.8%	18%	6%
Violence Against The Person	89	95	+6	+6.7%	33%	21%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	375	355	-20	-5.3%		
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions						

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