

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board Thursday 1 December 2011



## 1. Neighbourhood Policing Team

**Sgt:** Alex Reid

### **Town Centre Team**

Beat Manager – PC Hazel Anderson

PCSO – Shaun Redmond

### **Rural Team**

Beat Manager – PC Mandie Ball

PCSO – Norman Webster

## 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. Police Authority Representative: Gill Stafford

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or  
<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

## 4. Performance and Other Local Issues:

Corsham experienced a safe and enjoyable period during the recent Halloween (31/10/11). A lot of work was carried out by the team beforehand in visiting schools and local shops regarding the sale of fireworks, flour and eggs. This strategy was successful last year and no doubt will remain. Corsham NPT staff were assisted by Inspector Schorah and Mark Rippon from Wiltshire Council in carrying out visible patrols across the town and villages.

On 5<sup>th</sup> November the NPT Team again worked to ensure key events were covered. At the Neston event and elsewhere across the area, there were no reports of nuisance or anti-social behaviour or any incidents involving fireworks which is very pleasing.

There are still issues involving metal and stone roof tile/staddle stone thefts across the area, specifically so in the villages. This is a highly profitable crime by those involved, yet the impact on the victims, both private and commercial is substantial and the cost of replacement extremely high.

Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, especially strange vans loading or unloading metal/stone items during the evenings/night-time periods or paying attention to

isolated buildings with stone roofs, such as Chapels etc. Property marking should be encouraged as should securing staddle stones to the ground via a metal rod.

Patrols are being stepped up in an effort to both prevent and detect this type of crime. NHW were alerted early on and a Press release was completed by Inspector Schorah w/c 14<sup>th</sup> November. A detective has been assigned from the Crime Group at Melksham, she is currently looking at a number of possible suspects from Wiltshire and Gloucestershire.

St Patricks School parking is still being monitored by the local NPT and work is ongoing with the school, council, our partners and Highways to identify a long-term solution to this. Inspector Schorah has been written to by MP Duncan Hames regarding a long-term solution. The school now employ a member of staff working as a crossing supervisor which is providing additional help.

Bowden Hill at Lacock has qualified for a community speedwatch scheme following metro counts and work is now in progress to establish this with local volunteers.

Christmas is fast approaching. Whilst Corsham is a safe and pleasant Town, I would provide the usual advice regarding personal security when out shopping in busy places, such as keeping purses and wallets out of sight and handbags closed. Also, Christmas shopping left in clear view on car seats or within sight inside unoccupied houses is often an easy target for an opportunistic thief/burglar so please be sensible.

There have been reports of quad bikes being used in an antisocial manner around Colerne. Two such vehicles were located by an Officer recently being ridden on the road. The vehicles were seized and the riders have been reported for a number of road traffic offences.

	Crime				Detections	
	November 2009 - October 2010	November 2010 - October 2011	Volume Change	% Change	November 2009 - October 2010	November 2010 - October 2011
Violence Against the Person	123	83	-40	-33%	44%	36%
Dwelling Burglary	38	19	-19	-50%	24%	11%
Criminal Damage	193	147	-46	-24%	9%	14%
Non Dwelling Burglary	80	94	14	18%	5%	3%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	73	86	13	18%	3%	1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	25	18	-7	-28%	20%	17%
Total Crime	786	680	-106	-13%	19%	18%
Total ASB	617	476	-141	-23%		
<p>Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers for All Crime and for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Oct 2010 - Sept 2011)</p> <p>*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences</p> <p>** Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution</p>						

Inspector Martin Schorah  
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 Chippenham, Calne & Corsham