

Chairman's Message

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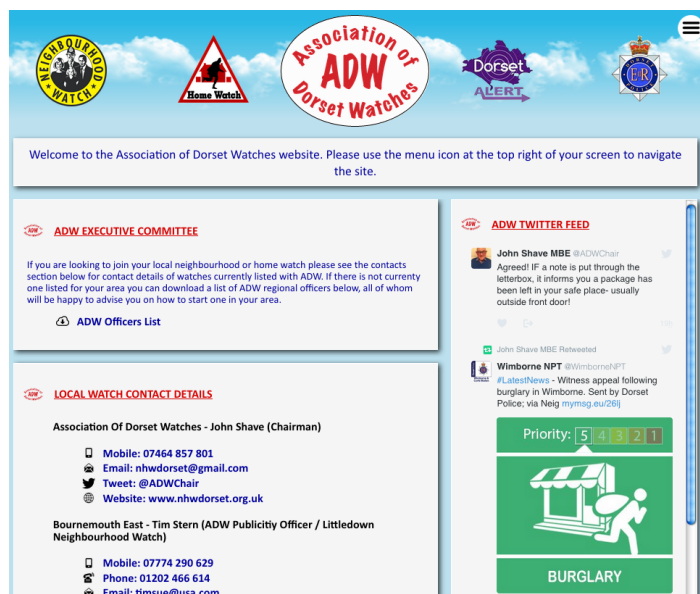
Colehill (Ashmeads) Watch – 30 years

On 28th January it was 30 years since the Public Meeting in Colehill Memorial Hall that set up the Committee and our first Watch officially started. By 2002 there were 90 Watch groups and we merged to form **'Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch'**.

Home Watch is still run entirely by volunteers, some of whom have been actively involved from the beginning!

ADW website

The Association of Dorset Watches' website was relaunched on 26th January with a new look. View the new site at the usual address: www.nhwdorset.org.uk - and look out for details of their AGM, provisionally set for Mon 22 May, p.m.



Annual General Meeting - Election of Officers

According to our Constitution, Officers are elected for a two year period, and the Officers are due for election at the AGM in May.

The Secretary, Treasurer, and I are standing down, so we are **looking for people to fill those posts**. If one post is unfilled I am prepared to fill it, whichever it is!

Please contact me for details. Nominations for Officers should be sent to me by the end of April.

Best Wishes,

Graham Mallett, Chairman (contact details on page 2).



New Helicopter – The National Police Air Service are now operating an Airbus/Eurocopter EC135 helicopter based at Bournemouth Airport, replacing the MD902 which had been operating from there since 2014.

Fraud

Dorset Police has designed a new page on their website that will keep up to date with the latest frauds ('Dorset Fraud Alerts' halfway down the Help, Advice & Prevention section).

Action Fraud (www.actionfraud.police.uk) can send information about scams and fraud in your area by email or text message. Go to 'Signup' on their 'Support' webpage.

DIARY DATE !
Annual Home Watch Meeting

incorporating our AGM

Wednesday
17th May at 7 pm

Teas at 6.45pm

Location t.b.a.

All Welcome

Have you linked ('mapped') your registration on Dorset Alert to W&CHW?

In 'Message types' choose to accept NHWN national messages too please! www.dorsetalert.co.uk

Eastern Neighbourhood Inspector's Report



Your Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch Officers:

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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.

Next copy deadline: 18th April

Graham Mallett

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Contact us:

Email g@gpmcs.co.uk or ring 101 and leave a message for our NPT.

**www.colehill.gov.uk/
homewatch**

Police messages are on
www.dorsetalert.co.uk

As Spring approaches many will begin the endless list of jobs that have built up over the winter which often includes maintenance on properties. East Dorset remains a very safe place to live and work, but there has been an increase in breaks to garages, sheds and vehicles where tools have been stolen. Being a victim or witness to a crime can be distressing and traumatic, so Dorset Police have created a victims bureau dedicated to provide help and support.

Our Rural Crime team led by Verwood Neighbourhood Police have organised several proactive operations recently, some of which resulted in custodial sentences for the offenders. PS Nick Lee from the team has stated that it is often difficult to return items to their owners due to the lack of serial numbers being recorded or identifiable marks and recommends that you take the time to record serial numbers. Dorset Police are working together with www.immobilise.com where property details can be recorded by owners and searched by the Police to locate victims of crime.

We should never become complacent when deterring crime and I would suggest this is an ideal opportunity to assess your home and vehicle security. Phone and computer scams across Dorset remains a priority, with often those that are vulnerable amongst us targeted. If you think you've been a victim of fraud of any description or someone you know, please contact Action Fraud on www.actionfraud.police.uk; if a crime is in progress call the emergency number 999.

