

Update

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Restarting the newsletter with this issue....

Welcome back! At last we can get back to normal starting with a reduced issue this time, then the following issue in March, making 2 issues in this financial year. A revised edition of **STAY SAFE** is being distributed at the same time. This has been updated with some new content and revised links, quite a few of which have changed since 2015. The printing was funded by our new PCC



David Sidwick. The updated links and a pdf of the booklet are on www.nhwdorset.org.uk

Treasurer - John Poat

John is retiring - again! Thank you John, for your many years of help. Hopefully you will continue as '*Harry Homewatch*'...

'Update' - printed? or time for online copies?

In the last issue I pointed out that it's currently about 40kg of paper each issue! Time to think about electronic copies?

There was little take-up and to make it worth doing we probably need to cut the print run by around 20%. So.....

Please advise your *Contact* if you can download your copy in future, and provide an email address if you wish to be notified of publication. An advantage of using the online version is that links in the text work!

Contacts – please keep track of which houses no longer need copies delivered, and advise your Co-ordinator of the revised quantity required. Also submit any amendments to the membership details for your group.

NeighbourCar has been taken on by PramaLIFE (below).

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

Do you have any spare time and community spirit? Drivers urgently needed!

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

We give people aged 50+ who are in need of transport affordable door-to-door trips to and from the GP/hospital/dentist/chiropodist/

hairdresser/shops/friends etc.

To find out more telephone Carol Davies – Lead Co-ordinator on 01202 207300 or 07736133445



e-AGM

We have decided not to run a 'physical' AGM, but we still need to approve the accounts and re-elect / elect Officers.

The accounts are simple this year:

Brought forward 1.4.20 £3333.47 Income (3 subs) £6.00 Expenditure £0.00 Balance at 31.3.21 £3339.47

A full copy of the Accounts is on the website.

Motion 1. To approve the Accounts for year ended 31.3.21

The Treasurer, John Poat, is retiring (again!)

The Officers standing are Graham Mallett - Chairman Keith Baker - Vice-Chairman Nigel Bailey FCA - Treasurer

Motion 2. To elect the Officers

To all members, if you wish to vote, please vote by email to homewatchwandc@gmail.com by noon on Friday 8th October as follows:

Motion 1 - For/Against

Motion 2 - For/Against

The result will be posted on the website by 9th October.

Ferndown Watch Community Office reopening soon

Check www.ferndowncommunityoffice.org for the latest news.

ADW AGM

on 15th October at the Hamworthy Club with Chief Constable Scott Chilton

Registration and agenda will be on www.nhwdorset.org.uk

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John Poat (Treasurer)

(retiring at the AGM)

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

Next copy deadline: 24th Feb

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Association of Dorset Watches
www.nhwdorset.org.uk

Wimborne & Corfe Mullen Neighbourhood Policing Team

Sergeant Dave Bowler has joined the team

Sergeant Tim Travers has moved into the operational planning team following 10 years supervising the Neighbourhood Policing Team for the East Dorset Urban area. Sergeant Dave Bowler replaced Tim in May 2020.

Sergeant Bowler has worked in Neighbourhood Policing roles as a Police Community Support Officer in Poole, a constable in both the Metropolitan Police and in Dorset and as a Sergeant on response policing and Neighbourhood Policing prior to taking up his current role. He says "On reflection, the last 12 months has been a strange one for us all. I am glad to report that crime is down both in our area www.police.uk/pu/your-area/dorset-police/east-dorset-urban/ and for Dorset Police as a whole. The Neighbourhood Policing Team have been working hard throughout the pandemic to tackle our priorities of anti-social behaviour, disruption of county lines drug dealing and rural crime. You can find updates on our progress on our website www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/east-dorset-urban/

A few highlights to mention are the use of criminal behaviour orders to exclude 4 repeat offenders from the area resulting in a significant drop in crime, and working with our partners in housing and Dorset Council using civil powers to obtain anti-social behaviour injunctions, closure orders and community protection notices in robust action against persistent perpetrators of anti-social behaviour.

As the pandemic eases we will be resuming our public facing community engagements. Please keep an eye out on our website or Facebook for forthcoming events we will be attending, we'd love to hear your views."

