

Chairman's Message

Hello again,

Since our last issue there has been some good and some bad news.

First the bad news:

- Two of our PCSOs will be leaving us in the first half of next year
- We still have received no volunteers to join our committee, or help with events – it is never too late though, so PLEASE consider helping out
- Our valued District Community Safety Officer, Martha Perry, has left the Council as a result of their restructuring

The good news is:

- PCSOs Natalie Shaw and Matt Brennan have passed their entrance exams to become Police Officers, initially in Bournemouth. Congratulations to them
- PCSO Matt Johnson is staying, and planning to revert to full-time duties later in the year
- Ex Anti-Social Behaviour Advisor Gavin Barnes is staying in a wider role combining health, wellbeing and community safety
- The long-serving Graham Mallett is continuing with his many roles – coordinator, editor, typesetter, and webmaster for the Association of Dorset Watches (ADW)

Dorset's Deputy Chief Constable James Vaughan will again be addressing the ADW Annual Meeting in October – all Watch members are invited to attend. It will take place in the afternoon of either Wednesday 8th or Tuesday 14th, depending on venue availability. Full details will be sent out when finalised.

Finally, a plea to all recipients of Dorset Alert messages – if you have not already done so, PLEASE 'map' yourselves to your Home Watch scheme. Details of how to do this can be found in 'Latest Messages' on our website or on the ADW website www.nhwdorset.org.uk. Alternatively, seek help via one of your Committee or a neighbour with internet access. Keep WATCHing and be safe.

Best wishes,



John Shave.

Members!

You should receive a new free GREEN membership card with this newsletter. If you did not, please speak to your Contact!

New sponsorship deal

National Neighbourhood Watch and comparethemarket.com reveal special edition logo as movement celebrates 50 year anniversary.

In a bid to bring communities across the nation together, comparethemarket.com has joined forces with Neighbourhood Watch as the movement marks its 50th Anniversary.

Residents of an original Neighbourhood Watch area came together to reveal the first ever revamp to its logo in the charity's history. The visual has been updated to include meerkat favourites Aleksandr and Sergei with the writing updated to 'neighbourhoods watching,' as the meerkats use their cheeky charm to help Neighbourhood Watch attract a wider audience.

More information about the campaign can be seen at www.comparethemarket.com/neighbourhoods



A deputy Co-ordinator is needed for Wimborne Leigh (Area W2)

This area covers the roads off Leigh Road. There are only 6 groups to support in this area.

The deputy will assist by delivering batches of 'Update' quarterly to the 6 Contacts, manage the collection of subs (in 2016!), and other occasional duties.

Contact the Chairman, John Shave M.B.E.

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

Important notice about Dorset Alert 'mapping' - see ** on page 3

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

Update is a quarterly newsletter published by the W&CHW. The Editor welcomes contributions and letters from Watch members but reserves the right to edit as necessary or decline to publish.

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homewatch**

Police messages are now
on **www.dorsetalert.co.uk**

Report from Inspector Wayne Nock



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

Unfortunately there has been a slight increase in the number of thefts from vehicles, with beauty spot car parks a favoured location. I would like to remind you all about the importance of removing any valuable items from your cars, ensuring they are locked and secure and parked, if possible, off the road on driveways or even better in garages.

Some good news that occurred recently was the arrest of 2 males for breaking into cars. The arrests were as a direct result of a local resident's quick thinking in calling the police straight away and providing directions and descriptions.

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

During the school holidays your local SNT officers have been focussing on hotspot patrols, engaging with the younger people in your area to educate and prevent them getting drawn into anti-social behaviour activities that often result during the hot summer evenings. We work with the youth services, voluntary organisations and others to achieve this.

If you see any of the SNT officers about please stop and have a chat with them, we'd love to tell you more about the excellent work our Watches are doing in East Dorset. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our communities and to keep up the high standards set there is an urgent need for more volunteers. If this is something you think you could help and get involved with please speak to anyone from the Watch for more information, it is a rewarding, effective and worthwhile commitment.

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

Kind regards,

Inspector Wayne Nock, East Dorset Neighbourhood Inspector

Messages for Home Watch

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

Call 0844 579 6949

Key in voicemail number 94167

Leave your message then hang up.

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

PAVEMENT PARKING!

