

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



1. Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).

Sgt: PS Ben Huggins

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 group of 8 youths suspected of smoking Cannabis had home visits carried out and warning letters given to their parents regarding their behaviour.

In the village of Box two males were stop/searched and found to be in possession of Cannabis, one was issued with a Youth Caution and the other with a Cannabis Street Warning.

A local youth was located in a disused building, he was searched and arrested for being in possession of Cannabis and issued with a Youth Caution.

An adult male was stop/searched and issued with a Street Caution for Possession of Cannabis. Whilst driving a vehicle an adult male was arrested on suspicion of being unfit through drugs and Intent to supply Cannabis.

Two adult males were arrested for Possession of Cannabis with intent to supply, one was issued with a Caution and the other is on bail.

A vehicle was stopped by officers in Lacock, one of the occupants was found to be in possession of cannabis and issued with a Cannabis Street Warning.

A vehicle was stopped and searched in Patterdown, an adult male was found to be in possession of Cannabis and issued with a Cannabis Street Warning.

Burglary – An unknown offender entered an insecure property at Fuller Avenue. An I-pad was stolen.

Non-Dwelling burglaries – A large quantity of cash was stolen from the safe at Texaco Garage on Pickwick Road, two people have been arrested and are currently on bail. Unknown offenders have cut through the perimeter fence to Southwest Metal Finishing on Leafield Industrial Estate. The rear door to the building was forced open - offenders then left the location empty handed when the alarm was activated. A small window was smashed at Corsham School and a fire extinguisher was stolen. The Hartham Park Quarry site was entered, the alarm was activated and a CCTV camera was stolen. Unknown suspects have forced the Yale lock on the access door to a barn in Box and entry was gained, an untidy search was carried out, various items from within have been stolen. Unknown suspect(s) have gained entry to a personal garage in Box by forcing the lock from the door by unknown means. Once inside they have carried out an untidy search of suitcases and also removed two bunches of keys including vehicle keys from inside.

Criminal Damage – An unknown person has used a marker pen to draw on a car, they have done this on several occasions whilst it was parked on Leylands Road, Rudloe. A couple of cat owners in Katherine Park have reported to the Police that the fur has had a zig zag pattern shaved off on one side of their cats. There is no explanation for this and enquiries are ongoing. Two windows at the Wessex Water building on Mill Lane, Box were smashed by unknown person(s). Unknown suspect(s) have sprayed paint over some work signs at ARC, Monks Lane, resulting in them needing to be replaced. Unknown suspects have inserted a screwdriver or similar object into the front door lock of a secure and unattended vehicle in Box. No entry was gained however damage has been caused to the lock. We would like to remind members of the public to ensure you don't leave any valuables on display in your cars or vans when unattended.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Two adult males were arrested at the Red Lion, Lacock for being drunk and disorderly in a public place, they were issued with fixed penalty tickets.

Theft - An adult male who stole a vehicle from Alexander Terrace, was located and arrested nearby whilst trying to make off from the Police. An increase of high visibility patrols are being carried out in Mill Lane, Box at the Two Mills Fishing area due to a huge rise of poaching incidents. A high value bike which was secured to bars outside a home on Palm Road, Colerne was stolen. Some children's bikes were also stolen from Mullins Close, Colerne. An Unknown person has entered Neston school grounds and removed victorian roof tiles from a low outbuilding. Offenders have gained entry to a shed in Westwells by removing the door and have then stolen a large red petrol lawn mower. An Unknown male stole a quantity of shaving blades to the value of £100 from the Co-op in Box. Several thefts have taken place at the new TK MAXX Store – these are being dealt with by the Store. Two buses parked at Thingley Sidings, Easton Lane, had some windows smashed and emergency hammers from within were stolen. There has been an attempt theft from the Co-op, Box by 3 Asian males. Staff noticed the suspicious actions of the males, they left the goods and fled the shop. Unknown suspects have stolen cash from collection boxes on a couple of occasions from the Church in Lacock, by forcing off the padlocks securing the boxes.

Assault - An adult male assaulted another male and caused damage to his car, he was issued a Caution as a result of this.

Information –

Mr Mike Veale will be the new Chief Constable with effect from the 1st June 2015 due to the retirement of Mr Geenty.

The force now has a dedicated cybercrime Facebook page.

Corsham NPT attended the Sci-Fi event and had a very busy day meeting and greeting those from other galaxies.

The new reception desk is open at the Springfield Community Campus, there will be a designated area which will signpost members of the public to the Police Volunteer who kindly give up his time to work 0900-1300hrs on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday (unless he has personal commitments or holidays, then these times will not be covered). It is important to note that whilst Corsham NPT are based in the Campus, we are a small team and it is therefore often unlikely that visitors to the Campus will be able to speak to us directly without a prior arrangement. Of course, if a member of the team is available then we will always try and help with your enquiry. If someone wishes to report a crime, reception staff will direct them to use the free yellow phone outside the Campus to ring 101 where the crime report will be taken by our Control Room. There is also a 999 facility on this phone should it be an emergency.

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 847 people have joined the page to receive updates posted by the NPT – if you are on Facebook please join us.

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