

# 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** – There has been an increase in the use of nitrous oxide (laughing gas, entonox) in the Corsham area. This is a substance that youngsters are inhaling. It comes in small gas canisters and looks similar to what is used in home brewing kits. They are approximately 2 inches in size, disposable and come in several colours. It gives them a sense of euphoria as it is neat Entonox – In hospital Entonox is mixed with Oxygen as a pain killer however the crucial difference here is that these canisters are pure Entonox which disperses oxygen from the blood stream giving the immediate high effect. This in turn has caused several deaths within the UK as the brain is starved of oxygen. Home visits have been made to those believed to be using and encouraging others to use the gas. At the moment it can be bought off the Internet and is not illegal. We have produced our own poster warning of the dangers of using this which have been displayed in the local parks and have also posted warnings on Facebook.

A number of youths have been stop searched for drugs due to recent intelligence, although Corsham NPT have been pro-active, nothing was found in their possession but this certainly sends out a message to other youths.

An adult male was stopped and searched and found to be in possession of cannabis, he was issued with a Cannabis Street Warning.

**Non-Dwelling burglary** – At the beginning of this month there was a ram-raid at the Kingsdown Golf Club whereby Offenders ripped the main doors off the entrance and forcibly ripped the safe from its fittings using a chain attached to a car. The safe contained cheque books, Accounts, receipts and £3,000 in cash. Damage to the building is estimated at £15,000. A short time later the safe was found in Biddestone with the cash missing. The vehicle used for the ram-raid (seen on the Club CCTV) was found burnt out in Swindon hours later. Enquiries continue with CID.

Outbuildings in Colerne have been broken into. Tools and small garden machinery were taken, All the buildings were secured correctly with padlocks which were smashed off.

A property in Pickwick had their window smashed and entry gained although nothing was stolen, the investigation continues.

Entry was gained to Hartham Park Quarry on Park Lane, graffiti was left on the walls and items stolen.

**Criminal Damage** – Two adult males have been arrested and are on bail for smashing a window at The Three Brewers.

**Assault** – A local youth was issued with a Local Resolution for throwing water balloons at locals, he has written a letter of apology.

**Theft** – An adult male has been arrested and charged for theft of approximately £45,000 worth of musical equipment from Real World Studios, Box and then sold the items on.

We have received a few reports of Catalytic converters being stolen from vehicles also number plates.

Two pedal cycles were stolen from Arnolds Mead.

A motorbike was stolen from Katherine Park and later recovered nearby, the investigation is ongoing.

We have received a report of theft of candles to the value of £60, food from the food bank and loose change from St. Patricks Church. There is CCTV footage of the adult male and we are trying to identify the suspect.

We have received a number of reports from locals in Katherine Park advising that they have had the bristles stolen from their letter boxes!

**Anti-Social Behaviour** – We are pleased to report that during the Summer holidays there have been very few incidents of Anti-Social behaviour. We believe that due to the hard work put in by the NPT engaging with youngsters, parents and the Splash Team before and during the holidays, has kept behaviour in check.

**Information** – We have a new PCSO called Alan joining us on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. He will be working alongside Barry & Mandie covering the Villages in the Rural areas.

Corsham NPT will moving from the Police Station on Priory Street to the new Springfield Community Campus on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Corsham NPT have assisted at the Emergency Services Show at Hullavington.

We also attended an Emergency Services event held at Rudloe during the summer holidays.

If anyone would like information on Neighbourhood Watch, please contact Corsham NPT.

**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 500 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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