

**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper  
Corsham Community Area Board  
17<sup>th</sup> August 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, Corsham Town  
- Drugs, Corsham Town Centre

Corsham Rural – ASB, Box

Chippenham Rural – Speeding, Rural Villages  
- ASB, Rural Villages

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](http://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**

There have been several reports over the past few weeks of ASB and criminal damage on the Meriton Recreation ground in Corsham. Local NPT have carried out targeted patrols during the late evening and early morning over the weekend periods and moved on youths found gathering there with their details taken to pass to parents should there be further problems. This will continue to be a focus for staff during the school holidays.

An insecure van left with the keys in the ignition was recently stolen. Police units were in the area very promptly; however the vehicle was not located until sometime later when it was found burnt out in Atworth.

This again highlights the risks of leaving vehicles unattended and insecure for an opportunist criminal to target. Please take the few seconds necessary to lock your vehicle and remove the keys and any property of value.

NPT have received reports of ASB in the Katherine Park estate area. Officers have been carrying out patrols and will continue to pay attention to the area. A multi-agency meeting is planned to address the issue with the help of partner agencies including the Wiltshire ASBR Officer.

A local male has been dealt with following the recovery of a mature cannabis plant at his home address which was intended for cultivation and personal use.

A local male has been arrested following a number of targeted ASB and criminal damage incidents directed towards a third party in the Katherine Park estate. The suspect is currently on bail whilst enquiries continue.

The Corsham Police information point is available three days a week (Mon, Wed and Fri) between the hours of 1000 a.m. to 2 p.m. This has proved of note and there have been a regular number of callers into the station.

A vehicle containing a number of youths was spotted stealing milk bottles and throwing them at parked vehicles in the Lacock and Corsham areas causing damage to the vehicles during the early hours of the morning. Police responded promptly carrying out extensive area searches and four youths were arrested within thirty minutes of the first report being received. The suspects have been interviewed and bailed pending further enquiries.

A six foot cannabis plant was located in a green house and seized after the offender admitted bringing the seedling back from Spain. A local female has admitted cultivation of a controlled drug and will be reported for the offence.

There have been reports of motorcycles riding through Box woods. Positive Police presence has led to several persons being formally warned about their activities and their details taken. A press release will be done warning of the specific offences and the likely sanctions (vehicles seized etc) faced if there continues to be a repeat of incidents.

There have been a small number of reported burglaries across the Chippenham rural area, targeting both dwelling and non dwelling properties. This is being actively addressed with enhanced patrols in the affected areas and work continues to identify those responsible.

To support the work of the rural team and as a development opportunity, Chippenham Rural will be gaining an additional Police Officer for a period of two months commencing on the 01<sup>st</sup> September. This will increase Police availability and visibility across the area.

Traffic Officers have been active throughout the villages and fourteen fixed penalty notices have been issued for speed related matters. As a result of the current economic situation with Government reductions in budgets, the Camera Safety Unit based at Devizes will be disbanded in the near future. This was not funded by the Police rather being part funded by the Council and Home Office funding.

Traffic Officers and local NPT's will continue to carry out speed checks in those areas where there are identified concerns.

We are still seeking volunteers to set up Community Speed watch schemes to address local concerns in those areas that are appropriate for the scheme to be implemented.

**5. CRIME & DETECTIONS (01<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2008 – 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2010) compared to previous year)**

CORSHAM	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	AUG 2008 - JUL 2010				AUG 2008 - JUL 2010	
	2008/09	2009/10	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	133	118	-15	-11.3%	49.6%	47.5%
Dwelling Burglary	38	34	-4	-10.5%	36.8%	17.6%
Criminal Damage	240	203	-37	-15.4%	14.2%	6.4%
Non Dwelling Burglary	90	63	-27	-30.0%	7.8%	6.3%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	69	61	-8	-11.6%	8.7%	4.9%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	20	28	8	40.0%	25.0%	10.7%
Total Crime	869	744	-125	-14.4%	23.0%	18.3%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently County Division is performing very well and is ranked 1st (out of 15) for our overall crime and 5th (out of 15) for our overall detection levels

**Anti-Social-Behaviour – reported incidents**

APR-JUNE 2009	JULY-SEPT 2009	OCT-DEC 2009	JAN-MAR 2010	MONTHLY AVE (09/10)
200	225	144	163	61

Inspector Kate Pain  
09<sup>th</sup> August 2010  
Area Commander