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Neighbourhood News

ABERGAVENNY NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM – Castle

Sept/Oct 2010

YOUR WARD OFFICERS



PCSO Rhianna Price

Useful Numbers

Neighbourhood Team: **01495 233917**

Emergency: **999**

Non-Emergency
101

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111

Write to us

Abergavenny Police Station
Tudor Road
Abergavenny
NP7 5YL

Go online

www.gwent.police.uk

send us an email

abergavenny@gwent.pnn.police.uk

You can also:

- Pop in to the station
- Stop for a chat when you see us out and about on patrol

TACKLING YOUR ISSUES

The Monmouthshire Neighbourhood Policing Team is working with partners to tackle the issues that you have raised as a part of PACT.

Following the last Monmouthshire Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT) meeting, the Neighbourhood Policing Team has been working with partners to address the following priorities:

YOU SAID: Anti-social behaviour of youngsters at Castle Meadows

WE DID:

We became aware that youths were congregating down at Castle Meadows, drinking alcohol, causing a nuisance and destroying the area by building campfires and dropping litter.

We have increased our patrols to show that we will not tolerate this sort of anti - social behaviour. We have contacted the youth offending team who will be clearing the river bank of all of the rubbish and broken glass. We have also planned operations which will run throughout the summer to tackle underage drinking and anti - social behaviour in the area and we will update you of these results in the future.

See the story on page 3 about our anti-social behaviour operation!

For your updated PACT priorities, monthly updates on your ward area and further information on your neighbourhood policing team - please visit our website www.gwent.police.uk and enter in your postcode.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN ABERGAVENNY?

Thanks for your help...

On 18th June a resident of Croesonen reported seeing 2 males breaking into a garage. Due to his quick reactions of calling the police and taking a picture of the suspects, the police were able to trace these males, with the property and arrest them! We just wanted to say thank-you and please keep these calls coming in to help us fight crime and keep your streets safe!

Happy Shopping!

On 18th June we carried out an operation with the town centre shops to raise staff awareness about the security of shop stock and personal belongings, as well as getting all the shops to communicate through the store-net radio system. The operation was a great success with all stores working together to identify suspicious individuals. We would like to say a big thank you to all stores that participated.

OWL (Online Watch Link) is a way for police & communities to utilise the potential of Neighbourhood Watch, School Watch, Business Watch and many other watch schemes.



The system is due to be launched in Monmouthshire around September 2010. OWL provides the opportunity to send out the latest messages and crime alerts to all members of the community signed up to the scheme by email, phone message or text. In addition to the two way communication methods other key features include:-

- Display of contact information for their street coordinator, area coordinator, ward coordinator.
- Shows local police station, Neighbourhood Police officer/PCSO and their office/mobile number if available, and links to local NHW and local & county police websites.
- A "Fix My Street" application that allows watch members to easily report problems to local councils such as broken street lights and paving stones, graffiti, etc. The most recent reports submitted to their council are displayed with a map showing the exact location of the problem. This feature helps improve quality of life in communities and councils are actively supporting it in other areas of the Country.
- Crime Maps - Compliments and builds on existing crime mapping provided by Gwent Police. The charts exclusively created for OWL use the latest official crime data to provide a visual comparison of crime across districts putting local data into context offering the public a better understanding.
- "Where is my nearest..." provides a list of local professional services that may be required after an incident. Details are shown with an interactive map to show the location of nearby doctors, electricians, glaziers, locksmiths, plumbers, etc.

If you're interested in signing up to OWL, please contact us in the Neighbourhood Office.

Anti-social behaviour crack down in Abergavenny

On Thursday 15th and Friday 16th July we targeted off road bikes and underage drinking.

On Thursday, officers focussed on off road bikes and anti-social driving throughout Abergavenny. The aim of the operation was to seize any illegal bikes but also to speak to young people and drivers about the impact that their behaviour has on the community.

Police Community Support Officer Craig Gadd who organised the operation said, "Our local communities have told us that off road bikes are a concern for them and we wanted to make it clear to illegal and anti-social drivers that their behaviour is unacceptable."

A total of 5 bikes were seized and one young person was given a final warning for driving without a helmet. Other drivers stopped have been summoned to appear in court for a variety of driving offences.

On the second day of the operation, officers focussed on underage drinking on Castle Meadows and the Cattle Market. Police Constable Ruth Hanney led the operation. She explained, "As it was the last day of school we wanted to stop any problems before they took place."

Forty young people were stopped and spoken to and 45 cans and bottles of alcohol were seized.

PC Hanney added, "Over the last year, our anti-social behaviour levels in Monmouthshire have decreased by 12% but we are working hard to decrease anti-social incidents even further."



L – PC's Ruth Hanney and Mal John with some two of the seized bikes

R – A sample of the alcohol seized

60 Seconds with your inspector



Inspector Mike Boycott is responsible for the Neighbourhood Teams in Abergavenny that work to tackle the issues in your communities.

When did you join the police?

3rd January 1984 based at Cwmbran

Why did you join the police? I sort of fell into it, my neighbour was a Sergeant and suggested I give it a go and the rest is history.

What do you enjoy most about your job? I enjoy the variety; no two days are the same.

What's the best advice anyone has ever given you? Recognise when you have made a mistake and learn from it.

NEW WEBSITE

Caught Speeding- got a ticket? Want advice on driving safely?

Visit the Go Safe Website – a new website designed to educate and advise motorists in all aspects of road safety!



www.gosafe.org

Be Aware - Beat the Burglar Campaign... Brought to you by Gwent Police - Summer 2010

For more information visit: www.gwent.police.uk

FIND THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET

Your area has a dedicated information page on our website and contains information about the latest priorities, how to get in touch and when meetings are being held.



You can also follow us on:

twitter.com/gwentpolice or search for us on Facebook



How you can access support

Victim support helps local residents cope with the effects of crime.

If you have been a victim or witness you can contact victim support on their national telephone support line.

0845 30 30 900

How to make a complaint

We want you to be completely satisfied with the service we provide. However, if you're not happy, we'll work with you to resolve things. If you would like to make a complaint, please contact any Inspector or Sergeant at a station of your choice who will take the matter forward on your behalf or you can also dial **101**.

COME AND TALK TO US...

Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT) meetings are intended to give you an opportunity to highlight the community issues that are having an impact on your quality of life and to assist in deciding which issues are dealt with as priorities. It is not a surgery to discuss individual issues or concerns. Your neighbourhood policing team holds Police surgeries separately. The meetings also give you the opportunity to get to know your local officer.

YOUR NEXT PACT PANEL MEETING: Monday 22nd November at 6pm

YOUR NEXT POLICE SURGERY DATES:

Monday 6th September, Parc Pen y Fal Street Surgery, 1pm

Thursday 9th September, Heol Hamelin & Clos Durand Street Surgery, 10am

Monday 13th September, Ysbytty Fields & Plas Derwen Street Surgery, 1pm