Several cars have been ticketed recently for obstructing the pavement. Parking on pavements has been an issue for some time and the Police will take action when a vehicle is causing an obstruction. Parking on the pavement still doesn't allow two cars to pass each other, so there is little point in doing so.



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On the Friday night of this year's Wimborne Folk Festival, 13 Special Constables reported for duty and stood side by side with regular officers and PCSOs and did a fantastic job. As a result of this, we had one of the best Folk Festival Operations of all time, with half the crime reported compared with last year and an enviably low Antisocial Behaviour count.

I'd like to commend my colleagues the East Dorset Special Constabulary and thank them for their unswerving support and hard work.

If you or a friend or family member are interested in becoming a Special Constable, please visit www.dorset.police.uk for more details.

Thanks,

Sgt 760 Tim Travers, Wimborne

Joining Home Watch Makes Home More Desirable to Buyers

New research reveals that over a quarter of Brits are more likely to purchase a house in a Watch area.

New research reveals that 27% of the nation would 'prefer to buy a property signed up to a Watch scheme'. This trend is most prevalent among those living in the South West, where over a third, 34%, agree they'd prefer a property that was part of the movement.

The research was commissioned by comparethemarket.com. It also found that 65% of people agree that neighbourhoods would be stronger if people were encouraged to get to know each other better, instilling a sense of togetherness and reducing crime levels.

Becoming part of Neighbourhood or Home Watch not only helps to create a safer, more connected community but can also have a positive impact on the value of homes and their appeal to buyers.

Helen Phipps, head of home insurance at comparethemarket.com said: "moving into a new home can often be an exciting yet daunting experience. Our research has shown that stronger communities are high on people's agenda when they are looking to move, and so being part of a Watch area can really make a difference."

Jim Maddan Chairman of the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network (England & Wales) said:

"Our number one objective is to bring communities together, to reduce crime and improve our neighbourhoods. We welcome the news that Brits would prefer to buy a property in a Watch scheme and getting involved is very easy to do."

As we celebrate 50 years of stronger neighbourhoods, we've made the decision to rejuvenate our brand by teaming up with comparethemarket.com and changing our iconic logo. We hope this will help widen our appeal further and ultimately bring back a sense of belonging in communities across the country."

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has now replaced Ringmaster

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

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

*** Please make sure you 'MAP' yourself to our Home Watch scheme. Details of how to do this can be found in 'Latest Messages' on our website or on the ADW website www.nhwdorset.org.uk ***

Keyholder Scheme

The Dorset Police Keyholder Scheme has changed.

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

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

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SURGERY MEETINGS

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representative
(Tues/Weds only)

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of the month
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Methodist Church,
King Street

Every other Monday
10.30-11.30
Community Centre,
Leigh Park

First Wednesday
of the month
2.30-3.30
outside the
Co-Op, Colehill.
(weather permitting)

YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Wimborne & Colehill Safer Neighbourhood Team

DORSET ALERT

The new website provides access to messaging and information reporting facilities. It's a free service that enables residents to engage with Dorset Police and Neighbourhood / Home Watch.

To register see page 3. Your information will not be shared with anyone other than the site administrators who have signed an information provider licence and have a nominated Data Controller registered with the information Commissioner's Office in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We will provide information about crime trends, incidents and local issues.



PCSO
Natalie Shaw



PC
Ian Curtis



PCSO
Matt Brennan



PCSO
Matt Johnson

Criminals are targeting Land Rovers in East Dorset

Dorset Police is advising Land Rover owners and the wider community to be extra vigilant after an increase in theft of these types of vehicles.

Between 30 June and 15 August 2014 six Land Rover Defenders, of the models Series 90 and Series 110, have been stolen from the Wimborne and Cranborne areas. Four of these were later discovered abandoned and burnt out.

A 19-year-old man from Blandford has been arrested following an incident of alleged theft of a green Land Rover from an address in Hampreston near Wimborne on 30 June. He has been bailed pending further police enquiries.

Dorset Police would like to remind all vehicle owners of the following crime prevention advice:

- Do not leave your vehicle unattended away from your house/business for any length of time. Choose car parks which are well lit and where there is CCTV.
- Where possible park your vehicle overnight in your garage if you have one.
- Fit an alarm/immobiliser and a tracker if possible. The alarm may not be so effective in a remote location. The immobiliser should prevent them 'hotwiring' the vehicle and the tracker will help locate it if it is stolen.
- Block your vehicle in with other parked cars at your house/business.
- Consider purchasing a steering wheel lock and/or wheel clamps.
- Ensure that keys are not left in the vehicle or somewhere where a thief will easily find them, such as a hook on the wall, or a table in the hallway of your house.
- Report any suspicious people or incidents to the police on 101, or 999 if there is a crime in progress.

