

Chairman's Message

Hi everyone,

It's Spring! My perennial request for volunteers:- several roads have lost their Contact in the past year - if you've lost your Contact please consider coming forward - it doesn't take much time:

- Deliver the 'Update' newsletter #
- collect subscriptions (rare! renewals in 2024 are likely to be free again for the next 4 years)
- join up new neighbours.

I plan to publish 2 issues of 'Update' a year for the time being - the next 'Copy Date' is always on our website.

Election of Officers

As usual I invite anyone interested in standing for Chair/ Vice Chair to send in a nomination, see right. Surely someone wants to give it a go! We are also looking for a Distribution Co-ordinator to assist just twice a year. >p3



VOLUNTEER WITH DIVERSE ABILITIES

Why not spend your free time joining us at some of the best events across the county including Camp Bestival, Grooves on the Green, Poole Harbour Festival and more.

We're always on the hunt for volunteers to join our team so whether you can give a few hours or a few days, we want to hear from you. It's a great way to meet new people, get out and about in the community, boost your CV, and improve your mental health and wellbeing.

TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT
DIVERSEABILITIES.ORG.UK/VOLUNTEER

e-AGM

We are holding an 'e-vote' to approve the accounts and elect Officers for the next 2 years.

We expect to end the year to 31st March with funds of around £3,200. A full copy of the Accounts will be on the website by mid-April.

Motion 1. To approve the Accounts for year ended 31.3.23

Election of Officers. Nominations are welcome and should be received by 14th April to homewatchwandc@gmail.com

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

See our website after 15th April for any changes to those standing for election

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 Wednesday 10th May as follows:

Motion 1 - For/Against

Motion 2 - For/Against

The result will be posted on our website by 12th May.

Association of Dorset Watches AGM

Wednesday 23rd May

Registration, tea & coffee from 2pm

**Hamworthy Club (Main Hall), Magna Road,
Canford Magna BH21 3AP**

Free parking • Fully accessible

*Further details about Speakers will be sent out on **Dorset Alert** nearer the time*

All Dorset Residents Welcome

East Dorset Crime Prevention Panel

The EDCPP has been dormant for 3 years but is now active again and I have been appointed as Chairman. The Panel consists of the 'Chairs' of all the Watches in East Dorset, the Police Inspector, and Dorset Council's Community Safety Officer.

One of the more recognisable things we used to do was 'Sheduction'. Unfortunately the shed is no more, but we will be attending local events with a table top display of information and will be selling security products from the stock of the Ferndown Watch Community Office, which is now closed on MONDAYS. If you need products in the meantime see their ad on page 4. The Products List is printed on pages 5-6 to cut out and fold.

Police Liaison

On a related note, Amanda Anderson is our new Police Liaison (actually 'Resilient Communities Coordinator') for Dorset County. We'll be working with her across the East Dorset area.

Wimborne PACT Panel

Colehill now comes under Wimborne & District PACT ('Partners and Communities Together') with reps Graham Mallett and John Shave.

Wimborne NeighbourCar

They are looking for a new Co-ordinator to take over the role/s of allocator and scheduler, either separate roles or as one role. See their ad below.

Go green....!

Current and previous issues of *Update* are always on www.colehill.gov.uk/homewatch

To 'go paperless' in future and be notified when a new issue is published instead of having a paper copy. please advise your Contact.

Graham Mallett, Chairman.

Government Emergency Alerts system is being trialled

The government's new Emergency Alerts system is being tested and will be live soon – you should expect to receive a test message. The system will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger.

It will be used to warn you in the event of emergencies, such as severe flooding. Emergency Alerts are sent to all compatible mobile phones within an area of risk. They don't track your location, need your phone number, or collect personal data.

Only the government and the emergency services will be able to send them. If you don't have a mobile phone, you'll still be kept informed through other channels.

If you get an Emergency Alert on your phone, you'll hear a loud, siren-like sound. A message on your screen will tell you about the emergency and how best to respond. You'll be able to check an alert is genuine at gov.uk/alerts.

If you receive an alert, read the alert carefully and follow the instructions. You can opt out of receiving emergency



All that glitters...

Posts on social media that promise quick money or free goods look too good to be true. They are.

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Don't respond, and don't share the ads.

99p

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Report all scams and frauds to Action Fraud online at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040



DORSET POLICE

alerts; for more information on how to opt out or to find out more please go to gov.uk/alerts.

Buy Safe

- Only shop at reputable retailers, as not only does this increase the likelihood that the product will be safe, but it also means that you will be entitled to a refund if there is a fault.
- Don't always trust online reviews, these can easily be faked.
- Look for the UKCA mark on products such as toys, electrical goods and cosmetics. This ensures that the product has been tested to comply with safety standards.
- Make sure toys and other goods are suitable for children by checking the age range of the item, and never leave a child unattended with a toy that contains small parts.
- Ensure that any item that uses button batteries has a lockable battery compartment.
- Do not buy fakes or counterfeits, it funds criminality, can be poor value for money and is a serious potential safety risk.

