

Chairman's Message

Hello again,

To keep our Watch alive and active, we still need more volunteers. We need Officers, Committee members, road or neighbourhood contacts, helpers at Sheduction and other events, and generally anyone who can spare some time to contribute (see page 7). PLEASE contact me if you can help in ANY way, or if you would like to discuss the roles.

As this is now the season of opportunist thefts - from cars, sheds, gardens and homes, I make no apology for repeating some of the sensible precautions we should be taking:

- Do not leave valuables on display in an unattended car
- Do not put a handbag or valuable items in the car boot after parking the car – someone could be watching
- Always close windows and lock the car when leaving it
- Always lock your bike when leaving it unattended
- Do not leave garden tools or machinery unattended in the garden
- Always keep the shed door locked when not in use or when it is out of your sight in the garden – why not purchase a padlock and shed alarm if you do not already have them?
- Do not leave house windows open or doors open or unlocked when not around
- Do not buy from cold callers or let them into the house
- Once your house or shed is protected, always advertise the fact with a sign.

Crime prevention advice can be obtained from your Safer Neighbourhood Team, from the ADW website (www.nhwdorset.org.uk) or from the Ferndown Police Community Office in Ferndown, where they also have inexpensive security products available for purchase (see page 4). So please, heed the advice and encourage people in your neighbourhood to follow your example to be security conscious and crime-free this summer.

Best wishes,



John Shave.

Forthcoming Events

National Neighbourhood Watch Week (14th-22nd June)

From Monday 16th onwards, Shop Watch promotion to address shoplifting in Wimborne Town Centre.

Tuesday 17th morning, **Sheduction** plus bike marking and crime prevention advice at **Haskins Garden Centre** in Longham.

Association of Dorset Watches Meeting (Weds 2nd July)

At the Sandbanks Hotel in the afternoon with Guest Speaker PCC Martyn Underhill. Details of the timings and how to reserve your space will be publicised in mid-June. Keep the date free and look out for notices if you are interested.

Holiday security checklist

If you are going on holiday this summer, please ensure you take the relevant precautions to make sure your home is safe and secure from burglars. Burglars target houses that look empty, so here is some advice on how to ensure your home is kept safe and secure so you don't come home to a nasty shock:

- Make sure your alarm, if you have one, is set
- Put lights on a timer switch to make your house look occupied. You can also get timer switches for the radio and/or TV
- Ask a neighbour to push post through your letterbox and take in any deliveries for you
- Cancel milk, newspapers and any other deliveries
- Ask a neighbour to park their car on your drive so that passers-by assume someone is home
- If you have a close friend or relative nearby with a key, ask them to draw your curtains in the evening and back in the morning. Don't leave curtains drawn during the day.
- If you have a lawn, mow it before you go away
- Don't display your home address on the outside of your luggage
- Don't publish your absence on the internet. Status updates, comments and photos on social media can all give away the fact that you are out of your home for an extended period
- Ensure any outdoor tools such as ladders are securely stored away as these could be used to force entry into your home
- Don't leave a message on your answer phone saying that you are away.

Changes to Stapehill Policing - see the SNT Report on page 4

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**For details of how to join
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.

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**www.colehill.gov.uk/
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on **www.dorsetalert.co.uk**

Report from Inspector Wayne Nock



Since my last update I'm pleased to report a drop in the number of shed and outbuilding burglaries. Your local Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) have been working hard to keep public reassurance high with regular 'hot spot' patrols by both Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) offering support, reassurance and crime prevention advice to all members of the community.

Unfortunately there has been a slight increase in the number of thefts from vehicles; recently there have been thefts in the Wimborne and Ferndown areas. Please be aware of the importance of removing any valuable items from your cars, ensuring they are locked and secure and parked, if possible, off the road on driveways or even better in garages.

We recently had an excellent result thanks to an alert resident; overnight we received a 999 call from a member of public who had heard a disturbance around his car. Directly because of the member of public's quick thinking in calling the police straight away we were able to catch and arrest 2 males for breaking into a number of cars. The pair have since admitted to other similar offences across North Bournemouth and East Dorset areas.

You, the public are our eyes and ears so please remember if you hear or see someone on your property that shouldn't be there, please call 999, it gives the Police the best opportunity of catching the criminals.

The Wimborne Folk Festival is a great event for the town but the extra people in the area and associated campsites attract thieves as well, last year sadly saw a number of tents being ransacked and valuables stolen. Again be aware and report anything suspicious.

