

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board Monday 20th September 2012



1. Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).

Sgt: PS 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>

4. Performance and Other Local Issues:

Community Speedwatch (CSW) for Bowden Hill-Lacock, Devizes Rd-Box, Velle Hill-Gastard

Gastard Community Speedwatch – CSW have noticed that our presence on the side of the road has significantly reduced the level of speeding through the village. Early results are showing that traffic is travelling on average 40mph. These results have identified a number of repeat offenders who are local and so they will be receiving home visits by Corsham NPT.

Box Community Speedwatch - We would still like to hear from you if you live in Box and have a concern about speeding traffic through the village. You are the people who can make a real difference in Box, as already seen by residents in the Gastard and Lacock areas. We only need a handful more volunteers to get the scheme up and running (although the more volunteers there are, the better).

Alcohol – Regular patrols are carried out as part of our Priorities; as a result alcohol has been confiscated from a number of youths and their parents have been informed of their behaviour both in writing and in person. Persistent offenders are liable to arrest after 2 warning letters in a 12 month period.

Alcohol Free Zones – Corsham NPT are currently in consultation with Corsham Town Council with the possibility of setting up alcohol free zones within the Town. If this were to be introduced it could have a positive impact as the Police would have the power to seize alcohol in public places, lessening the impact of drink-related ASB and nuisance.

Licensed Premises – Corsham NPT are carrying out regular Licensed Premises checks and they are fully engaging with the Police making amendments to their opening hours to help reduce anti-social behaviour.

SPLASH Project – Three local youths from the Corsham area were referred by the Police to attend various SPLASH projects over the summer holidays. SPLASH provide activities for young people who have or may be at risk of offending.

Schools – Now the schools have returned, Corsham NPT are working closely with them, attending various consultations/surgeries throughout the school year.

Drugs – Two cannabis street warnings have been issued in the Corsham area. One was at Springfield Park in Corsham following information supplied by a member of the public of suspected drugs use. Following a search by Corsham NPT officers, a quantity of cannabis was found. At the end of August, a further cannabis street warning was given to a male in the area of Westwells, following inter-agency work with the MOD Police. As these were first time offences, a street warning was given in each case. If found to be in possession of the drug again the individuals concerned are liable to be arrested.

Community Events – Corsham NPT attended the Armed Forces Day parade and subsequent events in Colerne at the end of July and both days of the 1940's weekend in Lacock during August. These events were well attended and enjoyed by local communities.

Box Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) – Corsham NPT are continuing to work well with the Box NAG with other agencies now attending to solve local issues. Representatives from Box Parish Council and Wiltshire Council attended the last meeting in August as well as Anne Cleverly, the Corsham Area Co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch, who came to talk to members about setting up Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the Box area.

Community Engagement – In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham NPT also regularly update a Facebook Page at 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 and information and for putting out good-news stories, as well as telling the community about upcoming consultations. So far over 70 people have 'Liked' the page to receive updates as they are posted by the team, and this number is steadily growing.

EF Corsham	Crime				Detections	
	September 2010 - August 2011	September 2011 - August 2012	Volume Change	% Change	September 2010 - August 2011	September 2011 - August 2012
Victim Based Crime	616	579	-37	● -6%	14%	16%
Domestic Burglary	26	24	-2	● -8%	23%	8%
Non Domestic Burglary	96	89	-7	● -7%	3%	3%
Vehicle Crime	108	66	-42	● -39%	6%	15%
Criminal Damage & Arson	135	139	4	● 3%	16%	12%
Violence Against The Person	68	86	18	● 26%	34%	36%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	280	171	-109	● -39%		
Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed in line with peers and better than average for Total Crime & Violence Against the Person in the previous 12 month period (August 2011 - July 2012)						
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution						

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