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# Neighbourhood News

Caerwent Ward, Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team

Aug/Sept 2010

## Your Neighbourhood Officers



PC Ashley Turner



PCSO Mike Withers

## You can contact us in many ways....

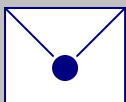


**Emergency:** 999  
**Non Emergency:** 101  
**Direct Line:** 01633 642395

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.



[www.gwent.police.uk](http://www.gwent.police.uk)  
[severnside@gwent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:severnside@gwent.pnn.police.uk)



**Caldicot Police Station**  
Chepstow Road  
Caldicot  
NP26 4HY

### 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 Anti-social behaviour
- 2 Speeding

## WE DID....

### Anti-social behaviour

During our regular patrols, we have not seen any anti-social behaviour in the area.

We will keep conducting patrols in the evenings and weekends however if you seen any incidents of anti-social behaviour, please contact us at the time so that we can deal with the problem immediately.

### Speeding

We have been monitoring the speed of vehicles using our speed monitoring equipment.

Speed checks carried out between 1159 hrs and 1230 hrs on 26/05/10, 100 vehicles checked with 42 over the 30 mph limit and 15 prosecutable

## 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.....

**Scallywags Play Centre, Castle  
Severnbridge Industrial Estate  
PACT MEETING  
24<sup>th</sup> October  
12pm**

**Monday 9th August  
Caerwent Village  
9am**

**Thursday 9th September  
Caerwent Village  
9am**

## YOU HAVE NOW SAID....

Following our last PACT meeting in June, you have told us that you would now like us to concentrate on the new PACT priorities of;

- **Inconsiderate and illegal parking**
- **Speeding through the village**

We will focus on these issues and update you in our future newsletters on our progress.

## Crime update for Severnside

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

More in depth information can be found at [www.maps.police.uk](http://www.maps.police.uk)

Number of incidents	March	April	May	Average
2008-09	79	106	75	86.7
2009-10	<b>88</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>88</b>

**The average number of crimes in this area has increased from 86 to 87 (1.5%)** (compared to the same three month period last year)

Despite this increase, the figures show that crime has only increased by an average of just over 1 crime compared to last year. We're working hard to fight crime and are getting good results. See our Caldicot crime update on page 3. We will continue with our work and keep you updated on the results.

# GWENT POLICE TARGET CRIMINALS IN CALDICOT OPERATION

Thirteen people have been charged after an ongoing operation by Gwent police in Caldicot to target known criminals and locate stolen property and drugs.

Officers from Neighbourhood Policing Teams in Monmouthshire have worked with Neighbourhood Support and Response teams to target house, garage and shed break-ins. Items such as bikes, power tools, garden equipment and golf clubs have been recovered during the operation. They've all been returned to their rightful owners. During the searches a small number of cannabis plants were seized as well as small amounts of heroin and ketamine.

Police Sergeant Roland Giles from Caldicot Neighbourhood Policing Team said: "This operation forms part of our wider efforts to target criminal activity throughout Monmouthshire. Since this operation started, crime levels have reduced and our detection rates have doubled.

"Our officers have worked tirelessly to achieve these results for the community and we will be continuing with our efforts to maintain them. We are committed to targeting offenders and bringing them to justice, as well as looking at seizing any property that may have been funded with proceeds from crime."

Inspector Jim Walker, Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Caldicot added, "I would like to thank the local community for the valuable information that they have given to us which has resulted in a number of arrests of persistent offenders.

"We would like to ask the community to continue to work with us and provide us with any information about criminals who may be operating in their area and undermining their quality of life."

If you have any information about criminal activity in your area, please contact Gwent Police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



**PS Roland Giles with some of the recovered property**

# 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.**