Your SNT will be assisting with the National Home Watch Week running from the 14th – 22nd June. At the various events being planned they will be available to speak to anyone who has concerns, or would just like to meet them, so please come along and have a chat to find out more about the excellent work our Watches are doing in East Dorset. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our communities so if this is something you think you could help and get involved with, please speak to one of my officers or anyone from your Home Watch, it is a rewarding, effective and worthwhile commitment.

On the subject of volunteers East Dorset has a thriving Special Constabulary which provides excellent support and resilience to the regular officers. The old song about not trusting a Special like an old time copper is a bit of fun

Messages for Home Watch

If you can't email... use our voicemail system!

Call 0844 579 6949

Key in voicemail number 94167

Leave your message then hang up.

(Note: calls cost 5p/min, or considerably more from a mobile)

VERGES!

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but totally unrepresentative of today's Specials. They are all trained to a high standard and work with the regulars not just at weekends but at all times of the day and night. I am keen to incorporate a Special Constable within each SNT in East Dorset so keep an eye out for one in your area soon.

With the onset of summer please be alert to Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and arson on our heath land and forestry areas, we will be working in partnership with Dorset Fire & Rescue and others, mounting joint patrols and awareness campaigns. Please call the police, on 101 if you're suspicious of something but 999 if you think a crime like arson or other dangerous activity is occurring.

And finally for those who use social media, you can find members of East Dorset Safer Neighbourhood Teams on Twitter and Facebook.

Kind regards,



*Inspector Wayne Nock,
East Dorset Neighbourhood Inspector*

FERNDOWN POLICE COMMUNITY OFFICE

SHEDUCATION EVENTS

14 June - Corfe Mullen Carnival

16 June - Moors Valley 10.00 until 14.00

17 June - *Haskins Longham - 10.00 until 13.00

19 June - West Moors Co-Op - 10.00 until 13.00

28 June - *Ferndown Fun Day - 09.00 until 14.00

23 Aug - West Moors Memorial Hall - 13.00 until 16.00

* At these events we will be offering bike marking. Bikes will be marked with a tamper proof label and all your details will be registered with a National registration system. £5 per bike or £8.50 for two.

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INCREASING OUR MEMBERSHIP

As you know we will not be collecting subscriptions from existing members until March 2016.

I would suggest during this time the following action, both from our contacts and from the general membership.

In the forthcoming period up to April 2016 attempt to encourage new households to join our organisation.

I would suggest the very modest aim of one more new member from each of you.

If everybody achieved this target we could double our membership. However more realistically any increase would be appreciated.

Good hunting.

John Poat

Treasurer & Membership

www.dorsetalert.co.uk

has now replaced Ringmaster

Dorset Alert is a community messaging system operated by Dorset Police, which allows us to exchange information with you by email or phone at no cost to you. The system is designed to allow people who register, to choose the type of information they would like to receive concerning crime and anti-social behaviour, crime prevention, community events and local good news.

Sign up online, for email or phone messages - this free service is available to everyone, not just members!

Keyholder Scheme

The Dorset Police Keyholder Scheme has changed.

You can now register for free, online at www.dorset.police.uk/default.aspx?page=1343 (or search 'keyholder' at www.dorset.police.uk) or ring 01202 226731 - but please look at the website first to ensure you have the correct information ready.

It is worth registering, whether you have an alarm or not, so that emergency services know who to contact in the event of a problem.



Dorset Police

www.dorset.police.uk

SURGERY MEETINGS

An opportunity to speak to your PC / PCSO, and also a Home Watch representative (Tues/Weds only)

First Tuesday of the month
10.30-11.30

Methodist Church,
King Street

Every other Monday
10.30-11.30

Community Centre,
Leigh Park

First Wednesday of the month
2.30-3.30

outside the
Co-Op, Colehill.
(weather permitting)

YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Wimborne & Colehill Safer Neighbourhood Team

Changes to Stapehill Policing

As of 1st July Wimborne & Colehill SNT will start to take ownership of the **Stapehill** residents that live on the Wimborne side of Canford Bottom roundabout. There may be some initial teething trouble as computer systems will be being updated and this can often take longer than the front line response.



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

As it comes into the summer with the sunny weather and longer evenings (we can at least hope!) we would like to remind residents that valuables left on display are an easy target for car thieves! I know this is something we have often repeated but you'd be amazed by the number of times items are simply left on show. If you are using a rural car park do not leave any valuables in your vehicle, even in your car boot. Criminals watch you place all your valuables into the boot and they are still an easy target.

