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Neighbourhood News

St Kingsmark Ward, Lower Wye Neighbourhood Policing Team Aug/Sept 2010

Your Neighbourhood Officers



PC Louise Thorpe

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You can contact us in many ways....

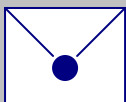


Emergency: 999
Non Emergency: 101
Direct Line: 01633 642068

NB: As we are usually out on patrol you may be required to leave a message if you call our direct line. We will respond to this within 24 hours.



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Moor Street
Chepstow
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You can also:

- > pop in to the station
- > stop for a chat when you see us out and about on patrol

Making a PACT

We have recently been out and about speaking to local residents about the crime and anti-social behaviour issues that are affecting them.....

WE ASKED....

“What is the main issue that you would like Police and Partners to tackle in your neighbourhood?”

YOU SAID....

- 1 Parking issues in Woolpitch
- 2 Illegally parking in Mount Way
- 3 Speeding along St Lawrence Road (A466)

WE DID....

Parking issues in Woolpitch

The area of Woolpitch Wood has been adopted by Monmouthshire County Borough Council which means that if your vehicle is parked illegally or is causing an unnecessary obstruction, you will now be prosecuted. A leaflet is being delivered to the residents who are affected by this change. There is currently an enforcement campaign running in the area where by any vehicles who is seen to be parked illegally will be issued with a fixed penalty fine of either £30 or £60. In relation to parking on the footpaths, four warnings have been issued in the month of May to the owners of vehicles who have been found to be parking on the footpath and causing an obstruction. Vehicles that are found to be obstructing the footpaths (including the “aesthetically pleasing” areas) will also be issued with fixed penalty tickets as part of the current enforcement campaign.

Meet your Neighbourhood Officers

We are always out and about in the area but if you would like to discuss any local issues you can find us at.....

**Chepstow Community Hospital
PACT Meeting
Tuesday 19th October
11am**

**Tuesday 10th August
St Kingsmark Park
12pm**

**Wednesday 8th September
The Dell Primary School
Carpark
3pm**

Please contact us in the Neighbourhood Office if you would like to fill out a PACT questionnaire which tells us what issues concern you the most in your neighbourhood. We can then focus on these priorities over the next few months.

Illegally parking in Mount Way

This is an extension of the parking issues that were occurring in and around The Dell Primary School, which were causing problems for residents in Mount Way. Several parking tickets have already been issued in the month of April for "No Waiting" offences in Mount Way.

We have had meetings with Mr Evans, the Head teacher at The Dell Primary School and he will be adding a message to the school's newsletter to ask parents to act in line with the parking regulations in Mount Way. Just to clarify the restrictions on the single yellow lines are not "30 minutes waiting", but are in fact **no parking** between 8am-6pm Monday to Saturday.

Speeding along St Lawrence Road (A466)

From speaking to our Safety Camera Partnership Team they have confirmed that there is a high amount of speeding vehicles along the A466/High Beech Roundabout. The Speed Safety Camera Van has been in this location 25 times between February and June and the results from those visits show that 55% of vehicles using St Lawrence Road are speeding with the average speed of vehicles being 37MPH. Due to the high offending rate at this location, we are working to upgrade this site from an "Amber" Site to a "Red" site, which means that this area will be a priority for the Speed Camera Van and so the van would be situated at this location a minimum of 5 times per week.

Crime update for Lower Wye

Here is a brief summary of what's happening in your area

More in depth information can be found at www.maps.police.uk

Number of incidents	March	April	May	Average
2008-09	95	65	98	86
2009-10	96	71	71	79.3

The average number of crimes in this area has decreased from 86 to 79.3 (7.8%)

(compared to the same three month period last year)

We are pleased to report that crime in the Lower Wye area has decreased compared to this time last year. As you can see, crime levels in Lower Wye are low and we aim to keep your area safe and crime free.

GWENT POLICE ORGANISE SPORTS DAY FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS IN CHEPSTOW

The annual Chepstow Neighbourhood Policing Team Schools Sports Day was held on Tuesday 22nd June.

The sports day was started in 1996 and each year the venue for the event is rotated around the primary schools involved. The schools taking part this year were Shirenewton who were the hosts for the day, Trellech, Llandogo, The Dell, Pembroke, Thornwell and St Mary's Roman Catholic. Every pupil taking part was given a t-shirt in their school colours to wear on the day.

The children took part in six events over a two hour period which were the hurdles, speed bounce, sprint, relay, long distance and javelin. This year, the winners were Shirenewton who took away the shield.

Dragon Sports, part of Monmouthshire Sports Development sponsored the "Fair Play" trophy; the aim of this award is to promote good sporting behaviour by the pupils. This year the award was given to St Mary's primary for the good natured behaviour of their pupils throughout the events.

PC Louise Thorpe from Chepstow Neighbourhood Policing Team who organised the event said, "This event was started to help the primary school children become involved in sports and also give the officers at Chepstow a chance to interact with the children in an informal and friendly manner. The sports day has become an annual event that everyone, kids and adults together, enjoy."



Peace of mind whilst on holiday

With the holiday season well and truly upon us, while you're away having fun and relaxing, make sure your home is not targeted by criminals.

Here are some handy hints to help keep your possessions safe and secure...



When away on holiday, consider hiding valuables in unusual places within the house if a safe or secure location is not available.



Light timers can give the impression of an occupied property. Try to vary the times that the lights are activated throughout your holiday to avoid routine.



Remember to cancel milk and papers so your home doesn't appear vacant.



Mark valuable items with an identification-marking product. This will make it easier to track your possessions if they do get stolen.



Ensure your home has good basic security features such as good door and window locks.



Don't hide keys outside your home, as they could be found. Leave a spare with a trusted neighbour instead.



Consider asking a friend or relative to house sit or ask them to close your curtains in the evening and give the house a quick check to make sure everything is alright.

If you would like more crime prevention advice, please contact us in the Neighbourhood Policing Team office.