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Email: ferndowncommunityoffice@btconnect.com

YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

- Consider security marking your vehicle which will assist police in later identifying any recovered property.
- Do not leave any valuables within your vehicle.

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101, quoting Action number 263172. Alternatively, call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 where mobile phone tariffs may apply.

Weight Restrictions in Wimborne Town Centre

Following an increase in complaints regarding heavy commercial vehicles being driven through the town that were contravening the weight restrictions the police conducted an operation in the area. This was a successful operation with several tickets being issued to drivers. Also local farmers were visited last week to remind them of the restrictions in place.

Dorset Fire & Rescue Service Community Fire Safety Day

This event will be on Willow Walk, Waitrose on Saturday 13th September 2014 between 10am-2pm. We will be supporting the event and bringing the police vehicles and dress up kit.

Please come along to the free family fun day.

Regards, Natalie, Ian, Matt & Matt.

PC 1503 Ian Curtis, PCSO 5461 Natalie Shaw, PCSO 5492 Matt Brennan, PCSO 6788 Matt Johnson

Ferndown Community Office

A new Product List is available at www.ferndowncommunityoffice.org

The main change is the new LED GuardCam, this will be introduced as soon as the old stock is gone (we have 8 left). We had advertised that the new one would be £135 but we have purchased 50 which has brought the price down to £115. Other changes are the Purse Cable which replaces the Purse Chain, which is no longer available, and Bike Marking.

Next PCC Community Engagement Forum:

Thursday 30th October at East Dorset Heritage Centre, Wimborne, 2 - 4pm

National Personal Safety Day - 6th October 2014

The theme this year will be "door 2 door" which explores the risks to personal safety when you travel from one destination to another.

If you need to contact your SNT 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 your local Police ring 101 or use the yellow phone by the front door.

For counter service please go to the Ferndown HQ (Ameysford Road, Ferndown BH22 9HQ)

Wimborne & Colehill SNT

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PCSO Natalie Shaw

PCSO Matt Brennan

PCSO Matt Johnson

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Recent Trading Standards News Releases

Christchurch car dealer prosecuted for selling unroadworthy vehicle

A car dealer who falsely advertised and then sold an unroadworthy car has been prosecuted by Dorset County Council's Trading Standards service. On 8 July, Simon Bentley (24) previously trading as Barrack Road Car Sales, pleaded guilty to one offence of misleading advertising under Consumer Protection Regulations when he stated that the car had one previous keeper from new, when in fact it had had three, and one offence under the Road Traffic Act of selling an unroadworthy car. The court heard that the purchaser had bought the car, a Mercedes Benz C180 for £6,500 in August 2013. He later took the car for an oil change and was told that the anti-roll bar, part of the suspension system, had been removed and also that the car had previously been in an accident.

A complaint was made to Dorset County Council's Trading Standards service and officers discovered that the car had been a category D write-off, but had not been properly repaired. Barrack Road Car Sales had instructed an independent garage to remove the anti-roll bar after problems were discovered with it before the sale. An expert vehicle examiner later reported that the suspension problems, taken together, meant that danger was likely to be caused to any person in the vehicle or on the road. Bentley was fined £250 on each of the two offences and ordered to pay compensation of £4,000, costs of £2,564 and a victim surcharge of £60.

In mitigation Bentley's solicitor stated that he apologised and was new to the car trade at the time of the sale, and had since left the car sales business and now worked with his father.

Martin Thursby, principal Trading Standards Officer for Dorset County Council said: "We always aim to advise traders on what they need to do to stay within the law, and indeed Mr Bentley had been advised on more than one occasion. However, when traders seek an unfair advantage over legitimate traders, we will always take enforcement action."

Trading standards use dogs to sniff out illegal cigarettes

Cigarettes and pouches of tobacco were confiscated during the county-wide 'Operation Henry'.

A total of 2,640 cigarettes and sixteen pouches were seized as part of Dorset County Council's continuing campaign to deal with illegal and illicit tobacco.

Trading Standards and Dorset Police carried out inspections at four premises across the county using sniffer dogs supplied by Wagtails UK.