Unfortunately the usual parking complaints still continue to be an issue, particularly outside schools at pick up and drop off time. Please avoid parking on drop kerbs or on junctions as it makes crossing the road dangerous for your children.

Thankfully as a section East Dorset suffers very few burglaries to houses and sheds and garages. However, all residents are reminded to lock doors and windows when they are going out, even if for a short time. We also ask that you are a "good neighbour" and report any suspicious vehicles or persons DIRECTLY to the police on 101.

More recently we have had several reports of fake currency being used by persons in some of the shops within Wimborne. Please make sure you check any money handed to you as you do not want to fall foul of having worthless currency.

The new community messaging system, DorsetAlert, has suffered some teething problems. The Safer Neighbourhood Team would like to assure residents that they will begin to receive regular updates about various things that are going on in and around Wimborne.

Finally it has come to that time of year where the Wimborne Folk Festival

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YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

will be soon upon us. Please be aware that there will be a Section 30 & 27 in place which means anyone causing problems within Wimborne Town Centre will be asked to leave the designated area for 48 hours, if said person returns they will be arrested. We hope that everyone enjoys themselves and drinks responsibly.

If you would like to keep up to date with all the latest news then follow us on Facebook @ Wimborne Police Station Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

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 - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm
Friday 9am - 12.30pm

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

Wimborne & Colehill SNT

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Wimborne Police Station Safer
Neighbourhood Teams

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Community Safety Officer:
Martha Perry 01202 639032

Anti Social Behaviour Case Worker:
Gavin Barnes 01202 639040

SCAM BUSTERS POLICE WEBSITE

*includes scams that have been
an actual problem rather than
more speculative messages
about possible scams*

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

Dorset Fire and Rescue Service – Home safety check

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Our staff will visit you in your home and fit or replace smoke alarms, we can give advice on escape routes, the use of candles, unattended cooking, electric blankets, overloading sockets, chimneys, low energy light bulbs and much more. This is all free of charge with the aim of encouraging you to think about fire safety in the home.

You can request a Home Safety Check online at www.dorsetfire.gov.uk go to 'SAFETY FIRST' then 'Fire Safety in the home', or call 0800 038 2323.

In 2012, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service attended 483 accidental fires in the home, at least half of the fires were caused by cooking. They could have been avoided if people were more aware of basic fire safety in their homes. Being aware of the dangers of fire and taking action could help save the lives of you and your family.

If you are asleep when a fire starts and you don't have a smoke alarm to wake you, your chances of surviving are zero.

Did you know you're twice as likely to die in a fire if you don't have a smoke alarm that works?

Did you know 90 people die each year because the battery in their smoke alarm was flat or missing?

Association of Dorset Watches website

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The Four Million people scammed each year

Dorset County Council trading standards service is warning the public about fraudsters preying on hard-up households as part of a national scams awareness month.

Fraud offences in England and Wales rose by 25 per cent in 2013, compared to the previous year, with 207,252 cases reported. But nationally Citizens Advice has calculated up to four million people could be scammed each year as many scams go unreported.

There are many ways that fraudsters operate scams including post, telephone, text, email, websites and by fax.

Ivan Hancock, Trading Standards service manager for Dorset County Council, said:

“We are working as part of an initiative, coordinated nationally by Trading Standards, to identify Dorset scam victims from information gathered during police seizures of scam mail correspondence with international fraudsters.

Officers are currently working through an initial list of 600 potential Dorset scam victims and contacting victims. Our officers offer practical advice with information from the national scam prevention charity ‘Think Jessica’.

The majority of those identified in Dorset so far have been older people and it is quite common, even for those who have lost considerable amounts of money, to keep that from their friends and family.”

Officers found one scam victim repeatedly targeted by international postal scams who had been sending off £30 a week for over 10 years. Another victim was persistently contacted by 55 scam businesses receiving approximately 10 pieces of post a day which they replied to. In a third example a victim had written a letter to an international scam catalogue apologising for not being able to make a further order to release their £13,000 winning cheque as they had no more money left to pay their bills.

Cllr Colin Jamieson, the county council’s Cabinet member for community services, said:

“Trading Standards are on the frontline in protecting the public from these scams. Their work aims to make it tougher for scammers to take advantage of our most vulnerable residents.

By abusing normal business communication channels these fraudsters are also generally undermining consumers’ confidence and trust which can in turn have a negative impact on legitimate businesses trading fairly.”

