

Chairman's Message

Hi everyone,

Congratulations to our PCSO Jess Allen

Many congratulations to Jess – Due to her work in the community and with victims of crime she was awarded PCSO of the year at Dorset Police's Annual Awards Ceremony on 20th February.



New POPP Champion for East Dorset

Debra Horlock is the new 'Champion' for our area. POPP Champions help by:

- identifying opportunities to improve local services
- developing new activities or services in your community
- influencing how new services are developed
- working with local organisations to support people
- appropriately raising your concerns about local services
- supporting you with advice, resources and funding for projects.

If you have an idea for a local activity or opportunity and would like to know more about how Champions can help you, please get in touch: Central Contact Number 01202 946111 or poppadmin@helpandcare.org.uk

How can a POPP Wayfinder help you?

Contact your local Wayfinder for free, impartial and confidential information – details are on page 7.

Best Wishes,

Graham Mallett, Chairman (contact details – see page 2).

You are invited to our **Annual Home Watch Meeting**

incorporating our AGM

**Wednesday
16th May at 7 pm**

(Teas at 6.45pm)

**in the Village Green Café,
Allendale Centre**

Agenda

Introduction

Chairman's Report

Matters Arising from May 2017 AGM

Financial Report and Adoption of Accounts

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Policing Update plus Q&A

All Welcome

Association of Dorset Watches AGM

Monday 14th May at 2.15pm

in Allendale HOUSE

Learn how to help yourself and vulnerable neighbours to protect against theft and cyber fraud, and hence to play your part in being part of a caring community.

Please check the ADW website www.nhwdorset.org.uk for the detailed agenda, available by the end of April.

Report from Sgt. Tim Travers

Dear all,

Many of you will have met me over the years but for those that haven't I am Sgt Tim Travers and I am your local Neighbourhoods policing supervisor. I have a geographic responsibility for Wimborne, Colehill, Corfe Mullen and Ferndown town. I've been occupying this role since 2010 and over that time, I've seen many staff changes in my team. I supervise a team of Constables and PCSOs across my patch, who are delivering Neighbourhood based policing on the ground. We focus on managing offenders, supporting vulnerable victims of crime and repeat victims. We also manage antisocial behaviour and locations. We do this with a combination of Hi visibility patrol, engagement on a variety of platforms, surgeries, partnership working with local authorities, housing associations, Trading Standards, local business and key individuals in the community.

I also supervise a large group of volunteers, currently 28 in total, spread across 3 teams. My volunteers run the CCTV system in Wimborne, the Ferndown Police Community Office and our roving Sheduction project. My volunteers are all fantastic local people taking advantage of the opportunity to get involved in the policing of their community – much the same as Home Watch!

We are currently undergoing some change on the team as several team mates have been redeployed to become Police Community Support Investigators (PCSI's), the role is designed to support frontline policing by absorbing demand in high volume and low risk incidents, whereby victims of crime can book an appointment at a time that fits our resourcing model and is convenient to them. This work may include but is not limited to:

- Assault
- Burglary Dwelling, Sheds, Garages, Beach Huts
- Criminal Damage >>

Ferndown Police Community Office

The 'Sheduction' display

13 May: Braeside Village Hall St. Leonards 11-2

23 June: Ferndown KGV Field, 11-4

14 July: West Moors Playing Field, 10-4

Come along to see and buy security products or to ask advice.

Police and Home Watch in attendance.



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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: 20th July

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- Vehicle Interference/Tampering
- Domestic Incidents

These incidents will be non-urgent and low threat, risk and harm. In addition to being an enhanced service to victims, this will allow more time for our patrol officers to conduct their proactive patrol function and respond quickly to immediate service calls.

The PCSI secondary function will be to support Neighbourhoods policing with patrol and investigation, under the direction of the NPT sergeants (me!). This means, they will continue to be delivering high quality policing to the local community.

In addition to this new function, we welcome a new team mate, Lyn Parr is the new Neighbourhoods Engagement Officer for North and East Dorset. Lyn will be working with the NPT to manage and improve our engagement activities, with a focus on social media and online based engagement, in Wimborne this means the website, Facebook and Dorset Alert.

Final team numbers are yet to be agreed so in the meantime, PCSO Neal Rooke is working closely with our Jess Allen to manage local demand. PC Matt Littlefair has been unable to work for some months after he was sadly involved in a serious collision in his car, sustaining some serious injuries. PC Dave Morgan my Corfe Mullen officer has been working his socks off, covering Matt's workload and doing a great job. I'd like to wish Matt all the best for his recovery and of course, say a big thank you to Dave.

