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Neighbourhood News

Fairwater Ward, Cwmbran Neighbourhood Policing Team

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Your Neighbourhood Officers



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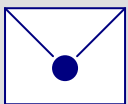
You can contact us in many ways....



Emergency: 999
Non Emergency: 101
Direct Line: 01633 642088



www.gwent.police.uk
cwmbran@gwent.pnn.police.uk



Cwmbran Police Station
Tudor Road, Cwmbran
NP44 3XH

You can also:

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

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

Cwmbran Neighbourhood Policing Team is committed to making the area a safe place to live and work. This means making you feel safe too.

Anti-social behaviour can have a huge effect on the quality of life of those living and working in the area and we are determined to tackle the small minority of people who act in this way.

So what is anti-social behaviour?

Anti-social behaviour can be virtually any activity that you find intimidating or threatening. It can include:

- Groups of people hanging around streets and causing a nuisance;
- Inappropriate use of cars or motorbikes, such as constant revving of engines, loud stereos or noisy exhausts;
- Vandalism and graffiti;
- Drug dealing or taking;
- Fly-tipping rubbish;
- Underage drinking in the street;
- Noisy neighbours or loud parties.

Anti-social behaviour in any form is not acceptable and by working together there are many ways in which we can, and will, tackle it. Please see page 2 of this newsletter to find out how...

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.....

**Fairhill Methodist Church
(PACT Meeting)**

Thursday 1st July

7.30pm

Fairwater Post Office

Thursday 15th July

2.00pm

**Cwmbran Festival, North
Fields**

Saturday 24th July

2.00pm

Fairwater Post Office

Friday 13th August

2.00pm

Fairwater Post Office

Wednesday 15th September

2.00pm

So what can Gwent Police do about anti-social behaviour?

By working with our partners, such as the Torfaen County Borough Council, Torfaen Community Safety Partnership and local Housing Authorities, such as Bron Afon and Melin, we can undertake a programme of activities aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour, which include:

- Dispersal orders to ensure that those congregating are moved on
- Fines or 'fixed penalties'
- Warning letters
- Sessions to improve parenting skills
- Noise abatement notices to reduce noise pollution
- Injunctions
- Anti-social behaviour orders (ASBO's) and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's)
- Enforcing tenancy agreements and carrying out evictions
- Seizing vehicles
- Arresting those responsible, possibly resulting in a jail sentence

And what can you do?

There are many things you can do about anti-social behaviour too. Not only will this help improve your life but also the lives of your neighbours and friends.

- Always report anti-social behaviour to the Police. You can do this by calling 101 from a landline or mobile phone. If it's an emergency or you witness serious crime, call 999
- Call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111
- Attend your next Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meeting or Police Surgery and talk to your community representative, such as your neighbourhood officer and local councillor. Details can be found on the left hand side of this page
- Create a diary of what is happening and when. This will be useful if there is a resulting court case
- Set up or join a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. We can provide more details on this; just give us a call on 01495 232450



Remember... Anti-social behaviour is NOT acceptable in any form! Let's tackle it together!

PACT Progress

Here is a round up of our work to date

WE ASKED....

“What is the one main crime or anti-social behaviour issue that you would like Police and Partners to tackle in your neighbourhood?”

YOU SAID....

- 1 Youth disorder at Fairwater Shops
- 2 Litter at Fairwater Shops
- 3 Neighbourhood issues at Dinas Path

WE DID....

Youth disorder at Fairwater Shops

We have been patrolling Fairwater Shops regularly since the PACT Meeting.

In March, we patrolled on six occasions and spoke to staff at the Spar shop who informed us that the area had been quiet.

During April, we visited the shops thirteen times. During two of these patrols young people were causing anti-social behaviour, so we have submitted anti-social behaviour referrals for five of the young men. This means that we will now meet with our partners to discuss the individuals and how we can work together as a team to improve their behaviour.

In May we patrolled six times and issued four anti-social behaviour referrals and during June we have patrolled seven times. We have been constantly talking to staff at the Spar, who tell us that most of the young people around the shops are well behaved.

Litter at Fairwater Shops

During our patrols at the shops we have also been checking the area for people dropping litter.

Councillor Rees has informed us that more bins will be placed between the shops and school and Co-Star will also be working with the school to set up an environmental team, where the pupils will help with the litter issues.

Councillor Seabourne has contacted Torfaen County Borough Council to ensure that the bins are emptied on a regular basis.

Neighbourhood issues at Dinas Path

We have visited this area twenty-six times since the last PACT meeting to reduce anti-social behaviour.

We have received a small number of calls regarding off-road bikes and Bron Afon Housing have been made aware of this. We have also spoken to one young person who was playing football in the area and explained that no balls games were allowed.

Bron Afon have explained to residents that anti-social behaviour can result in eviction from homes and one individual has been issued with a final warning for this.

If you would like to have your say on what you would like us to tackle, then please come along to one of our surgeries listed on Page 2 and complete one of our questionnaires.

Crime update for Fairwater ward and Cwmbran

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

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

Incidents in Fairwater	April 2010	May 2010	May 09
Anti-social behaviour	38	37	48
Burglary (dwelling)	2	0	1
Vehicle Crime	2	2	6



% drop in crime in Cwmbran since last year*



% drop in anti-social behaviour in Cwmbran since last year*

Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour in Fairwater



Calling all residents....

Cwmbran is a really safe place to live and by working together we can make it even safer. Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention schemes ever.

Neighbourhood Watch is not just about reducing crime – it is about building community spirit and good relations. It brings local people closer together with common goals; to tackle crime and disorder and to keep an eye on each other's property.

If you would like to join or form a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your area, then please contact us for more information. Our details can be found on the front of this newsletter.

Did you know that we work very closely with Bron Afon Community Housing to tackle anti-social behaviour?

Bron Afon has the power to move or evict residents or families who are persistently causing problems in neighbourhoods and we meet with them every month to discuss the issues.

If you are experiencing anti-social behaviour from Bron Afon residents, you can call us by dialling 101. You can also report it direct to Bron Afon on 01633 620 111.

Cracking down on drug supply

We are pleased to report that Cwmbran Neighbourhood Policing team has recently carried out warrants and **shut down two cannabis factories** in the area.

During the warrants we found and destroyed four hundred cannabis plants in a residential property and over one thousand plants at a unit factory. We also arrested and charged two men who will now appear in court.

To many, growing cannabis may appear to be a minor crime. In fact it can be quite the opposite. Those running cannabis factories can often be associated with much bigger organised crime groups. Drug use can also devastate lives and tear families apart.

Please keep an eye out and report anything that you consider to be unusual. Things to look out for would be occupied buildings where windows have been boarded up and occupants are rarely seen, strange smells and excessive heat.

If you have any information, call us confidentially on 101 and we'll investigate.



The Lighthouse, Multi Agency Substance Misuse Centre, George Street, Pontypool NP4 6BZ

If you are concerned about your own or someone else's drug or alcohol use, contact The Lighthouse on 01495 742323.

Are you interested in Road Safety in your Neighbourhood?

Then www.gosafe.org is the website for you. Gosafe.org is a new website that offers information on how to stay safe on the roads, what to do if you get a speeding ticket and it also shows the locations of speed cameras throughout Wales.

Don't forget....

With summer upon us, please don't forget to lock your doors and close your windows when you go out or go to bed.



Keep your eyes peeled for the Torfaen Local Policing Summary, which is being delivered to every household within Torfaen.