

Update

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#### Chairman's Message

#### Hello again,

A lot has been happening so far this year. Worthy of note are the following:

We have a new Safer Neighbourhood Officer in Wimborne – PC Ian Curtis has joined us from Ferndown and is replaced by our PC Stuart Belfield. We extend a warm welcome to Ian, who is a very experienced neighbourhood officer.

We welcome our newly arrived Neighbourhood Inspector, Wayne Nock. He comes highly recommended by those with whom I have spoken who have worked with him in the past.

We welcome our newly appointed Chief Constable, Debbie Simpson, who was our Deputy Chief then acting Chief immediately prior to being appointed. In my county role, I had the honour of serving on the Lay Panel to pose questions to the 4 candidates for the job, which provided input for the Selection Panel. I have met with Debbie on a number of occasions since she arrived in Dorset and always found her approachable and supportive.

Underlining his support to Watch groups, the Police and Crime Commissioner has committed a grant of at least £2,000 to the Association of Dorset Watches next financial year.

Community Speedwatch has arrived in Wimborne, which was selected as one of the pilot sites in Dorset because of its declared strong desire to address speeding. The scheme has achieved impressive results in other areas of the country, but success is clearly dependent on community involvement and commitment. If you or any of your neighbours are concerned about speeding locally, the opportunity exists to help address the issue.

By the end of March, working with PC Steve Brett and PCSO Matt Johnson, we will have completed the home security project for junior schoolchildren in Colehill. I was involved at the initial school, St Catherine's Primary, where we taught 3 classes the basics of policing and home security using the Sheducation trailer. We then asked them to take home and complete a simple home security survey, designed by us, and on completion to write down the key things they had learned. As an incentive, we offered 3 prizes per class (£20, £10 & £5 vouchers) for the best completed survey responses. Hayeswood and Colehill First schools' visits will have been completed when you read this.

Best wishes,

John Shave.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

This year's National Neighbourhood Watch week is set for Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. I encourage you to organise something in this period – talk with your neighbours, your Contact, or your Safer Neighbourhood Team. Let us know what you plan – if you need help with expenses, talk to us.

Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the late afternoon: Association of Dorset Watches meeting at AFC Bournemouth. Dorset's Police and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill has agreed to be the guest speaker. Open to Watch members. Registration details will be published at the end of March.

Finally don't forget that if you wish to purchase any security products at very competitive prices, you can obtain them from the Community Office in the Barrington Centre in Ferndown (open 10-12 Mon-Sat), or from the Sheducation trailer when in the area. If you would like some home security advice speak with your local SNT or your Home Watch Contact.

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### For details of how to join W&CHW see page 8

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#### **Report from Inspector Wayne Nock**

Hello to you all, my name is Wayne Nock and I am very pleased to have been selected as the new Neighbourhood Inspector for East Dorset. I started on 25th February so this is my first opportunity to introduce myself in your newsletter.



I have twenty years service in the Police, the majority of this being spent in uniform working in Bournemouth and Poole. This has included six months when I was the Neighbourhood Inspector at North Bournemouth (Winton and Kinson) and nine months covering for a colleague as the Bournemouth Town Centre Neighbourhood Inspector. My last posting before arriving at East Dorset was as a Critical Incident Inspector, more commonly known as a Duty Inspector; this required the managing and co-ordinating of all serious and major incidents. Being a 24/7 role it will be a pleasant change to go back to working daytime hours; although after a long time on shifts my wife says she's not sure about me being around nearly every night and weekend!

I strongly believe in the power and effectiveness of partnership working, both with our communities and local businesses. This Home Watch is a great example of what can be achieved by dedicated, committed people giving of their time and energy to help make our communities safer and stronger.

Please be reassured that I will be looking to build on and encourage the excellent community initiatives already in place and actively seek new opportunities through our Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

Speaking of the SNT, it's encouraging to receive positive reports of local SNT engagement with communities; I see this close relationship very much as a key factor in continuing the progress already made.

The latest crime figures show a healthy reduction in dwelling burglaries, damage and anti social behaviour. Dwelling burglaries in particular have seen 42 fewer crimes reported in the last twelve months, a reduction I am keen to assess and build on.

However I would ask that you don't allow complacency to creep in, always think security. TV's, mobile phones, iPads and smart phones are very popular, and of course cash and jewellery. Remember many new phones can have an app downloaded that activates the internal GPS for

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An area of work that I will be promoting is around shoplifting, a crime that indirectly affects us all; this is not high within East Dorset in terms of volume, it has actually seen a slight reduction in reported offences, but what I am interested in is how we can better prevent and detect those offences that do occur. To this end I will be working closely with the senior management of the larger stores throughout East Dorset.

I am fortunate in having a superb team of Sergeants, Constables, Special Constables, Police Community Support Officers, Police Staff and volunteers working with me and I look forward to what I am sure will be a successful time at East Dorset.