At one shop Milo, an English Springer spaniel, located the pouches of illegal hand rolling tobacco. While at another the owner volunteered the cigarettes before the dogs were needed. All of the tobacco was labelled in another language and clearly not for the UK market.

Richard Herringshaw, principal Trading Standards Officer, said: "Using sniffer dogs is a first for us and we are pleased with the results. The premises were visited based on intelligence received both directly from the public and from Dorset Police."

Dorset County Council's Cabinet member for community services, Cllr Colin Jamieson, added:

"Provision of illegal tobacco products can have a direct impact on vulnerable young people. I urge anyone who is aware of illegal tobacco to report it to us. They can do it anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111."

Trader advice, as well as posters and leaflets about illegal tobacco, are available from Dorset County Council on 01305 224702 or email tradingstandards@dorsetcc.gov.uk. Further information is at www.stop-illegal-tobacco.co.uk.

Bournemouth drainage business prosecuted for misleading claims

A Bournemouth-based trader has been ordered to pay nearly £4,000 having been prosecuted by Dorset County Council's Trading Standards service for making false claims when advertising his drainage services in a local directory.

On 13 August 2014 Barry Kilduff (33) pleaded guilty to four offences under the The Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.

Kilduff, trading as "Drainrite", placed an advertisement in the BT Phone Book in which he claimed that he did not charge VAT; that he was City and Guilds qualified, and indicating that credit cards could be used for payment. When he was called out by a retired couple from Corfe Mullen, he added VAT to their bill and refused to accept payment by credit card. Trading Standards officers investigated the couple's complaint which revealed that Kilduff did not hold any City and Guilds qualifications, confirmed that some of his advertised claims were false and also that he had failed to give the couple a notice of their statutory right to cancel the contract.

In mitigation for Mr Kilduff, the court heard that he had become registered for VAT the month before the offence and his contract with the company who provided the credit card machine had lapsed. It was also explained that Kilduff thought that a course that he did when he was an apprentice was a City and Guilds course, and that he had heard about cancellation notices but did not realise they were a legal requirement. Kilduff said he had since amended his adverts. Kilduff was fined £750 on each of the four offences, ordered to pay £594 costs to the county council and a £75 victim surcharge: a total of £3,669.

The council's Cabinet member for community services, Cllr Colin Jamieson, said: "To assist consumers in selecting a business they can rely on, and support local businesses wanting to emphasise their commitment to fair trading, the Trading Standards service operates the "Buy With Confidence" approved trader scheme."

Anyone who has concerns about goods or services they have purchased should contact the Citizens Advice consumer service on telephone number 03454 04 05 06. This is the first point of contact for any consumer complaints requiring investigation by Trading Standards officers. For consumers without internet access, Citizens Advice can also help find a trader who is a member of the 'Buy with Confidence' scheme. More information can be found at www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

Due to the lack of volunteers coming forward, I make no apology for repeating this notice! Ed.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – CAN YOU HELP?

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

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

CONTACTS

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

AREA COORDINATORS

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

SHEDUCATION

Sheduction displays are manned jointly by the Police and the Watch. Volunteers demonstrate security products and a small stock is held in the 'shed' for sale. Training is given. Volunteers typically do an event for a couple of hours a month. If you can help please contact Brian Frecknall in the Community Office - see page 4.

COMMITTEE

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

Contact your local Wayfinder(s):

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Nick Hollingworth 07971 338624

Central contact numbers: 01202 946111

Email: wayfindersinfo@helpandcare.org.uk

Info: www.dorsetforyou.com/popp

Harry Homewatch

Lots of positives during the last quarter.

Firstly, the Dorset Alert system, which replaced Ringmaster earlier this year, was now functioning well. Harry had in the past received Ringmaster messages and then had to pass them on to his group members who had Email access. He had encouraged those members to register with Dorset Alert and receive messages directly. Most of his group had done this making Harry's job a little easier.

Secondly, praise for the Wimborne and Colehill Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT).

Rowdy behavior in the small hours, reported by several members, was quickly looked into and resolved.

Then a spate of very aggressive door to door sales people were spoken to and moved out of the area by prompt action again from our SNT.

It shows that if members report problems they will be responded to. Well done everyone!

Harry Homewatch

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Home Watch subs 2014 - 2016

Year-end change to '31st March'

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

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

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

Note that membership is per household, not per person.

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

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

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