

Chairman's Message

Hi everyone,

'Harry Homewatch' is 40

The first 'Harry' was in May '08 (Update issue 23 page 5). See the latest installment on the back page. Thanks John!

Wimborne Area NeighbourCar

This excellent local service urgently needs drivers - see pg 2.

Crime Prevention Team

The Team met on 16th January following a burglary in the Ashmeads Way area. We have been informing residents



about what has happened, advising to review their own home security, offer a free home security check carried out by NPT and encouraging residents to report any suspicious activity.

If you can help for around 1 hour a month please contact PCSO Jess Allen (see page 5).

AskNED



Do you have issues with parking? Noisy neighbours? Concerned with an animal's welfare? Not sure who to contact... Then AskNED – the non-emergency directory.

Dorset Police has launched a new online knowledgebase designed to help the public find answers to common

enquiries and guide them to the right agencies.

AskNED offers help and advice around a whole host of topics such as civil matters including landlord and tenant disputes, as well as criminal matters including burglary and assault. AskNED provides advice and information about what you should do and who can help.

The online service is quick and easy to use. It is an alphabetical list of topics the police commonly receive enquiries about, along with details of the agencies who can help you.

Head of Contact Management for Dorset Police, Superintendent Steve Lyne said: "Ask NED is a useful resource for the public, providing information on topics we are most commonly asked about. Ultimately, I hope that AskNED will assist the public with questions they may have and divert people away from the 101 non-emergency number, which will in turn provide further improvements to our service."

To access the AskNED knowledgebase visit : www.dorset.police.uk/askNED

Reporting Crime

Remember, it is quicker and easier to report online: <https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/>

Annual Home Watch Meeting

incorporating our AGM

**Wednesday
16th May at 7 pm**

Teas at 6.45pm

Village Green Café,
Allendale Centre

**Agenda will be provided
in the next issue**

All Welcome

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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: 4th April

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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

Wimborne Area



Drivers Urgently Needed

Have you got any spare time and a community spirit?

Would you be willing to become a Volunteer driver for our NeighbourCar Scheme?

The NeighbourCar scheme gives people who are over 50 and in need of transport, affordable door to door transport (by donation) to and from doctor/hospital/dentist/chiroprapist/hairstylist/shops/friends etc.

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Eastern Neighbourhood Inspector

Welcome to our new Inspector, Shawn Whitley

I will be joining the section as NPT lead from 19th February following my posting from Poole. I very much look forward to joining the team in East Dorset and meeting you all.

As a brief introduction, I joined Dorset Police in January 2002 having spent 10 years with Sussex Police. During my career I have worked mostly on front line policing within Patrol, Neighbourhood, Firearms and CID. I have previously worked as a Patrol Police Constable at Ferndown from 2003-2004 and am looking forward to returning as Neighbourhood Inspector for the Eastern Section.

Best Regards, Shawn Whitley, Inspector 1919

Dorset residents approve £1 a month rise in policing precept

The consultation closed on 28 January, with more than 4,800 residents taking part and 79% supporting a rise.

It is the responsibility of Police & Crime Commissioners to take a decision annually on whether to raise or freeze the policing precept. For the coming year, the Policing Minister suggested that PCCs pursue an increase of £1 per month for an average Band D household.

PCC Martyn Underhill said: "I would like to thank everyone who took the time to have their say. It was vital that I gathered the views of as many residents as possible. I am disappointed that the Government failed to provide any additional central funding for Dorset Police, but confident that the income raised from a precept increase is necessary for the Force to maintain a high level of service for the community. I am pleased that residents have once again demonstrated just how important local policing is to them. The reality is that Dorset Police has had its central Government funding cut by more than £16m over the last seven years."

The PCC will present his proposal to raise the precept to the Police and Crime Panel in the coming days. This body consists of councillors and independent members, who will offer their critique of the proposal and help to ensure the final decision is in the best interest of Dorset residents. Following this, the PCC will make a final decision and any changes will take effect from 1st April.

www.dorsetalert.co.uk

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 crime prevention.

**Sign up online, for email or phone messages -
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**** Please make sure you 'MAP' yourself
to our Home Watch scheme.**

Dorset Driver Gold is now IAM Mature Driver Review



Mature drivers are among the safest on the road, but there is no denying that as you get older reactions can be less swift, perhaps the eyesight might not be so sharp and memories of the Highway Code less clear. Our Mature Driver Review is the perfect way to gain reassurance that even though you may be a senior road user, you still have plenty of miles left in the tank.