If you have seen or have bought something that you think is unsafe, then report it to Trading Standards, by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 2231133.

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/chiropractor/hairdresser/shops/friends etc.

We are also looking for a new Co-ordinator to take over the role/s of allocator and scheduler, either separate roles or as one role.

To find out more telephone

Carol Davies – Lead Co-ordinator
on 01202 207300 or 07736133445

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www.dorset.police.uk

**[www.dorsetalert
.co.uk](http://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!

Please make sure you 'MAP' yourself to your Home Watch scheme so that you receive all messages relevant to your area.

Wimborne & Ferndown Neighbourhood Policing Team

Wimborne & Colehill Report

The Team's operational priorities remain the tackling Anti-social behaviour (ASB), burglary, rogue traders and distraction crimes.

Anti-social Behaviour

PS Payne explains that most local ASB is perpetrated by the younger generation riding e-scooters, skateboards, bikes and causing a 'general nuisance' around premises and at car parks – Redcotts, Olivers Park and Leigh Park areas etc.

The NPT maintains more patrols in these places to engage with persistent offenders; often words of caution are all that is necessary.

For those who do not respond to advice, the NPT initiates the Community Consequence Scheme involving parents, who often are unaware of their children's behaviour, and other relevant agencies.

There are three stages:

1. A letter sent from Dorset Police to parents. This is generally all that's needed.
2. A visit by an NPT officer to the family home.
3. Invoking sanctions such as ASB Dispersal Orders

(Where the police have powers to break up groups of causing a nuisance, harassment or distress). PS Payne remarked that the Scheme has a very high compliance rate and rarely requires Stage 3.

The Police have further powers should it be necessary, including legal injunctions, Community Protection Notices (CPN), and in Dorset the 'Community Trigger' through which victims of ASB can request a review of their case and bring agencies together to take a joined up, problem solving approach to find a solution.

Feedback

If you would like to feed into our local priorities, you can do this via our NPT Priority Survey at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/countynews

You can find all our NPT priorities listed at www.dorset.police.uk/NPT

The NPT are working in conjunction with schools, >p7



Sgt 1309
Steve Payne



PC 1757
Julia Ratcliffe



PC 2931
Kevin Miller



PCSO 5923
Nikki Sykes



Community Office – Products

Products available do change - please check before visiting - the latest list is on :

www.ferndowncommunityoffice.org

The Ferndown Watch Community Office

Pennys Walk, Ferndown BH22 9TH

(located next to the Day Centre in coach tours office)

Open TUESDAY – Friday

from 10.00 until 12.00

(closed on Mondays till further notice)

Phone no. 01202 894242

Email: ferndowncommunityoffice@btconnect.com

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50p each

The Ferndown Watch Community Office is situated in Pennys Walk, Ferndown

All items are subject to availability, prices as at 31 January 2023

We are open Tuesday to Friday from 10.00 until 12.00

Website www.ferndowncommunityoffice.org

Please note that some of the security items for sale do not have a Police security accreditation so Watches do not take any legal responsibility for these products.

* Items marked as *Free to Watch members* means one per member of East Dorset Watches.

NOW OPEN
TUESDAYS-FRIDAYS
10.00 - 12.00



FERNDOWN WATCH COMMUNITY OFFICE PRODUCT LIST

AVAILABLE FROM 31 JANUARY 2023



LED GUARDCAM

Home security

Detects intruders, floodlights the area, captures 60,000 stills or 750 videos, issues an audible warning

£115.00 per unit



ALARMED PADLOCK

Perimeter Security

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£11.00 per unit



MOTION SENSOR ALARM

Now with remote control

Ideal as a shed/garage/caravan alarm, can also be used indoors

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WEATHERPROOF PADLOCK

Security

Steel laminated body, double locking, hardened steel, chrome plated shackle 40mm

£5.00 per unit

BATTERIES



LR44 £1 per strip
CR2032 £1 per strip
312 £2 per strip



BATTERIES



PP3 £1.50 each
AA 50p each
AAA 50p each



WINDOW VIBRATION ALARM

Protect your windows

Self adhesive tape and warning sticker, batteries included, fits any window or patio door

£3.00 per unit



PURSE CHAIN

Protect your purse

Connects your purse to your bag. This popular item is now back in stock, but with no trolley token

Free to Watch members *



KEY SAFE

Keep a spare key outside your home

Combination code, Police approved, Neighbourhood Watch can arrange fitting

£48.00 per unit



COMPOSTABLE BAGS

For food waste

For use in your food waste bin, available in rolls of 25 bags

£2 per roll



BIKE MARKING

Helps keep your bike safe

Tamper proofs labels and registration on the National Bike Register, tracks stolen bikes back to owners.

£5.00 per bike

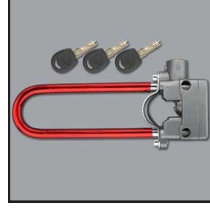


CYCLE PADLOCK ALARM

Secure your cycle or tools

Similar to Alarmed Padlock but with a longer reach enabling cycle to be attached to a safe point.

