

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board November 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
PCSO – Alan Byrne

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 – A drugs warrant was executed at a flat in Katherine Park, an adult male was arrested and charged for possession of amphetamine.

Cannabis plants were found in two properties in Corsham, two adult males were arrested and have been given Adult Cautions.

A youth was searched and found to be in possession of Cannabis.

An adult male was arrested and charged

Burglary – There was an attempt burglary at a property in South Street, an unknown offender had attempted to force open the rear patio doors.

Further to our previous report of a window being smashed at a property on Pickwick and nothing was stolen, an adult male has been arrested and charged for this offence and was sentenced at Swindon Crown Court to 9 months imprisonment.

There have been 3 burglaries in Lacock - all to houses that were left insecure. Two were through downstairs windows that had been left on the latch whilst occupants were out and one through an insecure back door. A male has been arrested and is currently on bail whilst investigations are completed.

Non-Dwelling burglaries – There have been 2 non-dwelling burglaries in Colerne. 1 to a secure garage where 2 children's bikes were stolen to the value of £300 and 1 to an outbuilding where 1 gallon of fuel and plumbing equipment was taken – the garage and barn were both secure and had their locks smashed off. There have also been 4 sheds broken into in Neston and Kingsdown, again the locks were smashed off. Searches of the buildings were made, and although there were expensive tools inside nothing was taken.

There has also been a number of non-dwelling burglaries in Corsham where entry has been gained to sheds, nothing has been stolen apart from one occasion an expensive bicycle was stolen.

Criminal Damage – Three adult males have been arrested for damaging a school minibus, they are currently on bail.

The electric covers for properties on Hatton Way opposite the Co-op are being repeatedly damaged.

A local youth used vegetation to cause graffiti to the side of a house in Katherine Park, he has been identified and fully admitted the offence.

A window was smashed whilst unattended outside the Co-op, it is not known if this is connected at this time.

A car boot was dented and a glass panel was cracked in a front door on Dickens Avenue.

A stolen land rover was found burnt out in a field on Hartham Lane. This has been recovered.

Assault – A local youth was issued with a Community Resolution for assaulting another youth.

There has been an Assault at Colerne skatepark whereby an adult male was arrested and received a caution for assaulting a Youth. The youth visited hospital and had a small cut to his mouth and bruising to his jaw, he is expected to make a full recovery.

Theft – There has been a couple of thefts of expensive bicycles stolen, these were left insecure and unattended in gardens.

Some equipment was stolen from the contractors yard at Thingley where they are currently building new plots.

Approximately £350 worth of clothing was stolen from Next Retail.

Two youths were issued with Community Resolutions for shoplifting at the Co-op in the Martingate Centre.

Anti-Social Behaviour – From Monday 20 October, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) powers will change. The government has reduced the number of powers to deal with ASB from 19 to six.

The six new powers are:

- Civil injunctions
- Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs)
- Community Protection Notice (CPN)
- Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)
- New Closure Power
- Dispersal Powers.

ASB is a broad term used to describe the day-to-day incidents of crime, nuisance and disorder that make many people's lives a misery – from litter and vandalism, to public drunkenness or aggressive dogs, to noisy or abusive neighbours. Such a wide range of behaviours means that responsibility for dealing with ASB is shared between a number of agencies, particularly the police, councils and social landlords.

The new powers increases partnership working on complex cases and makes processes a lot more simple. Furthermore, it places more emphasis on protecting victims. The new powers are for the police, local authorities and registered social landlords.

The ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 also includes two new measures which are designed to give victims and communities a say in the way ASB is dealt with, as outlined below:

- The Community Trigger - gives victims the ability to demand action, starting with a review of their case where the locally defined threshold is met
- The Community Remedy - gives victims a say in the out-of-court punishment of perpetrators for low-level crime and ASB.

A meeting was held with Licensing and the Licensee of the Three Brewers.

A multi agency meeting was held at Corsham Campus with regard to the ongoing issues of fly tipping at Thingley Travellers site.

We have received a number of reports of Anti-social behaviour (ASB) at Hatton Way, Katherine Park. This is Corsham Towns new Neighbourhood Policing Teams' priority. Additional patrols are being carried out in the area and Sovereign Housing are involved. Police have made recommendations to Sovereign to try and reduce further incidents.

Information – Our new PCSO called Alan who joined us in September has settled in well as part of the Rural Team. His areas of responsibility are Rudloe, Box, Kingsdown, Ditteridge and Colerne.

The new Wiltshire Police Youth Zone has been developed to provide important safety advice to children and young people across the county. It's an extension of our existing Wiltshire Police website and is designed to provide information that is relevant to three main age ranges (under 11s, 11-16s and over 16s). Each age range within the site contains topics that are most relevant to them but crucially, as part of our commitment to helping young people stay safe online, there is a section on online safety for every age group.

The weight restriction is now in force on Potley Lane.

The Co-Op in Box is currently having a refurbishment, there is a temporary pop-up shop that has been placed in the Car park. There are double yellow lines on the A4 outside the shop and parking services are aware of this refurbishment. PC Ball has had a meeting with the Area Manager of the Co-Op based in Bristol after concerns were raised by residents and Councillors regarding the parking and traffic. The Manager has put extra staff on duty to ensure that customers are served as quickly as possible and is encouraging customers to park in the Market place, walk, or use the School car park during the holidays. He has also managed to negotiate an early finish to the refurbishment, that now being the 7th November. The Rural team are working closely with the shop and residents to keep traffic disruption to a minimum.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) - We are currently looking for volunteers for new Community Speed Watch schemes at Cross Keys Road, Elley Green and the Linleys. This gives local people the power to help reduce traffic speeds and improve the quality of their life in their community. Volunteers are provided with special equipment and trained by Police Officers in the use of hand-held speed devices so that they can record the speed of passing vehicles. There are approximately 135 Community Speed Watch teams across Wiltshire and Swindon. For more information on CSW please e-mail NPTCorsham@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

Community Engagement – In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham NPT also regularly update a Facebook Page at 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 584 people have joined the page to receive updates posted by the NPT – if you are on Facebook please join us.

EF11 Corsham Town	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to October 2013	12 Months to October 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to October 2013	12 Months to October 2014
Victim Based Crime	222	237	+15	+6.8%	28%	17%
Domestic Burglary	6	9	+3	+50.0%	0%	11%
Non Domestic Burglary	16	7	-9	-56.3%	6%	29%
Vehicle Crime	29	24	-5	-17.2%	0%	0%
Criminal Damage & Arson	54	66	+12	+22.2%	20%	15%
Violence Against The Person	48	48	+0	+0.0%	46%	35%
ASB Incidents	264	283	+19	+7.2%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

EF12 Corsham Rural	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to October 2013	12 Months to October 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to October 2013	12 Months to October 2014
Victim Based Crime	248	266	+18	+7.3%	10%	17%
Domestic Burglary	10	12	+2	+20.0%	20%	0%
Non Domestic Burglary	47	35	-12	-25.5%	2%	0%
Vehicle Crime	26	17	-9	-34.6%	0%	6%
Criminal Damage & Arson	63	81	+18	+28.6%	10%	28%
Violence Against The Person	39	53	+14	+35.9%	18%	25%
ASB Incidents	127	132	+5	+3.9%		

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