Update on an NPT priority – Anti-Social Behaviour

'To Disrupt and Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) with a focus on Youth related ASB and Hotspots'.

It is still a top priority for East Dorset Urban and Rural Neighbourhood Policing Teams, along with our patrol Teams to support Dorset Police's IMPACT Team (Integrated Missing Person and Child Exploitation Team) and partner agencies, to protect children and young people at risk of ASB & vulnerability. Recent trends include underage drinking, drug misuse and associated ASB and Disorder at identified Hotspots utilising the Victim, Offender, Location, Time (VOLT) Policing Model. We are aware that ASB adversely affects people who live within our



Sgt 2919 Dave Bowler



PC 1757 Julia Ratcliffe



PCSO 5467 Julia Saunders



PCSO 7126 Lorraine Potter



PCSO 5384 Neal Rooke







communities, working in collaboration with our partners we will explore possible solutions.

With the help of our communities we will identify vulnerable people who may be susceptible to becoming a victims of ASB and this will help to us to inform, reassure and signpost them for the appropriate support. As well as targeting the offenders.

Your Neighbourhood Policing Teams welcome any information or support from the public and local community. Please continue to report incidents to us on line, on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Further Update – July 2021:

We have continued patrolling hotspot areas and dealt with ASB using appropriate and proportionate actions. Our partner agencies have increased Youth Out Reach and we will continue to work with them throughout the summer to protect children, young people and people at risk of exploitation.

Wimborne and Ferndown NPTs have applied to the courts for 4 Criminal Behaviour Orders, which have been deemed appropriate by the courts and awarded. These measures continue to have the positive impact of reducing both ASB and crime committed by these individuals and helped to reduce distress to the local communities. This was achieved through speaking to and listening to our communities, gaining their trust that we will take action against offenders and support them as victims.

Theft of Catalytic Converters is still an issue....

There has been an increase in the number of catalytic converters being stolen, with Hondas and Toyotas typically being targeted. If possible, park with the rear of your vehicle close to fences, walls, or a kerb, or keep your vehicle in your garage. Alternatively, aim to park in a well-lit and well populated area. If you have been a victim, please report this to Dorset Police via our website, or by emailing or calling 101. Please always call 999 if a crime is in progress.

Restraining animals in cars

A friend who "bumped" a car recently was told her insurance was null and void because her dog was not secured or strapped in, so could have proved a distraction to the driver. Please pass this on, especially to the many new dog owners during the pandemic. Heather.

Wimborne & C/Mullen NPT

PC Julia Ratcliffe PCSOs Julia Saunders, Lorraine Potter, Chloe Candy, Neal Rooke

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Facebook: East Dorset Police Twitter: @EastDorsetPol

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

The counter at Wimborne Police Station 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)

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

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Harry Homewatch

Hopefully Covid will fade into history and things may get back to some sort of normality soon, as such I'll say no more about it.

By the time you read this the weather will have settled down but with Autumn just around the corner the reduced daylight hours always encourages the criminal element.

In the past, at this time of year there is usually a spate of garage and shed thefts. Patently you should lock these outbuildings for security. You can also obtain shed alarms from the Community Office. If however you are a victim, put some thought to marking your more valuable tools. This will allow the police to identify the owner in the event that they are recovered.

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 dashcams. In the case of dashcams 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 rest of the summer but try and out-think the criminal element. During lock down, one of my group had a break-in thwarted by a bathroom cabinet partly blocking the window they were trying to get into.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer, *Harry "John Poat" Homewatch*.

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Keyholder Scheme

This registration scheme is under review, so you cannot update your details if you have registered previously.

Check our website for news about the scheme.

-- Home Watch subs -- 2020-2024

The 'nominal' sub remains at £1 per year. However:As of 1st April 2020, **Existing** members were eligible for free renewal and received a new membership card valid until **31st March 2024. NEW MEMBERS** (or lapsed members) pay £2 and receive the new card, valid till 31st March 2024.

Note that membership is per household, not per person.

To join contact Graham Mallett at g@gpmcs.co.uk; talk to your Neighbourhood Policing Team officers; or speak to your local WCHW Area Coordinator or Contact.

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