

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board 2014



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 – Barry Mussard

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. Performance and Other Local Issues:

Drugs – An adult male was arrested and charged for Drink Driving and Possession of a Controlled Drug.

Assault – A youth was arrested and given a Youth Caution as a result of assaulting another youth.

Non-Dwelling burglary – A Unit on the Fiveways Industrial Estate was broken into where a Mercedes E-Class was being stored awaiting restoration. The drivers' door of the vehicle was prised open using an implement, allowing access to the bonnet release catch. The Offender then removed Coil packs from the engine valued at £150. There will also be substantial costs to repair the door (unknown at this time).

Criminal Damage – A youth has been issued with a Youth Caution for causing criminal damage.

Four youths have been involved in causing minor damage to pipework in the Mansion House, they have been referred to the Wiltshire Fire Brigade Case Reduction Team which involves the youths attending Corsham Police Station to participate in a fire setting talk, highlighting the dangers of fire etc.

Theft – A male stole a Traders' belt laying on a table at the Lacock Car Boot. The offender was chased by Traders, detained and the money belt returned to its owner. The Offender fought his way free before Police arrived. It is believed the Offender regularly frequents the Boot sale and traders will be vigilant should he return to assist the Police with identification. At Lucknam Park Hotel in Colerne a locker in the swimming pool changing rooms was broken into and a wallet containing 3 credit cards was stolen. Before the card holder had time to cancel the cards a total of £4,360 was stolen. CCTV has been seized and enquiries are continuing.

A youth has been issued with a Local Resolution for stealing money from an unattended handbag. He has been referred to the Youth Crime Initiative and intervention work is being carried out to prevent him from re-offending.

Two different local youths have been issued with Local Resolutions for stealing from an elderly lady's bag which was unattended in a local church. Corsham NPT quickly identified those responsible and were able to locate and return the stolen purse. Both youths returned the stolen money and wrote a letter of apology to the lady. Intervention work is being carried out with the youths.

There has been a number of stolen bikes reported to us recently, we would encourage members of the public to secure their property.

Anti-Social Behaviour – During the month of May it was reported to us by Lacock Parish Council that there was a disgusting amount of litter being left in and around the playing fields. Along with GPD Officers, the Chairman and members of the Parish Council we have been partolling the area at least twice a day reminding those enjoying the sunshine of their personal responsibilities. We are pleased to say that although no individuals were caught in the act there has been a huge decrease in the amount of litter being left on site. In the hope that we still have some warm weather to enjoy we will continue these patrols so the problem does not re-occur.

Two adult males were arrested to Prevent a Breach of the Peace.

Information – Corsham NPT will be moving from the Police Station on Priory Street to the new Springfield Community Campus on 30th July. There should be real benefits from being based at this hub with other community services.

Corsham NPT have been Policing at the recent Solstice event and will be assisting at RIAT (Royal International Air Tattoo) and WOMAD (World of Music and Dance).

We have attended the Careers Fayre at Corsham School where approximately 50 different exhibitors attended, we encouraged students that the Police Service is an excellent career choice and we also attended the Corsham Fete.

Corsham NPT met with the Market Officer, the Chairman of Corsham Town Council and Councillor Alan McCrae to discuss the weekly Corsham Market held on Tuesdays on the High Street now that new signage has been erected. It has been agreed that they can offload and pack up during specific times and vehicles must not be left on the High Street. This will be monitored.

Corsham NPT have been visiting the local Primary Schools to talk about Stranger Danger also talks to Year 6 students on Social Media Safety and Drugs prior to their transition to Secondary schools.

Community Engagement – In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham NPT also regularly update a Facebook Page at [facebook.com/CorshamPolice](https://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 or information and for putting out good-news stories. We also use the site to tell the community about upcoming consultations. So far over 504 people have joined the page to receive updates posted by the NPT – if you are on Facebook please join us.

EF Corsham NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to June 2013	12 Months to June 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to June 2013	12 Months to June 2014
Victim Based Crime	499	488	-11	-2.2%	19%	17%
Domestic Burglary	29	23	-6	-20.7%	7%	0%
Non Domestic Burglary	55	48	-7	-12.7%	0%	6%
Vehicle Crime	66	43	-23	-34.8%	0%	2%
Criminal Damage & Arson	117	154	+37	+31.6%	19%	14%
Violence Against The Person	89	97	+8	+9.0%	34%	32%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	391	260	-131	-33.5%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

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