

Chairman's Message

Hello again,

I am pleased to report that, following our appeal for volunteers in the previous newsletter, Joy Ashmore has volunteered to be our Secretary/minute taker.

However, we now need an Area Coordinator for Colehill West to replace Geoff Wild, who plans to step down in the near future. In addition we still need more volunteers, a publicity officer, helpers at events, Committee members and generally anyone who can spare us some time to contribute. Please contact me or another of your Committee members if you or someone you know is willing to help in ANY way.

Now a timely reminder about PACT (Partners And Communities Together), which is a method of engagement for residents to register common local issues which they would like to see addressed. To register a concern, email or speak with a member of your local policing team or email eastdorsetpact@gmail.com – there is a PACT Panel covering Wimborne and one serving Colehill. Panel members include representatives from Police, Councils, Agencies and community groups. They meet regularly to review issues raised, decide on priorities and agree action plans to address them. Be aware however that not all issues can be solved for various reasons such as resource or legislation constraints, value for money etc.

In response to the issue of speeding being raised in many areas of Wimborne, a Community Speed Watch team of volunteers was established and has conducted a number of operations resulting in many drivers being issued with warning letters. For more information, either contact your local PCSO or go to the Association of Dorset Watches website www.nhw dorset.org.uk/page27.htm

On the subject of engagement, if you are on email please can you let our Membership Secretary know your contact details, in order that we may keep you up-to-date with Watch matters. Unless you indicate otherwise, this will not affect your Ringmaster contact preferences and we will only ever use it for Watch related communications.

Area Co-ordinator C1

Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch
is divided into 6 areas

A new Co-ordinator will be needed soon for Colehill West (Area C1)

This is broadly the area comprising 20 Home Watch groups accessed off Wimborne Road from Highland Road to Kyrchil Lane, including Highland Park and The Vineries

Contact the Chairman, John Shave M.B.E.
Telephone or text 07802 201778, or email
homewatchwandc@gmail.com

For information, the Police are currently evaluating various Community Messaging offerings, including a more up-to-date version of Ringmaster, in an effort to find an affordable system that meets more of the current needs of users and requires less support from Police personnel. The Association of Dorset Watches (ADW) is representing Watch members in this exercise.

Finally, a date for the diary – **Monday 21st October** at 3.30 to listen to Dorset's **Deputy Chief Constable James Vaughan** talking about the force's challenges, plans and priorities and how he sees the Watch partnership developing. He will be the guest speaker at the ADW AGM which will be held in the District Council Chamber at Furzehill. Registration details will be communicated via Ringmaster as soon as they are finalised and will be posted on our local Watch website. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Best wishes,



John Shave

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W&CHW see page 8

Update is a quarterly newsletter published by the W&CHW. The Editor welcomes contributions and letters from Watch members but reserves the right to edit as necessary or decline to publish.

Next copy deadline 15th Nov.

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(The latest Ringmaster messages are usually posted within 24 hours of issue)

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Report from Inspector Wayne Nock

All officers at East Dorset Police have been working hard this summer and have some good results. There have been problems in Verwood with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) being caused by a particular group. Working with the community and our partners, we have been successful in putting a Section 30 Dispersal Order in place. This has given us the additional powers to target and tackle the persons responsible for causing the ASB and their general bad behaviour. We have also recently obtained an ASBO on one of the main trouble-makers. By utilising such legislation, working with partners and additional intelligence-led police patrols, the problems have been significantly reduced.



I mention this to demonstrate that if an area is experiencing ongoing problems, our SNT teams are there to help. They all have excellent working relationships with our many partners and look at all options available to resolve problems.

Crime continues to reduce in general but there is a small rise in dwelling burglaries, mainly in the Colehill, Ferndown and Wimborne areas.

Most burglars tend to be opportunistic in that they go out looking to commit crime but have no specific target in mind.

Try looking at your home through a burglar's eyes – look for places they could break in unseen:

- How strong are your locks on both the windows and doors?
- Are there high hedges, trees or fences for the opportunistic thief to hide behind?
- Leave a light on when you go out in the evening and be selective as if you really were in the house. Ask yourself what lights would be on if you were in.

The enemy of the burglar is noise and time. Burglars can be put off if your security measures mean that the burglars have to take a lot of time, or make a lot of noise.

Have a look at the Dorset Police website www.dorset.police.uk, within the site click on local policing, then select 'crime prevention portal'.

Inspector Wayne Nock, East Dorset Neighbourhood Inspector

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Six thousand people came to the LV=Streetwise annual 999 day and saw how local children learn about safety. The indoor life sized village containing a High Street, house, beach and train station has been used to train over 200,000 school children since it was opened in 1998. The second such centre in the country, it has won numerous awards and continues to make a huge difference to safety in the area.