Naturally, it will take some time to settle into a new way of working together and we all have some significant challenges to overcome, not least of which is a rise in reported crime and ASB in most areas. Despite a reflection of these rises here in Wimborne and Colehill, I am heartened by the increases in detection rates my team have achieved over the last 12 months. Clearly, we very much appreciate and increasingly rely on the ongoing support of the Home Watch and our other partners in the community and look forward to working even more closely with you all in the future. *Sgt 760 Tim Travers.*

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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 - this free service is available to everyone, not just members!

**** Please make sure you 'MAP' yourself to our Home Watch scheme.**

Breaking News

With the retirement of Dorset's Chief Constable Debbie Simpson, ex Deputy Chief James Vaughan has been appointed as her replacement.

Working together to prevent dog theft

For many of us our pet dogs are another member of the family and if they're stolen the impact can be devastating.

The Neighbourhood Watch Network has teamed up with the national charity Dogs Trust in their new campaign to help prevent beloved pets being stolen.

With a staggering 1,800 dogs reported stolen in 2016 Dogs Trust is urging owners to be vigilant through the launch of their new campaign Family Pawtraits.

Lee Paris, campaigns officer at Dogs Trust, said: "With dogs playing such a huge part in our lives, it is important for us to offer them the same care and protection given to all family members. Whether two legs or four, we all want to be kept safe. By following our three simple steps, you can reduce the risk of theft and offer the best possible chance of being reunited with your dog should they go missing."

Keep your dog;

- Safe: secure your property and garden.
- Spottable: keep them in sight and trained to return.
- Searchable: know what steps to take should they go missing.

To watch the video and download the 'Safe, Spottable and Searchable' factsheet see www.dogstrust.org.uk/dogtheft

"We know our members are concerned about the rise of dog theft and that's why we wanted to help promote the best advice on keeping them safe," said Jayne Pascoe, Strategic Partnerships Director at Neighbourhood Watch.

Young people still leaving their emails wide open to hackers

A new survey suggests that half of young people aged 18-25 use the same password for multiple online services, making it easy for criminals to hijack their accounts. The survey from Cyber Aware, the government's online safety campaign, is aimed at getting young people to understand the importance of using different passwords for different accounts ... not least email.

But the advice is a wake-up call for everyone. If you use the same combination of email address and password for your email account as you do for other services and it is compromised by either a data breach or inadvertently revealing it - it makes it fast and easy for your email to be hacked too.

The danger is two-fold:

- Anyone controlling your email account can impersonate you to commit fraud, identity theft, or both
- Any sensitive data you send via email can be intercepted.





Dorset Police

www.dorset.police.uk

SURGERY MEETINGS

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

First Tuesday
of the month

10.30-11.15

**Methodist Church,
King St, Wimborne**

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
FORTNIGHTLY
at Costa, in The Square.

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Wimborne & Colehill Neighbourhood Policing Team

Hello to Wimborne & Colehill residents

The Neighbourhood Policing Team for Wimborne and Colehill is undergoing a period of change as some members of staff are moving to different roles within the section. Whilst this takes place, we are being assisted by our colleagues from Corfe Mullen, PC Dave Morgan and PCSO Neal Rooke so look out for them on patrol in the Wimborne area! Sergeant Tim Travers is overseeing the changes from his base in Wimborne station. When we have completed the staff changes, we will let you all know what your new team looks like.

Through this process, it's very much business as usual as we continue to work with the community and other agencies.

I would firstly like to bring to your attention an increase in reports of burglaries to sheds and outbuildings in the Wimborne and Colehill area. An age old problem, having recently occurred in Greenhays Rise, Station Road, Julians Road, Allenview Road, Rowlands Hill and Ashmeads Way. Access is being gained where security is weak and we are urging residents to review their own home security. If you would like some advice on this, the team offer a free home security check where we can specifically advise on areas that security could be improved.

Sadly we have also seen an increase in reports of rogue traders and doorstep sellers in Wimborne and Colehill. Rogue traders are traders that knock on your door and offer you a service, but overcharge you for poor, unnecessary or incomplete work. The offenders offer services including power washing driveways, fixing uneven/broken driveways, roof work, cutting down trees, tending gardens - to name a few.