£8 per unit



CYCLE D LOCK

Protect your bicycle

Supplied with bracket to make it easy to transport, made from hardened steel

£8.00 per unit



BIKE OR SCOOTER ALARM

Protect your vehicle

Detects movement and sounds 130 dBs alarm if your bike or scooter is moved, key operated.

£5.00 per unit



SIGNAL BLOCKER

Protect your electronic car fobs

Criminals can steal your car using electronic data, this device protects your fob, and also stops you using your mobile phone when driving

£3 per unit



PANIC ALARM

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council, housing associations and other departments to deal with issues that surround the local area and as a result plan several community engagements, some involving our partners, every month.

These engagements are advertised on the East Dorset Police Facebook and Instagram websites.

If you have any concerns or questions for the Team, please do not hesitate to contact the team either by 101 or email to

WimborneColehill-NPT@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk

Crime Stats

Wimborne & Colehill NPT is part of East Dorset Urban NPT, you can find lots of information regarding:

- Local Crime Stats & interactive Map
- Stop and Search Locations
- Statistics
- Our Policing Priorities

on the new East Dorset Urban Section of the Police.uk website – go to www.police.uk and select your area to search 'East Dorset Urban'.

Find us on social media

You can find information, crime prevention advice and much more on our social media channels at
Facebook @EastDorsetPolice
Instagram eastdorsetpolice
Twitter @EastDorsetPol



AskNED is a Non-Emergency Directory is a service that combines the questions that members of the public have asked with contact details of those that can help.

AskNED @
www.dorset.police.uk/askNED

Crime Statistics – Wimborne

2022	OCT	NOV	DEC
Crime occurrences	54	49	40
ASB occurrences	8	5	5
Total occurrences	62	54	45
Details:			
Burglary non-dwelling	3	0	0
Burglary dwelling (inc attempted)	0	2	1
Criminal damage	9	5	6
Drugs	1	2	0
Fraud	0	2	1
Other notifiable crime	1	3	2
Sexual Offences	4	0	0
Theft	7	10	8
Vehicle Crime	7	4	0
Violence – More Serious	1	1	1
Violence Less Serious	21	20	21

Crime Statistics – Colehill

2022	OCT	NOV	DEC
Crime occurrences	21	15	26
ASB occurrences	0	1	0
Total occurrences	21	16	26
Details:			
Burglary non-dwelling	3	3	0
Burglary dwelling (inc attempted)	2	0	1
Criminal damage	0	2	3
Drugs	0	0	2
Fraud	0	0	0
Other notifiable crime	1	0	1
Sexual Offences	1	1	1
Theft	1	5	6
Vehicle Crime	1	1	0
Violence – More Serious	0	0	0
Violence Less Serious	12	3	12

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

Wimborne & C/Mullen NPT

PCs Julia Ratcliffe, Kevin Miller
PCSO Nikki Sykes

WimborneColehill-NPT@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk

Facebook: East Dorset Police

Twitter: @EastDorsetPol

DC www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Karen Graham, Community Safety Officer: karen.graham@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

Wimborne & District PACT Panel

'Partners and Communities Together'

Home Watch reps:

John Shave shave.jf@gmail.com

Graham Mallett

homewatchwandc@gmail.com

Home Watch, Police, DC Safety Officer, local councillors and agencies plus voluntary organisation reps meet to address issues. If you have an issue concerning your neighbourhood you would like the Panel to address, contact your local Councillor or email your rep.

Councillors

Councillors who are on Town or Parish Council in addition to being a member of Dorset Council :

Colehill & Wimborne East Ward:

cllrjanet.dover@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Wimborne Minster Ward:

cllrshane.bartlett@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



Cyber crime can affect us all

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For more information visit
cybersafe.dorset.police.uk



Harry Homewatch

By the time you read this Spring should be arriving. As is our habit at this time of the year we all start to work outdoors tidying up from the ravages of the past winter. However do be cautious. If you are working in the front of your property and it is time for a well earned cuppa, do not leave garden tools, either hand or power, unattended for any length of time. Certainly never leave such things outside overnight. These Items are easily disposed of at car boot sales!

Also keep those garden tools locked up in the shed or garage when not in use. There have been burglaries in the past where a garden spade was used to open French windows.

Conversely when working at the back of your property make sure the front door and any windows are secure. It only takes a few minutes to remove something through an unsecure opening.

Do also watch out for bogus gardeners calling door to door. They will not have third party insurance or use proper tools. Do check that they are willing to give you a written quote, you can then cancel within 14 days. Check their business name, if they have one, this may be on Checkatrade or similar site. If you do not wish to give them work ask them to leave, preferably with a

witness present. If they do return in the future you should call the Police.

Ever the optimist, so here's looking forward to the coming sunny months!

Follow Harry in further issues of **Update**. *Harry Homewatch*, contact John Poat (davidpoat2@gmail.com).

National Neighbourhood Watch Week

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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.

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 7); 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.

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