If you believe a member of your community is vulnerable please take the time to bring it to the attention of someone that can help, this can be a relative, GP, social services, Age UK or the Police. Advice on all the above and a lot more can be found on the Dorset Police web site www.dorset.police.uk including where Police approved security items at discounted prices can be obtained through the Ferndown Community Office, who helped and supported 2739 people during 2016.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy 2017.

Inspector Steve Yeoman

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Key Safes now available

A few years ago we sold a Key Safe, this would be fixed to an outside wall, a spare key kept in it and the combination number given to people who would need access to your house (carers, delivery, relations, etc). We stopped selling these items as they did not have Police approval. However, there is now a Police approved version available and we have



a supply at £35 each. A Neighbourhood Watch member is available to fit the Safe for a small charge.

During Office hours we can be contacted on 01202 876219, but please be aware that this number should not be used instead of 999 (a crime is being committed or life is in danger) or 101 for other incidents.

See page 4 for details of our email and website, where there is also a Product List (January 2017) to view or download on the 'Products' page.



Secure your home

Lock snapping is a growing trend in the world of crime. Sadly, it isn't just hype. If your door cylinder doesn't have a visible Kitemark then it may be vulnerable. Snapping is as straightforward as it sounds – an intruder simply 'snaps' your cylinder allowing them to insert a tool to unlock your door. What's worrying is this form of break in is virtually silent. Similarly, bumping and drilling are equally as fast and unlikely to alert a neighbour.



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SURGERY MEETINGS

An opportunity to speak to your PCSO, and also a Home Watch representative:

First Tuesday
of the month
10.30-11.15

**Methodist Church,
King St, Wimborne**

Monthly on a **Monday**
(check the centre's noticeboard for dates)
10.30-11.15

**Community Centre,
Leigh Park**

First Wednesday
of the month
11.45-12.30
at **Centre Rendezvous,
St Michael's Church
Centre, Colehill**

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Wimborne & Colehill Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Wimborne and Colehill NPT have a new member – PCSO 8152 Scott Kishere – he will be at upcoming surgeries and is looking forward to meeting everyone!

PC Ian Curtis has moved on to a Training role and his post is being covered by PC David Morgan.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform residents of recent incidents in the area. This is in order for witness appeals, community awareness and vigilance and to remind residents to consider their own home security.

Man assaulted in Wimborne

Detectives are appealing for witnesses after a man was assaulted in Wimborne.

The incident happened sometime between 11.30pm and midnight on Saturday 21 January after the victim - a local man aged in his 40s - had left the Cricketers Arms on Park Lane.

He walked on his own toward Crown Mead when he was approached by a group of men aged in their late teens near to the steps for Wimborne Library.

It is believed one of the men who was wearing a red jacket pushed the victim from behind and kicked him in the chest, causing him to fall over and hit his head on the ground. He was helped up by an unknown person, before walking home.

The victim began to feel unwell on Sunday evening, 22 January, and attended hospital where he was found to have a fractured skull and bleed on the brain. His injuries are not believed to be life-threatening. The incident was reported to the police on 23 January. Detective Constable Laura McQueen, of Bournemouth



**Sgt 760
Tim Travers**



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CID, said: "This was an unprovoked attack on a man, who was making his way home after an evening out, that has left the victim with serious life-changing injuries. A local 15-year-old boy has been arrested. I would ask that anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has information about the person responsible to come forward."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 55170011371. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Burglary in Wimborne

Officers are appealing for witnesses and anyone with information to come forward following a burglary at a craft centre in the Knobcrook area of Wimborne.

Sometime between 8.45 and 9.30pm on Sunday 22 January offenders gained access to Walford Mill Crafts on Stone Lane by smashing a front window.

The offenders then smashed a glass cabinet containing a large amount of jewellery which was stolen during the incident.

Police Constable Dave Hassell, of Wimborne Police, said: "I am appealing to anyone who saw or heard anything suspicious in the Knobcrook area during the relevant time to please contact Dorset Police. I am particularly keen to hear from anyone who has seen or been offered items of jewellery for sale in suspicious circumstances since the time of the incident."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 55170010996. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Two Burglaries in Highland Park

Between lunchtime on Friday the 30th December and around 10am Saturday the 31st December a burglary occurred at a property in Pine Tree Close. Entry was gained by breaking a glass window/door at the rear of the property. Items inside were taken. If you saw or heard anything suspicious in the area during this time please contact Dorset Police on 101, email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk, or 'Report Online' on Dorset Police's website quoting reference 55160194783.

Between 28th and 31st December a burglary also occurred on Wesley Road. Entry was gained through a rear patio door and items were taken from the property. If you have any information relating to this burglary, please contact Dorset Police quoting 55160194898.

