



## **Community Policing Report Area Board - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

### **Corsham**

Hello and welcome to this Community Policing report.

As many of you may have seen in the news over recent months, a number of police services nationwide have invested in body worn video cameras. Wiltshire Police is currently conducting a trial of this technology and will, further to evaluation, look to roll it out to frontline officers and staff over spring and summer.

The technology has had proven benefits in other forces and we are confident that it will help us bring offenders to justice and serve our communities more effectively and efficiently. Body worn cameras are as much about the people behind the lens as they are the people in front of the lens and they will help us to further improve openness and transparency as well as upholding the high standard of service we always aim to deliver.

Throughout March, you may notice Wiltshire Police taking a more in-depth look at equality, diversity and inclusion. At a recent conference for the South West Black Police Association, hosted at Police HQ in Devizes, Chief Constable Mike Veale discussed the importance of recognising and celebrating difference. Having a diverse organisation not only makes the police service more representative of the communities it serves, but also culturally richer and more receptive to different perspectives. We encourage you to keep an eye on our Wiltshire Police social media accounts as we offer an insight about this very important aspect of policing during March.

In addition we will be supporting a national campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of using a mobile phone while driving and to highlight the changes in legislation that come into effect in March. Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police. Please follow us on:

Twitter <https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>

Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>



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## COMMUNITY MESSAGING

We are constantly reviewing our visibility and how we can develop this and work with our communities.

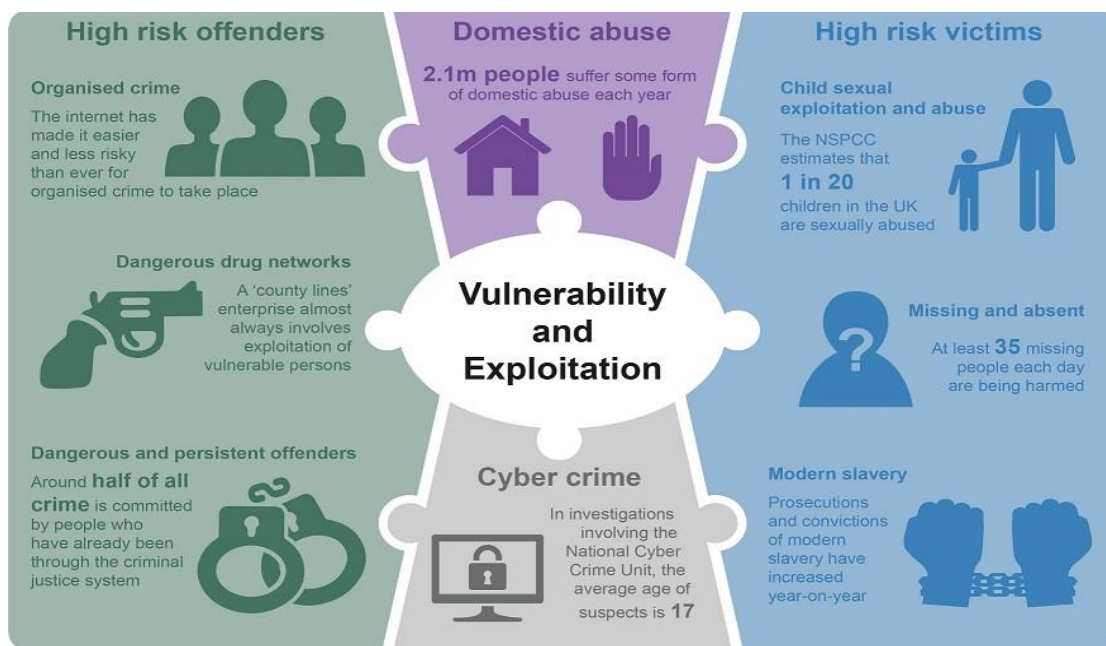
We cannot physically be everywhere all of the time and we want to ensure consistent information with our communities and to be able to provide the information that matters to you when you need it. There has been some good feedback from our new way of working using Community Messaging so please sign up and use it.

<https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

## CONTROL STRATEGY

Below is our control strategy for your reference. This focuses on where how we conduct our operational Policing based on the Police & Crime Plan. We will continue to align our resources with the threat/harm/risks presented in line with the control strategy.

- Domestic abuse / Cyber Crime / High risk offenders / High risk victims



### **Our CPT priority: ASB at Springfield Recreation Ground and Colerne Skatepark**

To conduct additional patrols to tackle ASB at the Youth Shelter and Skatepark, Springfield Recreation Ground, Corsham, also at Colerne Skatepark due to alcohol and substance misuse.

Also persistent offenders and ongoing issues affecting the Community in line with our Force Control Strategy. Priority Offenders are established at a fortnightly Sector Meeting, as a result, 5 sector priority taskings are raised as a way to effectively manage live intelligence and priorities that are developing in the northern hub.