We advise that you should never accept work from someone who offers you it over the phone or at your door. You need to do your own research and be happy with the company you have chosen rather than feel pressured into taking up a service you may not be comfortable with. If you need some work doing but don't know who to



**Sgt 760
Tim Travers**



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Products are also available at **Sheduction** events

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We have also had reports that the rogue trader has driven the victim to the bank in order to ensure money is given. Please DO NOT go to the bank with a tradesperson – a legitimate trade would never ask you to do this. Should you have any concerns that you, a relative or a neighbour may be a victim of a rogue trader – please contact Dorset Police on 101 for non-emergency or 999 for emergency. You can also contact Trading Standards for advice via Citizens Advice Consumer Service at 0345 404 05 06.

Although you may be fully aware of rogue traders and things to look out for – please pass this on to family and friends that may not be aware. I would also encourage you to look out for neighbours that may be vulnerable and targeted. Luckily the reports that we receive are mainly reported by concerned neighbours so it's with your help and vigilance that we are able to deal with these rogue traders!

I also wanted to update you regarding anti-social behaviour in Wimborne Town Centre. At the end of last year and beginning of this year we saw an increase in reported anti-social behaviour in and around Wimborne Town Centre at an unprecedented level. This included reports of youths congregating in the Town being a nuisance to residents causing criminal damage, graffiti and climbing on scaffolding.

The Team have worked alongside other agencies such as Housing Associations, Town Council and East Dorset District Council to target this issue by conducting joint visits where possible giving warnings and advising on the consequences should this behaviour continue. The Team have also increased high visibility patrols in the areas of concern and we have seen a noticeable difference in the number of reports and we will continue to patrol the areas to ensure the reduction continues. Several young people were identified as part of an investigation and are currently taking part in the Youth Justice process, which includes being sent to Court for some.

We are continuing to do great work with the Crime Prevention Team from Home Watch. This involves the Police Community Support Officer conducting high visibility patrol with the Home Watch Crime Prevention Team in areas of concern. We target areas that have been victim of incidents such as burglary, theft, rogue traders etc., and speak with residents in that area raising awareness, recruiting to the Home Watch and giving crime prevention advice.

As many of you will have seen the local Community Speed Watch team have carried out a number of operations at locations that you have raised as a concern. This valuable work relies on a dedicated team of willing volunteers and we are very grateful for their hard work and commitment.

If you think you would like to take an active part in keeping your community safe, please contact PCSO 5770 Jessica Allen via 101 or email : jessica.allen@dorset.pnn.police.uk

The Wimborne & Colehill NPT and Home Watch drop-in surgeries are on the first Tuesday of every month at 10.30 – 11.15 at Wimborne Methodist Church, 2 King Street, Wimborne and the first Wednesday of most months at 12.00 – 12.45 at St. Michaels Church Centre, Colehill Lane (see page 4).

Don't forget to meet the Wimborne & Colehill NPT at our fortnightly Saturday drop-in surgery which is held every other Saturday at 2.30-3.30 at Costa, The Square, Wimborne. We look forward to seeing you there! The next surgery will be held on 28th April. These surgeries are your opportunity to speak with your NPT about issues that are concerning you or something that you'd like advice on.

Regards, Wimborne & Colehill NPT.

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**

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Community Safety Team:
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PACT Panels

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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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Trading Standards News

Not sure what a loan shark is?

If you can answer yes to one or more of these questions you might be borrowing from a loan shark:

- Did they offer you a cash loan?
- Did they not give you paperwork?
- Did they add huge amounts of interest or APR to your loan?
- Have they threatened you?
- Are you scared of people finding out?
- Have they taken your bank card, benefit card, passport, watch or other valuables from you?

To lend money lawfully you have to be authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). People who lend money without being FCA authorised are breaking the law. They are known as loan sharks.

Loan sharks often work from home and start out friendly, but their behaviour changes when payments are missed. Few advertise; they are often heard of by word of mouth. Often little or no paperwork is provided and they will refuse to tell you how much you owe, how long you will be paying off the debt, or what the interest rate is. Many loan sharks will increase the debt and add additional amounts and take items as security including passports, bank cards or benefit cards.

They might also resort to intimidation, threats and violence. If you have borrowed from a loan shark you have not committed a crime, they have.

If a loan shark threatens you or acts in a violent way, contact the police straight away.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team work in Dorset to tackle loan sharks and support people affected by illegal money lending, on behalf of Dorset County Council Trading Standards Service.