The Trading Standards Institute and Citizens Advice have produced their top tips for dealing with scams:

1. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is
2. Never give out your bank details or send money unless you are certain you can trust the person contacting you
3. Contacted out of the blue? Be suspicious
4. Your bank and the police will never collect your bank card, ask for your PIN or come to your home
5. Make sure the website’s secure, if you are buying online – check for the padlock or “https” next to the web address
6. If you haven’t bought a ticket you can’t win it

7. You shouldn’t have to pay anything to get a prize
8. Pressure to make a decision straight away? Take your time and just say: ‘No thank you’
9. Walk away from job ads that ask for money in advance
10. Computer firms do not make unsolicited phone calls to help you fix your computer
11. Don’t suffer in silence – tell others about scams

Get advice and report scams to the Trading Standards service at www.adviceguide.org.uk or call the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08454 04 05 06



More on BANK SCAMS

Detectives investigating a series of incidents where people were targeted by fraudsters at their homes are renewing their appeal for witnesses and issuing a warning to the public – after at least 11 victims of similar crimes have come forward.

Dorset Police issued a witness and information appeal after four phone bank scams were reported to Dorset Police which involved the victim receiving a phone call from a person posing as a Police Officer.

The victim is informed of a possible fraudulent transaction going out of their bank account and is advised to call the bank to report it. The scammers then hold the phone line open by not hanging up at their end. When the victim then phones the bank, they are still connected to the fraudster and divulge bank details to them.

A further 11 crimes of a similar nature have been reported across the county. Dorset Police are now warning all members of the public to be vigilant and note the following advice:

- Do not reveal your bank details including PIN to anyone - banks will already have these details.
- If you receive an unexpected call from someone claiming to be from your bank, do not give them any details, hang up and call your bank on their regular contact telephone number using a different telephone and phone line.
- Do not give your bank cards to strangers whatever reason they may give you to part with them.
- Do not allow inside your home any unknown or unexpected callers. If you are suspicious call 999 immediately.
- Do not hand over any cash to people unknown to you.

Detective Inspector Mark Samuel, of Bournemouth and Poole CID, said: “We believe that these crimes are happening nationally and it is possible that many more have not been reported. If you are in doubt about the origin of a call, check with your bank. Anyone who has become a victim of such an offence and has yet to report this should contact Dorset Police on 101. We’d urge people to dismiss any calls they receive like this and report them by calling Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.”

Alternatively, call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 where mobile phone tariffs may apply.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – CAN YOU HELP?

Home Watch is run entirely by volunteers - if you can help for an hour or two a month - or much less than that for the few duties a street 'Contact' has, please get in touch with the Chairman, John Shave M.B.E.:

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

CONTACTS

For roads which have no Watch group at present, or to deputize for existing Contacts while they are away.

AREA COORDINATORS

In all areas - to assist with distribution to Contacts. Also deputies, who can look after part of an area, and cover for absence.

SHEDUCATION

Sheduction displays are manned jointly by the Police and the Watch. 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 4.

COMMITTEE

Both the Chairman and Treasurer are due to retire soon - do you have some past experience you can 'bring to the table'?!

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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

Nick Hollingworth 07971 338624

Central contact numbers: 01202 946111

Email: wayfindersinfo@helpandcare.org.uk

Info: www.dorsetforyou.com/popp

Harry Homewatch

Spring had finally arrived and with the warm weather gardening and other outdoor activities had come to the fore.

Harry observed that with the general euphoria comes a lack of common sense.

People arriving for a BBQ several doors away had parked their cars in an orderly way but had left the windows down before proceeding to the rear of the premises for an afternoon of enjoyment, not a very sensible thing to do.

The same applied to neighbours who worked in their front gardens but when returning indoors for a tea break left all of the tools including mowers unattended in the front garden.

A lot of theft is of the opportunist type, so don't put temptation in the way of the criminal.

Also when you are out in the back garden, the front of your property needs to be secure. Do not leave front windows or doors open when you are working at the rear of your property.

Enjoy the summer when it arrives, but use a little common sense and be cautious.

Harry

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Home Watch subs 2014 - 2016

Year-end change to '31st March'

In order to align subs with our new year-end, members with current subs which expire on 30th September 2014 will be eligible for free renewal for the 18 months up to 31st March 2016.

Existing members will receive a new membership card in September, valid until **31st March 2016**.

New members (or lapsed members) will pay a 'joining sub' of £2 from 1st April 2014.

Note that membership is per household, not per person.

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 – 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).