One of our qualified experts will go out with you, in your own car on familiar roads that are local to you, to assess your driving style and to watch out for any areas where your skills could do with some sharpening. It might be that you are aware that your driving is not what it used to be, that you have worries about particular situations you have encountered in today's traffic, or simply that you or your family would benefit from the reassurance of knowing that you're still OK to be behind the wheel.

The review is informal – you can even bring a friend if you like – and is aimed purely and simply at helping you to be a better driver. 90% of older drivers reviewed by IAM RoadSmart need only some minor guidance to set them back on the right road.



After the review, drivers not only get a verbal report on their skills but also a written account of the session, which includes pointers to improvement. It's a completely personal report, shared with no one else. Those who have completed a Review tell us that having an expert to judge their driving skills gives them renewed confidence at the wheel.

You can book online at www.iamroadsmart.com/courses/mature-driver-review or phone 0300 303 1134. The Mature Driver Review will cost £49. There is no separate theory session as all support is delivered on a 1-1 basis.

LifeDrive – www.safewise.org

LifeDrive is designed to reduce accidents by helping younger drivers to understand why collisions happen and how to avoid them, developing their skills and experience with free post-test theory and practical sessions. It is open to all young people aged between 17 and 25 who live in Dorset and have passed their driving test within the past four years.

Next session date: Tuesday 20th March 2018



Health Walks in Wimborne

Led by volunteer walk leaders, these walks are ideal for beginners and those looking for a longer walk, offering a great opportunity to get out in the fresh air, meet new people and exercise.

For more information:
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SURGERY MEETINGS

An opportunity to speak to your PCSO, and also a Home Watch rep (M/Tu/W):

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
except Jan, Aug, & Sept
12.00-12.45
**at Centre Rendezvous,
St Michael's Church
Centre, Colehill**

SATURDAYS 2.30-3.30
at Costa, in The Square.

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Wimborne & Colehill Neighbourhood Policing Team

Hello to Wimborne & Colehill residents

LITTER AND GRAFFITI at OLIVER'S PARK

The team have received an increase of reports in relation to litter and graffiti at Oliver's Park, Cutlers Place, and Colehill. This litter has included Nitrous Oxide drug paraphernalia (which looks like small silver gas canisters). Nitrous oxide (commonly known as laughing gas) is inhaled causing the user to feel euphoric and relaxed but can also lead to hallucinations. Use of nitrous oxide can be extremely dangerous and in some cases cause death due to a lack of oxygen.

The team will be conducting patrols around the area but please continue to report these issues to the Police at the time on 101 for non-emergency or 999 if a crime is in progress. By calling the police at the time, it not only means that available officers can get to the area at the time but also with the reports you make, the team are able to build a picture on when these incidents are occurring and days and times that patrols should be carried out.

SCAM AWARE

Please ensure you are fully aware of current scams that are used by the fraudsters and pass this information onto friends and relatives that may be affected. The latest scams are always added to Dorset Police's website www.dorset.police.uk/help-advice-crime-prevention/scams-fraud-cyber-crime

Fraudsters are clever, manipulative and they have done their homework. They know exactly what to say to get you to trust them. They know your name, your address, your partner's name,



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Email: ferndowncommunityoffice@btconnect.com

Products are also available at **Sheduction** events

your children's name and your pet's name. They find this all out to trick you into believing their claim.

Never give out your personal or financial information to anyone.

Don't engage in conversation with anyone you suspect to be a fraudster. The more you engage with these people the more chances you are giving them to suck you in.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

An issue raised to the team recently has been anti-social behaviour in Wimborne Town Centre. To tackle this issue the local team have increased their evening foot patrol and have been engaging with many members of the public. Since this has taken place we have seen a reduction in reports of anti-social behaviour and we will continue to do this as well as working with other agencies such as Town Council, EDDC and Housing Associations to ensure the reduction continues.

DWELLING AND GARAGE BREAKS

There has been an increase in reported dwelling and outbuilding/garage burglaries in our area. Access has been gained where security has been weak either through unlocked doors, windows smashed or doors being forced.

We have received a report of a burglary in Ashmeads Way, Colehill. This is believed to have occurred sometime between Tuesday 9th January and 10am Wednesday the 10th of January. Entry was gained to the property via a window being smashed.

The Team will concentrate on increasing high visibility patrols in these areas and advising where possible. If you would like a home security check, please contact the Wimborne Neighborhood Policing Team via 101 or email us (see right).

VEHICLE CRIME

We received 4 reports of smashed windows to vehicles that had occurred between 11/1/2018 and 12/1/2018. These had taken place at East Borough, St Catherine's, Chapel Lane and Stevenson's Close.