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## LOCAL CRIMES

On 16<sup>th</sup> Jan between 07.40 and 14.10 hours unknown person(s) have attempted to gain entry to a dwelling on DICKENS AVENUE, CORSHAM by forcing the lock. No entry was gained.

On 21<sup>st</sup> January at 00.53 hours, a window of a white Ford transit van was smashed which was parked on WELLER ROAD, a petrol strimmer was stolen from within.

Overnight on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, entry was gained to H MERRETT, Funeral Directors, Pickwick Road, Corsham, a computer was stolen, enquiries are ongoing.

Overnight of 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan Suspect unknown has stolen front and rear number plates from a grey Renault Scenic Sport which was parked on Bences Lane, Corsham.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, an unknown customer has attended Tongs Chip shop and handed over a fake £20 note. A further fake note has then also been found in the till. This has also happened at Dominos Pizzas and the Co-op. Could I remind all local businesses to be extremely vigilant when a customer uses £20 notes to pay for good or asks for change of £20 notes.

Overnight of the 25<sup>th</sup> Jan Unknown suspect has gained entry a grey Nissan which was parked on Pickwick Road a search of the glove box has been conducted and money has been stolen.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan between 10.15 hours and 15.05 hours, entry has been gained to a garage on Hatton Way, a computer has been stolen from within.

Between 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January, unknown person (s) have attempted to gain access to a property on Coulston Road.

Between 1700 hours on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan and 1300 hours on the 29<sup>th</sup> Jan Unknown suspect have gained entry to a secure shed in Nine Acre Drive, Katherine Park, and have stolen an orange motorbike from within the shed.

Between 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Jan Unknown suspect has stolen the rear casing of both wing mirrors on a silver Vauxhall Astra which was parked on Charles Street, Corsham.

On 30<sup>th</sup> Jan at 17.20 hours Unknown male and female suspect have entered the Co-op and headed straight to the spirits isle, selected some spirits and placed these in their jogging bottoms and left the store making no attempt to pay. Property stolen - approx £200 worth of spirits. They are described as white male, 6ft, thin build, in his 30's short dark hair - wearing a white zip up tracksuit top, grey joggers with number 68 on top left pocket, dark trainers with white laces. White female, 5ft 6 in her 30's Long, straight strawberry blond hair, glasses wearing red coat, white blouse and dark joggers.

At 16:58 on 31/01/2017 a male suspect enters the store and picked up a basket. The suspect has then made his way to the meat chillers in the store and has taken a selection of meat from 4 of the chillers. The suspect has then exited the store with the meat and basket and made no attempt to pay, described as a white male, 5'5, medium build, cropped Brunette hair, tattoo on right side of neck, light blue water proof jacket with navy stripe, jeans, clean shaven.

Between 31<sup>st</sup> Jan and 4<sup>th</sup> Feb Unknown suspect has stolen sheets of cladding TVO £1000 from a building site on Park Lane, Corsham, it is believed that the same suspect have returned within 24 hours and the suspects have broken the fence to steal further sheets of cladding.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb between 10.30 and 13.30 hours Unknown suspect have smashed the rear windscreen of a red Seat Ibiza which was parked in Lacock, they have stolen a brown leather shopper bag from the boot of the car, containing 2 x purses, one of which was a flowery Cath Kidston containing a bank card and £10 in cash and a driving licence. The other purse is a cream coloured plastic with a bow on the front containing a bank card and £20 cash.

Overnight of the 4<sup>th</sup> February, unknown person(s) have gained entry to a black Landrover Defender parked on Priory Street and stole the following items; a canopy, rear seat, bonnet and spare wheel.

On Feb 9th at 2.20pm unknown suspect has entered the Co-op store in Martingate centre and stole steak TVO £50. Described as a white male, late 30's, grey hair, fleece lined dark jacket, jeans. CCTV enquiries are ongoing.

Between 10th and 11th Feb a burglary occurred at The Little Kitchen, Martingate centre. A quantity of money was stolen. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 11th Feb at approximately 08:30 am a burglary occurred at the Red Cross shop Martingate, centre, approximately £550 stolen within the safe that has also been stolen. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 11th Feb at approximately 06:40am an unknown male suspect has entered the bar area at Kingsdown Golf Club and stole a lap top and bottle of champagne from behind the bar. Enquiries are ongoing.

Between the 5<sup>th</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> March, unknown person has gained access to a garage in Kings Avenue, Corsham. The garage was believed to be insecure and items were moved but nothing was taken. Please ensure that you keep secure any outbuildings/garages.

### **Community Protection Warnings/Notices and ABC's (Acceptable Behaviour Contracts)**

The Community Protection Warning/Notices are intended to deal with particular ongoing problems or nuisances which negatively affect the community's quality of life in the locality by targeting those responsible. A Community Protection Warning (CPW) has been issued to a local male.

**Other** – Inspector David Hobman and Sgt Gill Hughes have moved to other stations with effect from the 6<sup>th</sup> March, they have been replaced by Sector Head Inspector Mark Luffman and Deputy Sector Head Sgt Donna West.