Suspicious males around Cannon Hill

3 suspicious males were seen around the entrance of Cannon Hill Plantation from Cannon Hill Road with torches in the early hours of thecontinued on page 7

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

Wimborne Police Station:

The Police Station at Hanham Road, Wimborne BH21 1AS is closed to the public. To contact the Police ring 101, use the yellow phone by the front door, or email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk. (The counter at Ferndown HQ is also closed).

Wimborne & Colehill NPT

PC David Morgan

PCSO Jess Allen

PCSO Huw Evans

PCSO Scott Kishere

WimborneColehill-NPT@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk

Facebook: Wimborne Police Station

Twitter: @WimborneNPT

EDDC www.dorsetforyou.com

Community Safety Team:
01202 795000 or publichealth@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk

PACT Panels

'Partners and Communities Together'

Wimborne PACT

(Home Watch rep: John Shave)

wimbournepact@gmail.com

Colehill & Stour PACT

(Home Watch rep: Graham Mallett)

homewatchwandc@gmail.com

Police, Home Watch, EDDC Officer, local councillors and agencies plus voluntary organisation reps meet to address issues and agree actions to address them. If you have an issue concerning your neighbourhood you would like the Panel to address, contact your local Councillor or email your rep.

Keyholder Scheme

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

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Trading Standards News

A New Year, a new you, with a little help from food labelling

On 1st January, after the excitement and excesses of Christmas and all of that wonderful food, many of you may have made your New Year's resolutions, one of which may be to 'go on a diet' or 'eat more healthily'.

Changes in the requirements for food labels policed by Dorset Trading Standards may help you meet your goals.

From 13th December 2016, most packed food you buy in the shops has to be marked with detailed Nutritional Information. This information includes the all-important number of calories the food contains, along with the amount of other nutrients such as Carbohydrates, Sugar, Protein, Fat and Saturated fat.

For those of you who are concerned about the amount of salt in your food, that information will now also be given.

As long as there is space on the label, the Nutritional Information is given in a table, usually on the back or side of the package. The figures quoted will be per 100g/ml to make comparisons between different foods easier and some manufacturers may also give information for 'servings' or 'slices'.

So if you want to make informed choices about the food that you eat or you are just watching your calories, take a closer look at the labels on your food.

The truth about dates: 'Use by' & 'Best before', safety and quality

In general food law requires pre packed food to have a date mark. Depending on the food type this is either a 'use by' date or a 'best before' date.

The 'use by' date is about safety and the most important date to remember! Foods can be eaten (and most can be frozen) up until the 'use by' date, but not after, unless it was frozen before the 'use by' date. You will see 'use by' dates on food that goes off quickly, such as meat products or ready-prepared salads. For the 'use by' date to be a valid guide, you must carefully follow storage instructions.

The 'best before' date is about quality and not safety. The food will be safe to eat after this date but may not be at its best. Its flavour and texture might not be as good. The 'best before' dates appear on a wide range of frozen, dried, tinned and other foods. The 'best before' date will only be accurate if the food is stored according to the instructions on the label.

After the 'use by' date, don't eat it, cook it or freeze it. The food could be unsafe to eat or drink, even if it is stored correctly and looks and smells fine.

For quick tips to save money, make time and reduce waste by eating, cooking or freezing food by its 'use by' date visit www.food.gov.uk/science/microbiology/use-by-and-best-before-dates

Shops can sell food once the 'best before' date has passed, however selling food past its 'use by' date is a criminal offence and can lead to prosecution. A supermarket in the Midlands

was recently prosecuted and fined £75,000 for selling which was past its 'use by' date.

If you would like advice about your consumer rights then please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

Is your mattress safe?

Trading Standards have been cracking down on rogue traders selling illegal mattresses after an increase in complaints from consumers about cheap mattresses sold online or from the back of a van.

The law requires that mattresses meet a level of fire resistance as laid down in the British Standard, however it does not require that mattresses have a label to that effect.

Rogue sellers may entice customers into thinking they are getting a bargain, for example by saying that they are selling clearance stock, or excess stock from a large hotel order.

The mattresses typically fail all fire safety tests as well as being filthy and unhygienic. The items are often old and discarded mattresses that have been recovered and repackaged to look new. Some of the more brazen traders are even using the logos of well-known manufacturers and retailers on their vans to further fool consumers into believing they are 'bagging a bargain'. Paper work given with the mattresses may contain limited or false information.

Dorset Trading Standards Service has on two separate occasions prosecuted traders for selling mattresses which when tested failed the fire safety tests. Devon and Somerset Trading Standards have issued warnings to residents as complaints about mattresses increased tenfold in the period from 2014 to 2016.

Dorset Trading Standards Service advise that you do not purchase goods or services from people who approach you in the street or from callers who cold call on your doorstep.