The Wimborne Team are urging anyone who may have seen or heard anything suspicious overnight at these locations to please contact Dorset Police on 101, email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or 'report online' on Dorset Police's website. Theft from work vehicles is occurring in the daytime where power tools are being stolen from vehicles left insecure whilst the victim moves between their vehicle and place of work.

We are encouraging residents and professionals to:

- Ensure you remove everything from the vehicle
- Don't hide things in the boot, glovebox or door wells
- Take removable stereos, satnav equipment and bags with you and remember to wipe off any marks left behind on your windscreen
- Ensure all windows and doors are secure before you walk away
- Leave a 'no valuables in this vehicle' sign on display
- Where possible, park your vehicle in a well-lit area with CCTV cameras
- Invest in a visible alarming system and security devices such as steering locks and gearstick locks.
- Remove all tools where possible
- Reduce access to your vehicle by parking up against a garage/wall/building

Due to the increase of reports in the area, Wimborne NPT will prioritise and increase high visibility patrols in areas that have been targeted.

SPEEDWATCH

As many of you will have seen the local Community Speed Watch team have carried out a number of sessions and at locations that you have raised as a concern. These sessions

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 Matt Littlefair

PCSO Jess Allen

PCSO Scott Kishere

PCSO Grace Butler

WimborneColehill-NPT@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk

Facebook: Wimborne Police Station

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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)

wimbornepact@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.



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couldn't be carried out if we didn't have a successful dedicated team and we are very grateful for the hard work and time our volunteers give us.

However the Team would love to have more volunteers so that they can carry out as many sessions as possible for the locations that you inform us of. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact PCSO 5770 Jessica Allen via 101 or email jessica.allen@dorset.pnn.police.uk

EVENTS

In December, Wimborne NPT carried out tool marking events at one of the local allotment patches following a spate of garage breaks. This involved engraving handheld tools with personal markings making them easily identifiable. If you are interested in organising a crime prevention event with your local NPT please contact us on 101 or email WimborneColehill-NPT@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk and request this.

Wimborne Neighborhood Police Team has been out canvassing with the Home Watch Crime Prevention Team to educate local senior citizens to help protect them from telephone/online fraudsters and door step rogue traders.

And finally...

The schedule for drop-in surgeries is shown on page 4.

If you would like a home security check carried out by your local team, please contact us on :

WimborneColehill-NPT@Dorset.PNN.Police.UK.

Regards, Wimborne & Colehill NPT.

The Banking Protocol

A 72 year old is one of hundreds of people saved from losing £1000's to a scam after bank staff cautioned him about proceeding with a transaction.

The gentleman had seen his dream car advertised on an internet auction site and had gone into his bank to withdraw £10,000 to pay for it. He was expecting to meet up with the seller and hand over the money in exchange for the car. Bank staff were concerned and used a new system to alert the Police and within 30 minutes officers were there. The Police were able to carry out some checks and alert the gentleman to the fact he was about to be scammed.

Bank staff have been trained to spot signs that a customer may be conducting an unusual or out of character transaction such as withdrawing or transferring large amounts of money to give to scammers. Staff have a series of questions they can ask the customer to gauge if the transaction is fraud related. If they have concerns this is then referred to a senior manager who can phone the Police or Trading Standards giving a code word which will summon help quickly.

This call made by the bank staff was one of over 1200 calls made to the Police or Trading Standards under the banking protocol system that should see an officer arrive within an hour. In the last 12 months 101 arrests have been made after banking staff have made calls under the banking protocol system.

For advice on this, or to report something to Trading Standards, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

TPS phone scam

(extracted from an article by Sam Beamish, Dorset Echo)

People in Dorset are being warned about a new phone scam.

Fraudsters are targeting residents over the phone and claiming to be from BT and the Telephone Preference Service (TPS).

The caller proceeds to tell the individuals that TPS is no longer a free service and that they need to pay to register again. They then ask for the individual's card details, in order to make the payment.

It comes after it was revealed that Dorset Police deal with around 400 cases of fraud each month. Officers have said they are aiming to crack down on fraud across the county by giving victims increased confidence to come forward and report it.

A Dorset resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she was targeted by the recent scam and refused to pay over the phone as she is already registered with the TPS.

She said: "A phone call came through with the caller claiming to be from the BT telephone preference service. They told me the service is no longer going to be free and I won't be able to use it unless I pay. They asked me to pay £89 and wanted me to pay by card. I told them I am already registered and refused to pay for a free service. They got quite nasty when I refused. I am concerned because there are people out there who might pay. I want them to be aware of what is happening. I am surprised these people can sleep at night."

The resident then contacted BT and notified them about the incident.