It would be remiss of me to conclude without a word of appreciation and thanks to Alan Setchell who has been acting in the role of Neighbourhood Inspector for the last three months. He in turn has been very ably assisted by Sergeant Richard Partridge, acting as Alan's deputy. It is thanks to the effort and work put in by Alan and Richard that I take over a well performing healthy and happy section. Alan will continue as my deputy and I look forward to working with him in the months ahead.

Finally, East Dorset remains one of the safest and most secure places to live and work in the South, a fact that I intend to reinforce through working with my team and local communities.

Best regards,

Inspector Wayne Nock,
East Dorset Neighbourhood Inspector

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Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch

#### **Vacancy** ~ **Secretary**

There is an immediate vacancy for the post of committee Secretary. The main duties are the taking of minutes at 5 meetings/year, then the distribution of these minutes by email to committee members.

The post would suit a retired person with word processing skills and access to an email account.

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

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# PART NIGHT LIGHTING – and PARKING

The midnight - 5.30am GMT (1am - 6.30am BST) street light switch-off is gradually being introduced across our area.



It is therefore even more important that cars parked in the road are **NOT** parked facing oncoming cars

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#### **HW Street Signs**

We have a few plastic ones available, for use on private land/fences/etc.

Contact the editor, Graham Mallett (see p2).

#### YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

#### Wimborne Town & Leigh Park Safer Neighbourhood Team

#### WELCOME

We would like to welcome PC Ian Curtis to the Wimborne Town and Leigh Park SNT. Ian joined the team back in January and has done a straight swop with PC Stuart Belfield who is now part of the Ferndown SNT.







Natalie Shaw Ian Curtis Matt Brennan

#### COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Wimborne Town and Leigh Park SNT are doing a trial for a Community Speed Watch (CSW). The CSW is community based and provides the opportunity for the public to get involved in conducting speed checks in an area of concern where excess speed is a problem.

The CSW will have a part to play in reducing road casualties, by targeting speed which is one of the fatal four contributory factors. The other three are, Drink Driving, No seat belts, and Distractions whilst driving.

We are currently looking for volunteers to register and join the CSW. You will have training to use the equipment and all equipment will be provided.

If you would like to **volunteer**, please contact one of the Safer Neighbourhood Team via phone or email and we will be happy to provide you with further information.

CSW is a partnership initiative that will operate in this area and is aimed at raising awareness and encouraging speed reduction.

#### DOG FOULING

There has been an increase in the amount of Dog Fouling in the areas around both the local First Schools. We will be working together with the Dog Warden to locate the offenders who refuse to pick up after their dog. Please report any sightings where owners are not picking up after their dog and report it to the Dog Warden at East Dorset District Council.

#### LOST PROPERTY

We have a large box full up of keys. All various shapes and sizes! If you have lost any keys recently in the area, please pop into Wimborne Police Station

> to see if we have your keys. The front desk is open on Wednesdays 10am-6pm, Thursdays 10am-1.30pm and Fridays 10am-6pm.

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**18<sup>th</sup> March** 10-12 Leigh Park Community Centre 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10-12 The Methodist Church, King St 15<sup>th</sup> April 10-12 Leigh Park Community Centre 29th April 10-12 Leigh Park Community Centre

Regards,

Natalie. Ian and Matt.

PC 1503 Ian Curtis PCSO 5461 Natalie Shaw PCSO 5492 Matt Brennan

#### YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS -

#### Colehill & Stour Safer Neighbourhood Team

Over the last couple of months we have been working closely with your committee on a project to take Home Watch into the local schools. Using the



**PCSO** Matt Johnson Steve Brett crime prevention/home security input to the first school pupils. Extolling the virtues of becoming a member of Home Watch, the pupils all had a pack of useful leaflets, including membership and Ringmaster forms, a UV pen and UV torch to enable the children to do some practical crime prevention activities at home. There was also a home security survey with a short written competition on the back

with prizes for the best entries. The prizes

and 'give aways' were all purchased from your Home Watch funds. By the time you are reading this we should have a clearer idea of how successful the project has been but early signs are promising.

Joe Cherrett

We have had reports from one of our local shops that juveniles have been approaching adults on the street outside and asking them to purchase alcohol on their behalf. I would like to remind you that it is an offence to purchase alcohol for a minor. If you are approached by youths then please refuse and if you feel intimidated go into the shop, tell staff and call the police. We have supplied the shops in Colehill with new posters to display, warning people of the offences they commit if they do buy alcohol for juveniles.

Unfortunately thefts from vehicles, particularly small commercial vehicles. continues to be a problem. Recently we have been targeting the owners of these types of vans with crime prevention advice, whether they are resident or visiting the area to work. We have been pushing the use of property marking systems, particularly the UV pens as this is cheap and easy to do. If you or one of your neighbours has a commercial vehicle and would like some security advice then please contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team.

