

Hi everyone,

I'm trying out an 'online' edition of **Update** this time. If you know anyone who needs a paper copy let your Contact know, also a black copy will be available on the website to download & print.

Updated links for the Stay Safe booklet (and a pdf download) are at eastdorsetcommunities.org.uk/stay-safe

Year end 31st March - Street Contacts are reminded to notify details of any membership changes to their Co-ordinators ASAP.

PramaLIFE 'NeighbourCar' - Volunteer Drivers Needed

Do you have any spare time? Would you be willing to become a volunteer driver? To find out more contact Carol Davies, Lead Co-ordinator, on 01202 207300 / 07736 133445.

Authorised Push Payment (APP) Fraud

APP fraud happens when you are tricked by a criminal, into sending money by bank payment, to another account. You authorise the payment for this fraud. This is not the same as unauthorised fraud on your account, for example when someone accesses your account using a stolen card. APP fraud includes bank payments online and mobile banking, at your branch or by telephone banking.

Common types of APP fraud include:

- Purchase fraud, where criminals pretend to sell things that don't exist.
- Impersonation fraud, where criminals claim to be someone from a bank, the police or another trusted organisation to steal money.
- Investment fraud, where you are convinced to move your money into a fictitious fund or to pay for what later turns out to be a fake investment.
- Romance fraud, when criminals use a fake dating profile to start a relationship with you and then ask for money.
- Invoice fraud, where fraudsters send false invoices.

If you have lost money in an APP fraud, tell your bank as soon as you realise it has happened. Up to £85,000 of your money could be protected and reimbursed to you, however you will always need to show that you have been careful when making payments. You should follow any advice and warnings given by your bank. You won't be protected if you acted with a significant degree of carelessness, unless you are deemed to be vulnerable.

Other situations where you would not be covered include: payments sent overseas; civil disputes, e.g. if you've paid a genuine retailer or business but you aren't happy with their product or service.

If you have been affected by a scam, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133. All calls are then reported to Trading Standards.

For more information visit www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/app-guide

Community Office – Products

All Products HALF PRICE (subject to min £1 spend)

For details and a product list, click the 'Ferndown Watch Community Office' link at www.eastdorsetcommunities.org.uk

The Ferndown Watch Community Office

The Barrington, Pennys Walk, Ferndown BH22 9TH
01202 894242 Mon – Fri 10.00 - 12.30

**Closing down
HALF PRICE
SALE
(finishes end June)**

e-AGM

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

A copy of the Accounts will be on the website by 28th April

Motion 1. To approve the Accounts for year ended 31.3.2025

Election of Officers. Nominations are welcome and should be received by 12th 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 12th 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 14th May as follows:

Motion 1 - For/Against

Motion 2 - For/Against

The result will be posted on our website by 17th May

WCHW Subs 2024 – 2028

The 'nominal' sub remains at £1 per year. However :-

EXISTING members with blue '2024' cards are eligible for free renewal until **31st March 2028** using the 'extension card' printed in the previous issue.

NEW members (or lapsed members) pay **£2** and receive a new white card, valid till **31st March 2028**.

Note that membership is per household, not per person.

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**DORSET
POLICE**

www.dorset.police.uk

**Have you
signed up for
[www.dorsetalert
.co.uk](http://www.dorsetalert.co.uk)**

Dorset Alert is a community messaging system operated by Dorset Police

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



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

Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch

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Editor: g@gpmcs.co.uk

**[www.colehill.gov.uk/
homewatch](http://www.colehill.gov.uk/homewatch)**

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

We are a member of the Association of Dorset Watches

Wimborne & Ferndown Neighbourhood Policing Team

Wimborne & Colehill Report

We are aware of concerns regarding shoplifting and Anti-Social Behaviour in the Wimborne & Colehill area. As a result three youths have been recently dealt with for several offences and are going through the Criminal Justice System as we speak.

We have been working closely with the Youth outreach services and have completed targeted patrols in Wimborne & Colehill. We have completed several engagements in the area and have listened to the local residents' concerns.

We have had an increase in theft of vehicles and theft from vehicles regionally over the past few months. As a result we have recently completed a Tool Marking Engagement. This was in conjunction with a local Home Watch where we offered advice on tool marking and showed demonstration products on security for both home and vehicles. If anyone would like advice, please do not hesitate to contact the team.

We have completed two Warrants whereby a quantity of drugs and weapons were seized and are looking at completing several more in the future. These warrants are as a result of the intelligence that we are getting from the local community and other intelligence we collate through other means. If anyone has any information or concerns re drug related activity please let us know.

We have recently seized two vehicles that were used in crime and have been working with Dorset Council Waste Department regarding fly tipping, where several other vehicles being used have been seized.

We have also assisted with Warrants involving Trading Standards and the Serious Organised Crime Unit.

You can find recent crime statistics on our website www.police.uk/pu/your-area/dorset-police/east-dorset-urban

If anyone has any questions or concerns, or you need to report a crime, please either contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, or 'Report...' online on the Dorset Police website www.dorset.police.uk or 999 in an emergency.

Sergeant 1309 Steven PAYNE

East Dorset Neighbourhood Policing Team, Wimborne and Ferndown
Wimborne&colehill@dorset.pnn.police.uk or phone 101.

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



Sgt 1309
Steve Payne



PC 2931
Kevin Miller



PCSO 5923
Nikki Sykes

'Informed Community' Phase 2

East Dorset and North Bournemouth Crime Prevention Panels have launched a new phase to promote MySaferDorset, MySaferBournemouth, and Dorset ALERT. Scan the QR code to go to the Dorset ALERT website to join up.

Window stickers are available on request to your Contact.

This project is supported by the Police & Crime Commissioner David Sidwick, and Dorset Police



My Safer Dorset
The Reporting & Supporting Information Gateway



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