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Neighbourhood News

USK NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM – Usk

Sept/Oct 2010

YOUR WARD OFFICERS



PC Mike Thomas



PCSO Matthew Brustad

Useful Numbers

Neighbourhood Team: **01495 233905**

Emergency: **999**

Non-Emergency
101

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111

Write to us

Usk Police Station
2 New Market Street
Usk
NP15 1AT

Go online

www.gwent.police.uk

send us an email

usk@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: HGV's using Usk Town route

WE DID: We have continued to carry out operations in relation to HGV's misusing the route. This involved officers stopping and checking lorries coming through the town. A number of drivers who were not delivering locally have been turned around and instructed not to use the route in those circumstances again. The drivers have also been given leaflets highlighting this issue. The presence of the 'Lorry Watch' CCTV cameras on the Usk bridge have helped to trace offending lorry drivers who have caused damage to the bridge.

If you would like to discuss this issue or if you have any information that could help us with our enquiries, please contact me in the Usk Neighbourhood Team in the neighbourhood office via email or telephone.

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.

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN USK?

Usk goes to the movies!

On 12th July there was a presentation of the COW film at the Youth centre in Usk. COW is a road safety film made by Gwent Police and Tredegar Comprehensive School. The film shows how losing concentration whilst texting and driving can have devastating and life changing consequences. Together with Monmouthshire Youth Service, we arranged the evening to encourage young people who may be learning to drive in the near future to see the film. If you missed the film you can see a copy of it by going to youtube.com or by e-mailing CorporateCommunications@Gwent.pnn.police.uk

Good news...

Three men have been arrested in connection with a number of burglaries, one of which was the One Stop Shop in Usk in December 2009. These men have been charged and are due to appear in court in the near future.

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.

USK OFFICERS HAVE A DOUBLE DECKER PACT MEETING

The neighbourhood team in Usk decided to try a new way of attracting people to their quarterly Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT) meetings.

With the help of the Raglan based company Londonbus4hire, the officers held their PACT meeting on Tuesday 6th July free of charge on a red double decker London bus.

Over 60 people completed forms during the morning meeting, stating what they felt was the one main priority that needed addressing in their neighbourhoods. The results of these forms have now been collated and the new priorities for Usk are;

- HGV lorries driving through the town
- Illegal parking throughout Usk

Police Constable Mike Thomas who works at Usk station said, "We wanted to encourage local residents to come along to our PACT meetings to let us know about the issues that are affecting them most.

"By holding our meetings on a double decker bus, people were intrigued about what was happening which gave us an opportunity to talk to them. We were pleased with the response from the public and will be working hard over the next quarter to address the priority issues raised."

PC Thomas added, "We'd like to thanks Martin Detheridge, the owner of Londonbus4hire who kindly loaned his bus to us free of charge."



All aboard! – (l-r) PCSO's Matthew Brustad and Stephen Cowles

PCSO's Brustad and Cowles joined by PC Mike Thomas

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

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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 MEETING:

Monday 11th October, 6pm at the Sessions House, Usk

YOUR NEXT POLICE SURGERY DATES:

Sunday 19th September at 12pm, Saturday 23rd October at 4.00pm, Tuesday 23rd November at 3.00pm, all to be held at Usk police station. **We hope to see you there!**

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