We had the first meeting of our new combined Colehill & Stour Partners And Communities Together (PACT) Panel in January. John Shave, who continued on p7

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

#### \*\*\*\* New Opening Times \*\*\*\*

The police station at Hanham Road, Wimborne, BH21 1AS is normally open Wednesday 10am-6pm, Thursday 10am-1.30pm, Friday 10am-6pm. Please come along and visit Chris.

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

#### Wimborne SNT

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#### Colehill & Stour SNT

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#### Ferndown (Stapehill) SNT

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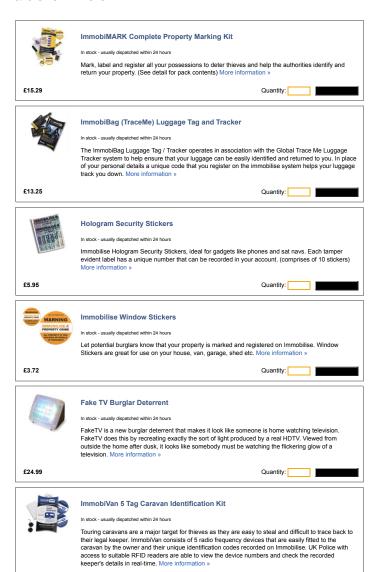
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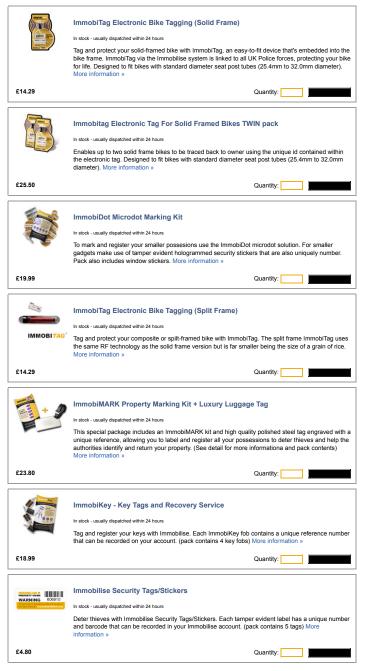
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### Police & Crime Commissioner PUBLIC FORUMS

The Commissioner is keen to establish a number of PCC Forums across Dorset as a means of effectively communicating, consulting and discussing issues with representatives from the local community. It is envisaged that they will be established across each of the local authority areas and be broadly representative of the communities within those areas. In addition, specific Forums with local victims of crime will also be established so that the PCC can hear first hand their experiences of how they have been treated by the police and other agencies within the criminal justice system.

Whilst these Forums will provide the opportunity for the public to provide feedback and to raise specific issues relating to policing, crime and community safety, the PCC also views them as an opportunity to engage communities themselves in helping the police and other agencies to tackle issues and solve problems.

In addition to these Forums, regular Surgeries will also be held across the County where members of the public will be able to meet with him on a one-to-one basis.

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#### Colehill & Stour SNT - continued

had chaired the Colehill PACT Panel for the last five plus years, decided to stand down and the new chair is Councillor Janet Dover. A big thank you to John for his hard work. Home Watch will continue to have an active role on the panel. We meet again mid-April so if you have any issues (policing or otherwise) then let us know and we can bring them to the panel. I cannot guarantee your issue will become a priority but if you do not tell us about it, then it definitely won't!

PC Steve Brett, PCSO Matt Johnson & PCSO Joe Cherrett

**Surgery** - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month 2.30 - 3.30pm, Co-Op, Colehill.

### **Over 50's Information Day**

The Allendale Centre, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013 anytime between 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This is for advice on Crime Prevention, Personal Safety and Quality of Life issues. Various agencies will be available on the day to talk to.

(The lead agency is POPP:)

# 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.

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#### **Harry Homewatch**

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

Snow and ice not only stops vehicles but makes walking a nightmare for older citizens.

Harry fitted into this category, arthritis and a poor sense of balance made going out during a period of snow and ice almost impossible. Even the local supermarket had ceased home deliveries for a few days.

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.

Aring 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 Homewatch 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.

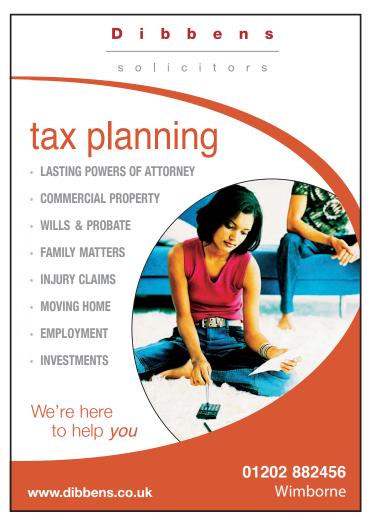
They were returning that neighbourly favour and offered to fetch some groceries for him as they realised he might be having a problem getting out and about.

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

Lets hope that by the time you read this Spring will be here, don't forget to keep those garden tools locked up in the shed when not in use.

Follow Harry in further issues of Home Watch 'Update'.

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# Home Watch membership - it's a great time to (re)join

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If you haven't been asked for your sub please speak to your Contact NOW!

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

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

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

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