If you want to report concerns over mattresses, or if you would like advice about your consumer rights, then please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.



Local Officers Make Progress on Burglaries in the Area

Three men charged with attempted burglary offences

Officers investigating a reported attempted burglary at an address in Gussage St Michael near Wimborne have charged three men.

Dorset Police were called at 1.42am on Saturday 15 October 2016 to reports of break in at the property. Nothing was stolen.

Officers, supported by the Dog Section and NPAS helicopter, attended and carried out a search of the area. Three men were arrested a short time later.

The men aged 20, 21 and 24 and all from Poole have been charged with three counts of attempted burglary and are due to appear before Poole Magistrates' Court on 3rd February 2017.

Wimborne & Colehill NPT Report - cont'd

morning. If you have seen anything suspicious like this in the area, please contact Dorset Police quoting 55170001152.

Theft from driveway - Colehill

On Friday 13th January we had a report of theft of items from a driveway in Foxcroft Drive, Colehill. This occurred between 0900hrs and 1500hrs. If you saw or heard anything suspicious in the area during this time please contact Dorset Police on 101, email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk, or 'Report Online' on Dorset Police's website quoting reference 55170006448.

Criminal damage/ASB - Colehill

We have had 3 reports of criminal damage/ASB in the Colehill area. This has been to rubbish bins on Middlehill Road and Fiveways and also to the Council Parish noticeboard. We have also been informed that there has been a lot of litter in the woods – particularly cans and bottles of alcohol – Wimborne NPT are increasing patrols in the area to try to tackle this issue. If you have any information about the damage, please contact Dorset Police quoting 55170007184.

HMRC Scams

We have had an increase of reports of scam HMRC emails and phone calls in the area asking for you to pay outstanding tax returns. If you receive any emails that you are unsure about or want to report them, contact Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk. Remember to never give out personal information over the phone. You can also look at Dorset Police Website for current scams at <https://www.dorset.police.uk/>

Colehill Community Speedwatch

We are looking for more Community Speedwatch Volunteers for the Wimborne & Colehill Areas. If this is something that interests you and you would like to work with your neighbourhood policing team to reduce speeding, please get in contact with us to discuss this.

Surgeries

The Wimborne & Colehill NPT and Home Watch drop-in surgeries are on the first Tuesday of the month, 1030hrs at

Are you over 50, live in Dorset and need some information?



Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme (POPP) provides a free and confidential information service, funded by the Dorset County Council and Dorset NHS.

A Dorset POPP Wayfinder, who works in your community, can provide information or put you in contact with specialist help on many topics including: money/ benefits, transport, learning new skills, keeping your home warm, local clubs, support for you if you are caring for someone, and much more.

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

Contact your local Wayfinder(s):

Nick Hollingworth 07971 338624

Central contact numbers: 01202 946111

Email: wayfindersinfo@helpandcare.org.uk

Info: www.dorsetforyou.com/popp

Wimborne Methodist Church, 2-4 King Street, Wimborne and first Wednesday, 1145hrs at St Michaels Church Centre, Colehill Lane (see page 4).

The Wimborne & Colehill NPT Saturday drop-in surgery is every Saturday from 2.30-3.30pm at Costa, The Square, Wimborne. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to discuss any of the above or would like a home security check carried out by your local team, please contact us on: WimborneColehill-NPT@Dorset.PNN.Police.UK

Join us on Facebook/Twitter for up to date information and advice (see page 5).

Regards, PCSO Jess Allen, PCSO Huw Evans, PCSO Scott Kishere.

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Harry Homewatch

Harry was thinking about the bad weather of the past few weeks and felt that the Home Watch scheme had once again proved beneficial.

Freezing conditions makes going out a nightmare for older citizens.

Harry fitted into this category, arthritis and a poor sense of balance made going out during a period of bad weather not a sensible option.

Given the choice of attempting to walk to the local shop with a good chance of slipping over or doing without some food items he chose the latter and stayed at home.

A ring at the door the next day produced two young neighbours who were new to the road, but whom Harry had visited and convinced to join the Home Watch when they first moved in. As they were new to the area, he was also able to be of use with local information to help them settle in.

They were returning that neighbourly favour and offered to fetch some groceries for him as they realised he might be having a problem getting out and about.

Home Watch is not just about crime prevention thought Harry, it also engenders friendship and community spirit.

Spring will be here soon, don't forget to keep those garden tools locked up in the shed when not in use.

Follow Harry in further Issues of *Update*.

Harry Homewatch

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New members (or lapsed members) joining in the next 2 years pay **£2** and receive the new card valid till 2020.

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 Neighbourhood Policing Team officers (details on page 5); or speak to your local W&CHW Area Coordinator or Contact.

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