A BT spokesman said: "The Telephone Preference Service is run by an independent organisation and is a free service, it is not run by BT. There are a number of scams attempted by organisations and individuals. We advise our customers never to give out any personal details such as bank account details or to pay any money unless they are absolutely sure the person they are speaking to is bona fide."

Action Fraud is nationally responsible for the assessment of all reports of fraud and ensures that reports reach the right place. Action Fraud should be your first point of contact if you or someone you know has been a victim. Call 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk

Fraudsters pose as Financial Ombudsman Service staff with fake compensation

Fraudsters claiming to be from the Ombudsman are cold-calling victims and telling them they have a cheque for a large amount of money from a compensation claim. The victim is then told to buy an iTunes or similar voucher roughly to the value of £300 to 'release' the compensation. They then claim that a courier will collect it from their home address and that a cheque will be sent to them in the post.

If you think a call claiming to be from the Ombudsman is suspicious you can call them directly on 0300 123 9123.

- Never provide personal details – such as your address, phone number etc. unless you're absolutely sure a request is genuine;
- Never provide any of your banking or credit card details unless you know for certain that the request is genuine.

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Here is the new security item called Signal Blocker that was mentioned in the last issue. This is a storage pouch which takes keyless car fobs or a mobile phone. We now have stock and the cost is £3.

Criminals have discovered ways to steal cars by intercepting the signal, Signal Blocker blocks key fobs from transmitting a signal when not in use.

The cars allegedly susceptible to keyless car hacks are:

Alfa Romeo - Giulia (4/2016)

Audi- Q2, A3, A4, A4 Avant, A5, A6, A6 Allroad, R8, SQ7, TTS
BMW- 225xe, 318i, 318d, 520d, 640d, 730d, 740, 740d, X1, X1 SDrive 18d

Citroen - DS4 CrossBack, C3 Pure Tech, C4 Picasso, C4 Picasso HDI, Spacetourer. Fiat - 124 Spider

Ford - Eco-Sport, Edge, Focus RS, Galaxy. Mustang, S-Max
Honda - HR-V

Hyundai - i10, i30, i30 1.4 T-GDI, i40, Santa Fe, Infiniti Q30
Jaguar - F-Pace

Kia - Niro Hybrid, Optima (11/2015), Optima (8/2016) Optima
Plugin-Hybrid (10/2016)

Land Rover - Discovery, Range Rover Evoque

Lexus - RX450h. Mazda - CX 5, 3 Skyactive

Mercedes - E220d, E220d T-Modell

Mini - Clubman, Cooper S Cabriolet

Mitsubishi - Outlander (5/2016, 12/2013), Space Star

Nissan - Leaf (5/2012, 5/2016), Navara, Qashqai (02/2016),
Qashqai+2 (11/2013)

Opel - Ampera, Astra. Peugeot - 508w, 3008

Renault - Captur, Clio, Kadjar, Megane, Megane Grandtour,
Scenic, Talisman. Talisman Grandtour, Traffic. Seat - Ateca

Skoda - Kodiaq, Octavia (12/2015, 2/2016), Superb 1.6TDi
Ssangyong - Tivoli XDi

Suzuki - SX4 S-Cross, Baleno, Vitara. Subaru - Levorg

Tesla - Model S P85. Toyota - C-HR 1.8 Hybrid, Mirai, Prius,
Prius 1.8 Hybrid, RAV4, Verso

Volvo - V40, S90, S90 D5, V90 D5, XC90 T8

VW - Golf 7 GTD (10/2013, 12/2016), Passat GTE, Tiguan
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Harry Homewatch

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the weather will have improved. With Spring just around the corner and an early Easter holiday, thoughts will be turning to making the garden more presentable.

Over the last few months there has been a spate of garage and shed thefts. Patently you should lock these outbuildings for security. However, just in case you still become a victim despite doing this, put some thought to marking your more valuable tools. This will allow the police to identify the owner if they are recovered, and prove they were stolen property.

A marking kit is available via your Home Watch Contact, there is no charge for this.

Car break ins are also an annoying crime; the purpose is not necessarily to steal the car but to remove the many gadgets that we fill our cars with, such as SatNavs, mobile phones, tablets and dash cams. In the case of dash cams it is no use putting them in the glove box and leaving a mark on the windscreen – this is a dead giveaway.

The advice is do not leave the windows down if the day is hot, even by a small amount, it only takes a piece of wire to open most car doors. Even if the car alarm system is activated the thief will be gone before anyone can take any action.

Enjoy the coming summer but try to out-think the criminal element.

It's AGM time in May, please make the effort and support this important evening.

Harry Homewatch

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New members (or lapsed members) joining in the next year 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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