

Wiltshire Police Corsham



Corsham Police December 2008

Sergeant's message

The efforts and commitment of all Officers has had a positive effect on the most recent crime figures. We will continue to build on this, working with our partner Agencies to maintain Corsham community, and social atmosphere.

I have an "open door" policy, and welcome any suggestions from our community that will continue to maintain Corsham as one of the safest towns in one of the safest Counties.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and peaceful new year.

MIKE MOSS

Acting Sergeant Corsham NPT

Statistics

Reported offences

	Crime		Detections	
	07/08	08/09	07/08	08/09
Station performance	560	562	135	
Target			28%	
Current			24%	

Priorities & ongoing activity

Retail crime and the night-time economy

The festive period often brings an increase in theft and violent crime. To address this we will be concentrating on retail based crime and the night-time economy.

In the lead up to Christmas acquisitive crimes such as theft can increase and in particular we have had a recent issue with the theft of purses from the handbags of shoppers in the town. We don't want to give rise to a fear of crime only to highlight this as an issue and ask people to be careful and not leave high value items on show to tempt a would be thief such as presents visible in a car, purse or handbag left on a pushchair or in an open bag over a shoulder.

Over Christmas and New Year we will be increasing our visibility to deter people from these crimes and offences of anti-social and violent behaviour particularly during the late evenings. We have strong and effective partnerships with premises licenced to sell alcohol and we will be working closely to help them manage their customers and sell alcohol responsibly. You can expect to see police officers and staff entering premises during the evening to identify and target problem individuals and robust enforcement of our policing powers. Christmas and New Year is a time for everyone and we are keen to ensure we help everyone have a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Corsham Town

1. **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR** - Martingate Centre, Mansion House Mews, Springfield Recreation Park and Alexander Terrace Recreation park
2. **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR** - Underage drinking Town centre

I can report that work has been on going in the town area including dealing with the issue of young people driving irresponsibly, this has resulted in a number of section 59 notice's being issued. This enables Wiltshire Police to confiscate vehicles that are repeatedly used in an antisocial way, under this initiative a local male has had his car seized.

Incidents of antisocial behaviour relating to alcohol and underage drinking have dropped considerably; this is due to pro-active patrols by local NPT and partnership working with local retailers and educational establishments.

Delivering Safe and Satisfied Communities

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We have also had a particularly serious offence in the Lagger were two males had obtained a large amount of money from a vulnerable person after claiming to have carried out gardening work at the victim's address.

The offenders for this incident have been arrested and charged. This is a particularly despicable type of crime and be prevented with the help of the local community.

If any body has any suspicions in relation to cold callers or tradesmen calling on elderly/vulnerable neighbours please contact Wilts Police.

The Christmas Bluz's & Zuz's disco was a great success with over 60 young people attending, these events are only possible due to continued funding by partners such as the Corsham Town Council.

Corsham South

1. **SPEEDING**
2. **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR** – Former Royal Arthur Site

A day of action is planned in relation to issues of speeding within the local area. Incidents of ASB around the Royal Arthur site have reduced following high visibility patrols carried out by Wilts Police in partnership with local MOD Police. A number of section 59 notices' have been issued.

Following a meeting with Wilts Police, Wilts Fire Service, Corsham Town Council and developer of the site it has been agreed that bollards will be placed (at the developer's expense) across the access road to prevent further incursions onto the site.

Corsham North

1. **CRIMINAL DAMAGE** – Colerne village
2. **GRAFFITI** – Rudloe estate

Local NPT have implemented a patrol strategy for Corsham North, this is providing a highly visible Police presents in these areas. This has produced a large amount of Intel in relation to incidents in the area, which has resulted in two search warrants being executed in the area. Consequently one young male was arrested on suspicion of being in possession of an offensive weapon. An amount of controlled drugs along with drug paraphernalia were seized.

During December a total of 28 stop searches were carried out in relation to ASB in the area as well as section 59's issued to drivers using motor vehicles in an anti social way.

Be on the Look out for Neighbourhood watch.

When providing information please make sure you remain safe and don't put yourself into any danger. Information that is particularly useful to us include: What has happened, times, dates, locations, descriptions of those involved. Direction of travel and vehicle registration numbers and descriptions.

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