The children's safety education charity once more teamed up with all the county's emergency services for an action packed day - with the spectacular chip pan fire demonstration providing audible gasps across the packed audiences.

There was something to entertain and thrill the whole family with police cars, bikes, dogs, fire engines, a live aerial rescue, and street dancers. The Gold Driving Academy dual control cars offered a driving experience to children of all ages – whilst the snakes from the new reptile corner competed with Darth Vader and the Storm Troopers for popularity in the celebrity photo stakes. Little ones had their faces painted, sported glitter tattoos, were provided with gruesome fake 'wounds' by the Casualties Union voluntary organisation to show off to friends and family, and they played on the bouncy castle, meeting Mr. Merlin and Okey Dokey the Dragon.

About LV=Streetwise

LV=Streetwise is an award winning interactive safety education centre. It is a multi-agency partnership initiative between the emergency services, local authorities and the business community. Over 200,000 visitors have experienced the centre since it opened in January 1999. Its aim is to reduce the number of children killed or injured in preventable accidents in the home, on the roads and at play.

It is a life-sized village, built inside a warehouse on the outskirts of Bournemouth, to raise awareness of everyday safety and good citizenship issues – particularly amongst young people. Safety at home, in the town, in the countryside and on the beach is covered on a Safety Tour lasting up to two hours.

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Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch

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Apply in the first instance to the Chairman
John Shave M.B.E.

Telephone or text 07802 201778, or email
homewatchwandc@gmail.com

The LV=Streetwise village includes a full sized two-storey house, a high street, a park, a police station, a farmyard, a railway station, electricity substation, a heath, a beach and a building site. All the scenarios have been built as in real life and using real bricks and mortar and other materials to be found in the real world.

LV= was a founder sponsor of the Streetwise Safety Centre and over the years has continued to support Streetwise both financially and with in-kind support to develop its facilities. LV= trebled its support in 2007 to become title sponsors. See lv.com

QUICK TIPS

The Met have a useful 'Little Book of Big Scams' pdf – see www.nhw dorset.org.uk/page8.htm

Go to the **ActionFraud** website for reporting scams – www.actionfraud.police.uk

Have you recorded your bike serial number?
Is your bike secure? As a guide 10-15% of the value of a bike should be spent on security.

Final thought: vulnerable neighbour?
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www.dorset.police.uk

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default.aspx?page=4821](http://www.dorset.police.uk/default.aspx?page=4821)

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YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Wimborne & Colehill Safer Neighbourhood Team

Wimborne Town, Leigh Park and Colehill Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) have amalgamated to become Wimborne and Colehill SNT. We have said goodbye to PC Steve Brett who has moved on to pastures new. We wish him every success in the future and hope he enjoys working in Bournemouth. However, this doesn't mean that Colehill has lost an officer (as PC Ian Curtis has now taken over) but has gained an additional 2 PCSOs, Matt Brennan and Natalie Shaw, who join Matt Johnson as your local safer neighbourhood team.



PCSO Natalie Shaw, PC Ian Curtis, PCSO Matt Brennan, PCSO Matt Johnson

Over the weekend of 10th/11th August we had some criminal damage done to vehicles in the Leigh Park area. One male has currently been arrested for the offence. We would like to hear from anyone that may have seen or heard anything to contact us via 101. Thank you in advance.

With the good weather we have also had some theft of boats and attempted theft of boats. One boat was recovered on the River Stour and a blue canoe is still outstanding. Please remember to lock up all your items in your gardens. We are happy to attend your property to carry out a crime prevention survey and to offer advice to assist and reduce risk of items being taken. If you would like to undertake your own security survey (which is both secure and personal to you) have a look at <http://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com> which is also full of helpful advice.

Whilst online please have a look at our new Facebook page! You can like our page and follow where we are and what we are up to during our patrols. The Facebook page is called Wimborne Police Station Safer Neighbourhood Teams. We would welcome any feedback and ideas for inclusion so please let us know what you think.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) continues to grow with volunteers helping to reduce the speed on the roads around Wimborne. CSW have conducted speed checks in Leigh Road, West Street, Victoria Road, King Street, West Borough, Poole Road, Hanham Road and Stone Lane. If you would like CSW to do a speed check in your road, please email the SNT mailbox and give us the road name with the best time of day to conduct a speed check. In Stone Lane in one hour we reported 50 vehicles for speeding and one for dangerous driving. CSW volunteers can also record the registration numbers

Can you help?

There are a variety of things you could help with - volunteer for tasks such as: participating in promotional activities such as manning a stand, writing articles for media publication, delivering *Update*, being a Coordinator, joining the Committee, etc....

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YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

for no seatbelts and drivers using mobile phones. If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact the SNT via email or 101. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

As the summer months draw to a close we move into the autumn and we welcome yet another school year, which for some pupils and parents will be a first at a particular school in Colehill. Those parents that drop-off and pick-up their children to and from school will be well aware of the increase in traffic during the times of 08.30 – 09.00 and 15.00 – 15.45.

