

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012



## 1. Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).

**Sgt:** PS Nick Cooke

### **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](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>

## 4. Performance and Other Local Issues:

**Change of Sgt** The first thing to inform you is that we have a new Sgt in place looking after the 3 Teams at Corsham – Nick Cooke. PS Alex Reid has been posted to Salisbury Custody which he started last week. Nick has been a Response Sgt at Chippenham for the last 3 years, prior to that for 3 and half years he was the Custody Sgt at Gablecross in Swindon and before that he was a Response Sgt at Swindon. Nick is very much looking forward to continuing the good work that Alex has been doing at Corsham and is looking forward to meeting you all.

**Distraction Burglaries** There was a recent distraction burglary in Corsham whereby a male offered to sweep up some leaves for an elderly lady for a minimal payment, he then entered her home and stole her purse containing approximately £100. There was also an attempt distraction the following day at another property. A suspect was identified and arrested – he has now been charged with these offences.

**Graffiti** There have been vast amounts of Criminal damage by way of graffiti in Corsham – a male suspect was caught and has been charged for these Offences in Corsham and also others in the Avon & Somerset Policing area.

**Community Speedwatch (CSW)** – We have now been successful in recruiting a number of Volunteers to join Community Speedwatch for Box. The training session will be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at Corsham Police Station. There is still time to join us to be part of this very successful project. Anyone wishing to take part who are not already signed up please contact PCSO James Gatherum.

**Criminal Damage in the Martingate Centre** Many of you may have already seen that the plinth for the Lion in the Martingate Centre has been damaged by two adult males. There is good CCTV footage which is being enhanced and investigated; we plan to have the two Offenders in Custody very shortly.

**Road Safety Week** This week is Road Safety Week until the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We have been assisting St.Patricks Primary School with their 'Walking Bus' and also attended their School assembly to advise on 'Stranger Danger'. We have also been working with Box School on Road Safety and Speeding. The children have drawn pictures of crashed cars and pedestrians in hospital which have been handed out to drivers travelling over 30mph through Box.

**Blues 'N' Zues** Corsham NPT are currently organising a Blues ' N' Zues Xmas Party for 11-16 year olds. This will be held in the function room of the Royal Oak Public House on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012. This is organised and supervised by Corsham Police Officers and Staff.

**Theft from a Van** Tools were recently stolen from a Van in the Town Centre; these have been recovered and returned to the owner. The Offender was found, arrested and charged with this Offence.

**Community Events** Corsham NPT robustly policed Halloween night with no complaints received. They also attended many Fireworks displays in the surrounding Villages – we had cause to remind a couple of Organisers/Farmers of their responsibility to clean up Mud on the Road after vehicles left a parking area on a field. With it also being wet it left the roads extremely hazardous. This was taken very seriously and was sorted out quickly. We also assisted in the Town with another successful Remembrance Day Parade.

**Shoplifting** A male residing in Rudloe has been charged with several Shoplifting offences in Corsham, Rudloe and the Melksham area; he is currently on Remand until December.

**Community Engagement** – In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham NPT also regularly update a Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/CorshamPolice](http://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 posted by the NPT and this number is steadily growing.

EF Corsham	Crime				Detections	
	November 2010 - October 2011	November 2011 - October 2012	Volume Change	% Change	November 2010 - October 2011	November 2011 - October 2012
Victim Based Crime	631	541	-90	● -14%	14%	16%
Domestic Burglary	19	32	13	● 68%	11%	6%
Non Domestic Burglary	94	82	-12	● -13%	5%	1%
Vehicle Crime	111	61	-50	● -45%	2%	15%
Criminal Damage & Arson	148	116	-32	● -22%	14%	14%
Violence Against The Person	76	85	9	● 12%	33%	35%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	355	230	-125	● -35%		
<p>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 Violence Against the Person and Domestic Burglary in the previous 12 month period (October 2011 -September 2012).</p>						
<p>* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution</p>						

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