

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board January 2015



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 – Two male youths were arrested for being in possession of cannabis, they were Cautioned.

Burglary – There have been a few burglaries in Corsham and one in Box where they also stole the victims car. Can I please take this opportunity to remind you to secure your homes, including windows. Keep valuables out of sight ie laptops, I-pads, handbags, wallets etc, report anything suspicious to the Police immediately. During the hours of darkness, ensure you leave a light on, or set timer lights to make your home look occupied.

Non-Dwelling burglaries – Entry was gained to an insecure shed at the Linleys, a chain saw was stolen. Entry was also gained to a shed in Box where similar power tools were taken.

A Yamaha Quadbike was stolen from an insecure outbuilding at Notton.

Indecent Exposure – An adult male has been arrested for indecent exposure and is currently on bail.

Criminal Damage – The wing mirror to a marked Police vehicle was damaged overnight whilst parked at the Springfield Campus.

The rear window on a Ford Focus parked on Leafy Lane, Rudloe was smashed, but nothing was stolen.

The front passenger window of a vehicle was smashed whilst parked at Kingsdown Golf Club. A full set of gold clubs to the value of £400 (which were on display), were taken from the passenger seat.

A window was smashed at an address on Potley Lane.

Police received a report on 29th December that the glass screen to the cab of a train passing through Corsham was damaged, it was described to be the size of a breeze block. British Transport Police are investigating this report.

Assault – An adult male has been arrested for an assault resulting in injuries and is currently on bail.

Theft – A stolen vehicle from Trowbridge was recovered from Reybridge. Forensic enquiries are ongoing as items found in the vehicle did not belong to the owner.

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

An attempt theft of a moped in Arnolds Mead, it was located a short distance away with a screwdriver stuck in the ignition.

A senior lady had her purse taken from her open handbag whilst shopping in Whitehall Garden Centre. A female offender took the purse whilst the lady was distracted, threw it under a display unit then left the Store. A male offender then entered the Store, retrieved the purse and met up with the original offender in the Car Park. CCTV of the incident was available and Offenders are in the process of being identified by a neighbouring force.

Traffic Incident – A vehicle travelling along the A4 from Chippenham to Corsham was involved in a pursuit as the driver failed to stop for Police when directed to do so. The vehicle collided with other vehicles on Bradford Road and one adult male was arrested for Failing to stop and Drink Driving. No injuries were sustained to either drivers as a result.

Approximately 150 gallons of red diesel was stolen from a farm near Lacock.

Anti-Social Behaviour – An adult female was arrested for Misuse of the 999 system, she is currently on bail pending further enquiries.

The number of reports with regard to Anti-social behaviour (ASB) at Hatton Way, Katherine Park has reduced significantly. Additional patrols have been carried out in the area and Sovereign Housing are in the process of consulting with their residents with regard to fencing off the arch-way opposite the Co-op on Macie Drive to reduce further incidents.

Community Messaging – Corsham NPT launched Community Messaging in the Martingate Centre, Corsham. You can sign up for free updates about policing and crime matters in your area via Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging, either by e-mail, texts or voicemail www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk also feed back information to your local neighbourhood officers to assist them in policing your area. I shall leave some leaflets at the end of the meeting. This links into Neighbourhood Watch, if you would like to set up a scheme in your area or for further information please contact Corsham NPT in the first instance.

Information – We held a Bluez n' Zuz Disco at the Campus for 11-16 year olds, those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we are planning another with a Valentines theme.

Corsham NPT assisted with the Remembrance Parade in town and also with the Christmas Lights switch on in December – both were extremely well attended.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) - We are still 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 quality and safety in their community. Volunteers are provided with special equipment and trained by our Traffic Unit 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 600 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 Dec 2013	12 Months to Dec 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to December 2013	12 Months to December 2014
Victim Based Crime	474	507	+33	+7.0%	16%	18%
Domestic Burglary	18	24	+6	+33.3%	0%	8%
Non Domestic Burglary	68	37	-31	-45.6%	3%	5%
Vehicle Crime	54	38	-16	-29.6%	0%	3%
Criminal Damage & Arson	118	138	+20	+16.9%	12%	22%
Violence Against The Person	83	117	+34	+41.0%	31%	30%
ASB Incidents	387	443	+56	+14.5%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

Inspector David Hobman
 Sector Inspector
 Chippenham, Calne, Corsham,
 Royal Wootton Bassett, Malmesbury and Cricklade

