

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board Thursday 2nd February 2012



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
PCSO – James Gatherum

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. 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 enjoyed a relatively quiet festive period with the NPT working on Christmas and New Years Eve in support of the Response staff. The Christmas light switch on was provided by the Town Council and was a pleasant evening for the community. It is pleasing to report that there were few incidents of note across the town and surrounding area.

I am pleased to welcome a new member of staff to the Corsham NPT, PCSO James Gatherum who has filled an existing vacancy on the rural team and will shortly be out and about in the community working with his colleagues PC Mandie Ball and PCSO Norman Webster. James is keen to get started and will be a valuable asset to the team, bringing with him previous experience as a Special Constable in Chippenham. His primary areas of responsibility will be Box, Colerne, Rudloe and Kingsdown, although he will help in increasing our visibility and assistance locally and has already re-launched the Corsham NPT Face book site with updated information and news.

There have several reports recently of ASB late in the evening in the Priory Street area, possibly linked to a local licensed premise. NPT are carrying out patrols particularly over

weekend periods, engaging with the licensee and the patrons and work is also ongoing with the Wiltshire Council Public Protection Officers to address this.

Rogue traders are still operating across the area, targeting the more elderly sections of the community with offers of 'cheap' garden/home repair work. If in doubt do not accept any offers and contact the Police with details, especially descriptions of those involved and vehicle registrations which aid us in taking firm action against these individuals. Anyone touting for business must by law provide a firm quote, a business flyer with their contact details and allow a 7 day cooling off period for the customer to change their mind. In relation to the above, three males were arrested recently for a number of such offences and are currently being dealt with by our Trading standards colleagues which is a positive result.

There has been a recent increase in thefts from motor vehicles, targeting items such as Satellite navigation units. Please ensure that any equipment or other items of value are removed from your vehicle when left unattended and alarms if fitted are set. Additionally, please take the time to make a record of make, model and importantly serial numbers of these items as Police regularly recover property but often cannot identify the loser. A dedicated team has now been set up to tackle these thefts (and non-dwelling burglaries) across the Sector.

We have yet to experience any real degree of severe weather, however please take the time to ensure that your vehicle is suitably prepared for the coming months and serviced with anti-freeze, batteries, brakes and tyres in order and drive appropriately for the road conditions. A sudden cold spell often results in an increase in breakdowns and also collisions which risk lives and also causes traffic disruption for other road users as well as increasing the demands upon the emergency services.

Corsham	Crime				Detections	
	January 2010 - December 2011	January 2011 - December 2011	Volume Change	% Change	January 2010 - December 2011	January 2011 - December 2011
Violence Against the Person	123	72	-51	-41%	47%	36%
Dwelling Burglary	33	22	-11	-33%	24%	9%
Criminal Damage	190	140	-50	-26%	11%	14%
Non Dwelling Burglary	86	87	1	1%	5%	5%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	80	86	6	8%	1%	12%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	25	17	-8	-32%	28%	6%
Total Crime	786	672	-114	-15%	20%	19%
Total ASB	569	505	-64	-11%		
<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 (Dec 2010 - Nov 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 – Chippenham, Corsham & Calne