PCSO Shaun Redmond and PCSO Barbara Young have also been busy attending local schools and various clubs to give them talks on the topics of their choice, assisted by PCSOs from Chippenham who attended the Careers Fair recently at St Patricks school and school talks at Corsham Primary (both sites) on 'Rule and Law'.

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

**<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>**

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## Burglaries

We have had a small amount of burglaries reported to us across Corsham and rural villages in the last few months, some residential and some commercial properties. When entry was gained, almost all incidents seem to have been targeting cash or jewellery. We are thoroughly investigating each incident and additional patrols are being carried out to deter further incidents. Reports of suspicious behaviour are being taken seriously and the Bobby Van has attended various properties to make them more secure.

We also take every opportunity to remind members of the public to keep their properties secure and valuables safe to prevent further people becoming victims of crime.

We have pulled together some top tips to prevent becoming a victim of burglary :

- Always close and lock all windows and doors when leaving your home.
- Invest in a light timer and leave lights on inside your house in more than one room.
- Remove any cover for a burglar to work unseen, such as shrubbery, and give your neighbours every chance to spot something suspicious.
- Ensure valuable or sentimental items of jewellery are suitably insured.
- Take photographs of all such items (laid beside a ruler) and store these in a safe place.
- Register all valuable items on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- Large quantities of cash should never be kept at home.
- Keep keys and valuables out of sight, and reach from cat flaps, letterboxes, and downstairs doors and windows.

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## Preventing vehicle crime

Most vehicle crime is preventable. It can take as little as 10 seconds for a thief to steal something from your car. The best way to protect your belongings is to lock your car whenever you leave it.

Other things you can do include:

Removing everything from the car; don't even leave a jacket where it can be seen.

Closing the sunroof along with the windows when you leave.

Not storing things in the boot; take them with you.

Storing car ownership information in your home, not your car.

Having a routine to ensure you always take the keys out of the ignition.

Taking removable stereos and sat nav equipment with you.

In addition, using secure (theft resistant) number plates can make your plates less attractive to thieves.

Where you park can make a big difference to the safety of your car and your belongings. Look out for car parks approved by the police [Safer Parking \(opens in a new window\)](#) scheme. You can find them by looking for their distinctive 'Park Mark' signs.

## How to keep your car safe at home

Thieves sometimes break into houses looking for car keys. They can also use wires and hooks 'to try and drag' your keys through the letterbox.

Keep your keys away from doors and windows, and tucked away out of sight.

Have your vehicle's windows etched with its registration number or the last seven digits.

**Article taken from [police.uk](http://police.uk)**



### **Cyber Crime—We are all vulnerable both businesses and individuals**

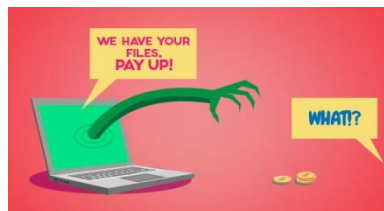
I was fortunate to be sent on a mornings training regarding cyber crime. I realised how prevalent this crime is and how easy it is to become a victim, but also how easy it is to make yourself less vulnerable. The trainer was from an organisation called Get Safe Online and there website is <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

If you shudder at the thought of technology and it's all a bit too much please just visit the site—it's excellent and if you find this button and click here even a complete newbie will find easy to follow information.



We were told there are three simple steps to take that will protect you from 80% of cyber crime

- Update your operating system regularly (or apps)
- Have a strong password (and a different password for each site you visit)
- Have up to date virus software



For small businesses the biggest threat is ransomware—this is where your files are encrypted and you are charged a fee (ransom) to unlock them, this can be devastating to a business. Please visit get safe online website and look at the instructions on how to protect your business.

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## POLICE COMMUNICATION

### In an emergency call 999

Call 999 if you need an immediate response because:

- A crime is in progress.
- You or someone else is injured or there is a threat to life.
- A serious road traffic collision has taken place.
- Violence is being used.

Call 101 for less serious matters

- To report a crime or issue that does not require an immediate emergency response
- You or someone else are not in immediate danger
- You would like to speak to your local police officer
- You want to provide information about a crime

### Stop a police officer or PCSO

Although we cannot take reports of crime on the street we are happy to receive information and give advice.

### E-mail

Your local officer can be contacted by e-mail [CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

### Website

There are a number of forms available on [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) where you can pass information.

### Crimestoppers

Information can be passed anonymously via Crimestoppers. They can be contacted at [crimestoppers.org.uk](http://crimestoppers.org.uk) or via telephone on 0800 555 111. Their website also provides useful information and crime prevention advice

### Facebook

Each town within the Community Policing Team has its own Facebook page, where you can find information about what has been happening in the area. We are unable to take reports of crime through Facebook.

The e-mail address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing Team is  
**[cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.police.uk)**

Please phone 101 (non emergency) or 999 (emergency) to report any incidents or crimes, reports cannot be taken via the above e-mail address.

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