As part of your local Safer Neighbourhood Team we conduct patrols in and around the areas of the schools within Wimborne and Colehill.

As you can imagine we come across some very inconsiderately parked vehicles which not only slow up the traffic but also put the lives of children in danger.

The Wimborne & Colehill Safer Neighbourhood Team are committed to educating drivers about the dangers by way of information leaflets and on the spot advice, *but offences that are regularly committed by the same individuals could ultimately result in a that individual receiving a fine.*

Remember –

A child's safety should be everyone's priority so think before you park.

We look forward to a safe and pleasant school year.

Current SNT Priorities - you are telling us that the following issues are priorities in your area:

Wimborne Town Centre: Bicycle Marking

Leigh Park: Litter clean-up event over the summer

SURGERY MEETINGS

First Tuesday of the month, 10-12

Methodist Church, King Street

Every other Monday, 10.30am

Community Centre, Leigh Park

First Wednesday of the month, 2.30 - 3.30

Co-Op, Colehill.

Regards, Natalie, Ian, Matt & Matt.

PC 1503 Ian Curtis, PCSO 5461 Natalie Shaw, PCSO 5492 Matt Brennan,
PCSO 6788 Matt Johnson

If you need to contact your SNT officers use the email or call Wimborne Police Station via 101.

**** Opening Times ****

The police station at Hanham Road, Wimborne, BH21 1AS is normally open

Wednesday 9am - 5pm

Friday 9am - 12.30pm

NOTE: The reception desk may not always be staffed at these times.

Wimborne & Colehill SNT

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Community Speed Watch Comes to Dorset

Community Speed Watch (CSW) gives local communities the opportunity to get actively involved in road safety.

Speed Watch can be set up in villages, towns or urban areas to discourage drivers and motorcyclists from speeding. Dorset Police Safer Neighbourhood Team liaison officers can assist groups in setting up by providing practical advice and support.

Like other watch schemes, Community Speed Watch groups are set up and run by volunteers – there are currently 12 groups in Dorset.

Community Speed Watch groups use hand held devices to record and monitor details of motorists seen speeding and can also note drivers using a mobile phone or not wearing seat belts. The police then send warning letters to these motorists.

Acting Assistant Chief Constable Martin Hiles said: “Through our neighbourhood Partners and Communities Together (PACT) panels we have seen a real appetite from communities to get involved in road safety in their areas. Community Speed Watch is a great opportunity to harness this support and turn it into positive action.

“Road safety remains a Force priority and one of our aims, particularly through our hugely successful ‘no excuse’ campaign, has been to educate the public and change driver behaviour and Community Speed Watch very much supports that.

“As well as drivers receiving a warning letter about their driving behaviour, the information provided to us by groups enables our traffic officers, safer neighbourhood teams and Dorset Road Safe to identify problem areas and repeat speeders against whom we will take further action if necessary.

“It also supports the continued work of the Dorset Road Safe partnership by focusing on the ‘fatal four’ elements in road traffic collisions – speeding, driver distractions, not wearing a seat belt and drink driving.

“We are very grateful for the support of our communities and look forward to the continued development of Community Speed Watch in Dorset.”

Police and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill, said: I am delighted to see Community Speed Watch come to Dorset. Speeding is a concern in most towns and villages and although regular checks are conducted in the county, this initiative empowers communities to work together with the police to make their neighbourhoods safer.”

The Association of Dorset Watches is working together with Dorset Police to manage the provision of kits to groups. These kits include a speed measuring device, hi-vis jackets, signage to inform road users they are in a CSW area and

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a tally counter to record the number of vehicles passing through.

Chairman of the Association of Dorset Watches, John Shave MBE, said: “Community Speed Watch is great news for towns and villages across Dorset where speeding is an issue. It gives affected communities the ability to influence driver behaviour in their areas and support the police.”

If you wish to participate in Community Speed Watch, please **contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team** to find out if a scheme already exists or to initiate the set-up of a new scheme. Visit **www.dorset.police.uk** for more information and Safer Neighbourhood Team contact details.

Cash in the Mail

From a member in Pine Tree Close:

On two occasions this year we have received birthday cards (obvious due to coloured envelopes) which have been partly ripped open (about three-quarters of the way across).

The first time, there had only been a card in the envelope. However, on the second occasion, about 2 weeks ago, having checked with the sender, it appears that a £20 note had been removed at some point during its travel from original posting box to our doorstep.

I have reported this to Royal Mail Customer Service, and whilst I realise I am unlikely to receive any compensation (no recorded delivery was used, just simple 1st Class Mail), I think it may be pertinent to remind people that it is risky to send cash by post – a cheque should have been used in this instance!

