

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board March 2015



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 – Alan Byrne

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 Section 23 Drugs Warrant was executed at a local address, an adult male was arrested and issued a Caution for possession.

During the hours of darkness three males were stopped and searched in the grounds of Colerne primary School. 1 male was arrested for possession of cannabis.

Two males were searched whilst parked in a remote spot on Naish Hill, Lacock – both were found to have Cannabis on them and both received a Cannabis street warning.

Burglary –

Two unknown offenders attempted to gain access to the Post Office in Box by prizing open the front door with a flat bladed instrument. Although it is a victorian door the locks on the inside are immense and access was not gained.

There have been two house burglaries where on both occasions jewellery was taken. One of the houses was in Neston and the other in Lacock.

An unknown offender entered an insecure and occupied property on Hartham Lane and stole a handbag containing money and jewellery.

An adult male was arrested for a burglary at Pickwick Motors, whereby entry was gained, keys to vehicles on the forecourt were then stolen, he was also arrested for two other offences.

Non-Dwelling burglaries –

Entry was gained to an electrical suppliers building on Methuen Park, nothing was stolen.

Entry was gained to an outbuilding in Pockeridge and a quantity of tools to the value of approximately £5,000 was stolen.

Entry was gained to a business premises on Westwells and tools to the value of £2,000 were taken.

There were two attempt burglaries to garages, one on Alexander Terrace and one on Bewley Lane in Lacock, nothing was stolen from either garage.

A red quad bike used on a Farm, was stolen from off the driveway at an address in Norbin in Box. The keys had been left in the ignition.

Indecent Exposure –

An adult male has been arrested for indecent exposure and received a caution.

Criminal Damage –

An unattended van parked on Lypiatt Road had the window smashed, a chainsaw and quantity of diesel was then stolen.

A number of window wipers and aerials were removed from cars parked in Neeld Court and Pickwick Road. Most of the items were recovered and Police have managed to return to the owners.

An unattended car parked in Colerne village had the door kicked causing a dent and a wing mirror kicked off.

Theft –

A 50” TV was stolen from the Co-op in the Martingate Centre. The mobile CCTV camera which is located on the junction of Newlands Road and Pickwick Road, assisted with identifying the registration of the car and the suspect (who is not local), is currently in Prison and will be interviewed regarding this.

A few months ago an unknown male was entering St Paticks Church and stealing money from the collection boxes, food from the foodbank and a quantity of candles. Corsham NPT viewed the pattern of his visits on CCTV and sat in a hidden room waiting for him to return, which he did. As the Church declined to prosecute, his details were taken to be circulated and he was given strong words of advice not to return. In the Officer's presence he was also spoken to at length by the priest regarding his behaviour, his life circumstances and how he can go forward from here.

Two female youths have been issued Community Resolutions with regard to a theft from the Factory Shop (this is the new name for Local Resolutions), whereby suspects are identified and their details recorded but they do not have a criminal record.

A local female youth has been issued with a Community Resolution for a theft from the Co-op on Macie Drive. She has paid for the stolen goods and wrote a letter of apology.

Offenders were disturbed in Ashley, Box whilst rifling through an insecure vehicle which was parked on the driveway of a home. The home owner happened to come out of the front door to go out again, the offenders ran off empty handed. Please ensure you lock your vehicles at all times – even if you are just popping in the house for a few minutes.

A large pressure washer was stolen from a driveway in the Bradford Road area. The home owners were woken by a noise outside and saw 3 males on his driveway trying to load the pressure washer into the boot of their vehicle. The Offenders made their escape but were then stopped and arrested by the Police half a mile down the road.

A catalytic converter was stolen from an unattended vehicle parked in the layby on Chequers Hill.

The opening of TK MAXX took place on the 19th February one adult male has been arrested for theft and going equipped. Also an unknown person has stolen a purse from a customers bag and then attempted to withdraw money from a cashpoint without success.

Traffic Incidents –

A local male was arrested for Drink Driving and possession of a controlled Drug after he crashed his car near to the Rudloe Arms Hotel.

A non-injury RTC occurred at the Lackham Roundabout whereby the driver lost control and collided with roadside furniture.

An RTC occurred at Fiveways between a car and a van. One of the drivers was injured and the other is being prosecuted for careless driving.

Appeal –

On Friday 6th March at approximately 14.00 hours, 3 sheep were attacked by an Alsatian dog at a small holding in Corsham, one of which had to be destroyed and two received medical attention. We believe two adult females had lost their Alsatian dog in the Corsham Court area and we are trying to establish their identity in order to discuss this matter with them.

Anti-Social Behaviour –

Previously we advised that Sovereign Housing would be fencing off the arch-way opposite the Co-op on Macie Drive due to reports of ASB, this has now been done and we have not received any further complaints.

A local youth has been banned from Dominos Pizzas for making homophobic comments to staff and acting in an anti-social manner. He has been referred to the ASBRAC (Anti-social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference) panel, which is a multi agency meeting.

Information –

We held another Bluez n' Zuz Disco at Corsham School with a Valentine theme 11-16 year olds, those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we are planning another for Easter.

Corsham Town NPT attended Corsham Regis School for their Careers Fair and talked to individual classes about the Police Force.

Corsham Town and Corsham Rural NPT attended Corsham Primary, St Patricks School, Corsham Regis, Neston, Box and Broadwood Primary Schools on 10th February for Internet Safety Day, where they delivered valuable information to mainly Year 6 students.

Corsham NPT assisted 9 Supply Regiment RLC with their march through Chippenham Town on Monday 9th March. This was to celebrate Commonwealth Day and so they could exercise their right to the Freedom of the Town.

PCSO Barry Mussard has left the Force and started a new job. Also, PS Nick Cooke retired from the Force on the 17th March, PS Ben Huggins stationed at Calne Police Station will look after both Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) –

Residents of Neston have recently had training at Devizes HQ for a new Community Speed Watch scheme in Elley Green. This gives residents the power to help reduce traffic speeds and improve quality and safety in their community. PC Ball will be meeting with the Elley Green Team leader next week to coordinate and support the first live session. For more information on CSW in the Corsham area please e-mail nptcorsham@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

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 706 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 2014	12 Months to February 2015	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to February 2014	12 Months to February 2015
Victim Based Crime	494	560	+66	● +13.4%	16%	18%
Domestic Burglary	19	27	+8	● +42.1%	0%	7%
Non Domestic Burglary	65	47	-18	● -27.7%	3%	4%
Vehicle Crime	56	42	-14	● -25.0%	0%	2%
Criminal Damage & Arson	131	135	+4	● +3.1%	12%	23%
Violence Against The Person	94	138	+44	● +46.8%	32%	28%
ASB Incidents	378	491	+113	● +29.9%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

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