Anyone can safely report a loan shark by calling 0300 555 2222, or by visiting www.stoploansharks.co.uk



New Fundraising Preference Service (FPS) for communications from charities

If you're fed up with unsolicited calls, texts, emails and post from charities asking for donations, this new service will let you opt out. The aim of the FPS is to rebuild public trust in fundraising and to introduce more control over how people are approached by fundraisers.

Visit the website: www.fundraisingpreference.org.uk where you can choose to stop communications from a selected charity. You will need to identify the charity/ies you no longer want to hear from. The easiest way to do that is to use the registered charity's number, which should be displayed on all their promotional material. If you cannot find the charity number, you can also search using the charity's name. To

confirm your request, you will need either an email address or a mobile telephone number, which will enable a confirmation code to be sent to you that you will need to enter later. If you need help to complete the online form, there is a telephone helpline service: call 0300 3033 517.

You can also register via the same helpline number.

You will be asked to provide your name and relevant contact information so that you can be matched to the charity's records and the communication can be stopped. Once all details have been provided and the request submitted, the FPS will send an automatic email to the charity/ies, with a 28 day deadline to remove your details from direct marketing lists. You will need to specify every charity you want to block – you won't be able to opt out of all charity contact.

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

Sales of illegal tobacco

Trading Standards in Dorset, Poole and Bournemouth are asking members of the public to report sales of illegal tobacco.

Dorset County Council Trading Standards have found counterfeit cigarettes and tobacco as well as products made for sale abroad. So even if a purchaser thinks they're getting a good deal, they probably aren't.

Children are buying it too. If you've got some to sell and you know it's illegal, are you really going to care who you sell it to? In Southampton and Portsmouth, a survey showed 46% of 11-16 year olds who purchased tobacco bought it from illegal sources. Is it going to be any different in our area?

We want to hear from all members of public who are in a position to pass on any information about the sale or supply of illegal tobacco, regardless as to whether they are a regular or irregular buyer of illegal tobacco. This information can be passed on anonymously by either contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or reporting it on line at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.



Dorset Road Safe launches new road safety website

Public services that work together across Dorset to improve safety on our roads have launched a new website, available at www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk

Dorset Road Safe brings together the police, fire service, health and local authorities to work in partnership to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads through education, enforcement and engineering.

Members of the public can also share information on dangerous

drivers, highlight areas where they are concerned about excess speed, find out more information on educational courses they can take part in, road safety operations Dorset Police is running as well as where fixed cameras and mobile speed enforcement vans are for the coming weeks.

The site hosts the latest road safety news updates from the partnership, upcoming events that members of the public can get involved in as well as updates from local authorities on new engineering schemes, traffic calming measures and other initiatives.

Julie Fielding, Assistant Chief Constable of Dorset Police and Chair of the Dorset Strategic Road Safety Partnership, said: "This website joins up all the road safety work that is taking place within Dorset and provides a one-stop-shop for members of the public with road safety enquiries or feedback.

Visitors to the site can also take a look at historic road traffic collision data reported to us over the last few years and look at the circumstances of the collision, road conditions and resulting casualties.

We would encourage members of the public to get in touch about how they find using the site along with any further improvements that can be made."

Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, committed to launching a new Dorset Road Safe website during his re-election campaign. He said: "In Dorset, road safety is a top concern for many of the residents I represent. Fantastic partnership work is taking place every day to prevent road tragedies from occurring, but few are aware of the many courses that are available.

Meeting my pledge to transform the Dorset Road Safe website into a centre of excellence for road safety is just one step towards raising awareness of the various schemes that can help keep you and your family safe on Dorset roads."

From the Communications Team (Dorset Police, CED, Dorset) via Dorset Alert

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Nick Hollingworth
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Central Contact Number: 01202 946111
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Harry Homewatch

It's AGM time, this year on Wednesday, May 16th. Please make the effort and support this important evening. Details of the meeting are on the front page.

This is an opportunity to talk to a member of the Police NPT team as well as your Home Watch representatives, in an informal atmosphere.

Much can be gained from sharing similar experiences and getting advice on many neighbourhood problems.

The meeting also invites ideas from the membership on ways to improve the Home Watch scheme in this area.

Finally, you will not be pressurised into taking up a job of any sort, unless of course you wish to volunteer.

We have over 1100 households in our scheme, a 10% turn out would be fabulous.

Harry Homewatch

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New members (or lapsed members) joining before March 2019 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.