Additionally, it is also perhaps a good idea to ask anyone who may have been affected by a similar occurrence to report it to the Royal Mail - even if no compensation can be gained, we ought to let the Royal Mail know, in case there is a light-fingered employee somewhere in the chain. (Of course, it's not necessarily in Wimborne, but if a number of similar instances are reported they may be able to identify a common factor).

Businessman jailed for nine months for mis-selling solar panels

Floyd Lewis, 36, of no fixed abode, traded under his Poole-based companies Totally Solar and Advanced Solar.

Customers were misled about the systems Lewis sold, which were not able to benefit from the government's feed-in-tariff as he had claimed. Floyd Lewis' victims lost between £3,000 and £8,000 each.

At an earlier hearing at Bournemouth Crown Court Lewis pleaded guilty to nine offences, including seven counts of unfair commercial practices.

The court was told Lewis' fitters were not registered for the government scheme, despite him claiming customers could take advantage of it.

Passing sentence, Judge Samuel Wiggs said Lewis had been "cavalier beyond words".

The case was brought by Dorset Trading Standards. Trading Standards Officer Ivan Hancock said: "If you're going to really undermine the trust and goodwill that customers give you by failing to fit products, failing to respond to demands to meet appointments, failing to meet proper requests for refunds, not doing the job, not doing the job properly – then your time will come."

SHEDUCATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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Volunteers demonstrate security products and a small stock is held in the 'shed' for sale. Training is given.

Volunteers typically do an event for a couple of hours a month. If you can help please contact Brian Frecknall in the Community Office - see page 6.

Useful Links

The Association of Dorset Watches website has a page of useful links at www.nhw dorset.org.uk/page12.htm for example: scams, thieves, Streetwise, buy with confidence, personal safety, Crimestoppers, and more.

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They want to know what is important to you and will help you find the information you need.

Contact your local Wayfinder(s):

Jill Beech 07971 338473

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Central contact numbers: 01202 946111

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Harry Homewatch

It seemed to Harry that belonging to the local Home Watch Group was a sensible thing to do.

The cost was minimal but the sense of belonging and doing something useful for the community that you resided in was a great comfort. With the financial cutbacks cutting into the Police funding there were obvious reductions in the number of personnel available on the street.

Therefore the Home Watch providing the eyes and ears of the local community, passing information to the local neighbourhood police team, was even more important now.

What concerned Harry was the lack of responses to the recent advertising for volunteers to help out with some of the support tasks, other than one volunteer, for Secretary.

Most tasks are carried out by the committee, consisting of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity, five coordinators who cover each of the Home Watch areas in Wimborne & Colehill, and not least the Editor of our excellent Magazine.

Many of these people have served for over 10 years, some even 25 years. Now they also support other activities such as manning the Sheducation vehicle at demonstrations and providing manpower for the recently introduced speed checking teams.

Come on members, a couple of hours a month from a few of you would make all the difference!

Enjoy the remains of this good summer weather and keep up the good work. *Harry*

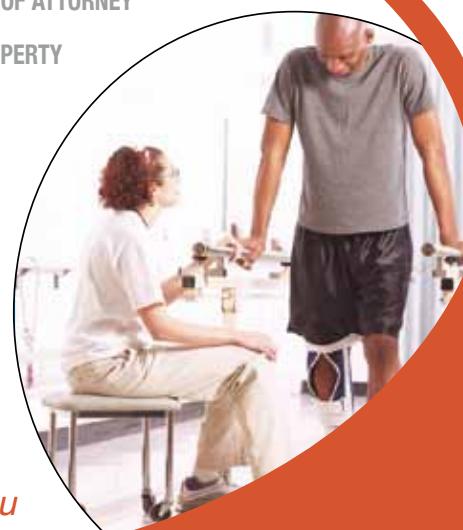
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Home Watch members should note that **renewals (£2) for 2012-2014 were due in Sept 2012**. Members received a yellow membership card, valid until **30th September 2014**. Note that membership is per household, not per person.

New members can join now for £1 for the remaining year.
If you haven't been asked for your sub please speak to your Contact NOW!

If you move house within our Home Watch area your membership can be transferred to your new address free of charge and a new card will be issued to you. Members who move out of the area will forfeit any subs paid and new occupiers will need to join up in their own names.

If you're already a member of W&CHW we'd like you to tell your friends or relatives who live locally about the many benefits. Help us to make our community safer – join today (details on our website). Your involvement makes a real difference in keeping us, our homes and our community safe.

Help fight crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities. To join contact Graham Mallett at g@gpmcs.co.uk; talk to your Safer Neighbourhood Team officers (find details on page 5); speak to your local W&CHW coordinator/contact; or leave a telephone message (see page 2).

Street Contacts are reminded to notify details of any membership changes to their Co-ordinators.