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Neighbourhood News

Llanrafon North Ward, Cwmbran Neighbourhood Policing Team

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Your Neighbourhood Officers



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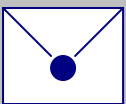
You can contact us in many ways....



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.....

Llanyrafon Social Centre

(PACT Meeting)

Thursday 15th July

7.00pm

Llanyrafon Square

Thursday 15th July

4.00pm

Cwmbran Festival, North Fields

Saturday 24th July

2.00pm

Llanyrafon Square

Tuesday 10th August

11.00am

Llanyrafon Methodist Church

Wednesday 8th September

10.30am

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 Anti-social behaviour at Llanyrafon Square
- 2 Speeding along Caernarvon Crescent

WE DID....

Anti-social behaviour at Llanyrafon Square

We have identified several young people who have been playing football at Llanyrafon Square and causing a nuisance. Letters have been sent to their parents, explaining that this is not acceptable and a Problem Solving Group was held with our partners to discuss how this can be tackled.

It was agreed that the parents would be visited by a member of the Youth Offending Team to explain that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated and anti-social behaviour diaries would be issued to residents to gauge the extent of the issue.

We have visited the shops fifteen times since the last PACT meeting and we are pleased to report that on the vast majority of occasions, there were no young people hanging around and causing a disturbance. We have however, confiscated a football that we found, on one visit.

Speeding along Caernarvon Crescent

We have visited Caernarvon Crescent nine times since the PACT meeting to monitor the speed of traffic along this stretch of road.

We are pleased to report that we have only found one person speeding, who was issued with a verbal warning and told to slow down.

Due to the speed humps and cars parked along Caernarvon Crescent, it is difficult for drivers to pick up enough speed to exceed the limit and most vehicles we monitored were travelling at around 20mph.

Please let us know if you have any issues with speeding in this area and we will continue to measure the flow of traffic.

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 Llanyrafon North 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	24	17	17
Burglary (dwelling)	1	0	0
Vehicle Crime	2	0	1



% drop in crime in Cwmbran since last year*



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

* As of 25th June 2010



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.

Gwent Police join forces with Gocompare.com

Gwent Police is getting a helping hand from Gocompare.com's opera singing character, Gio Compario. Gio stars in a new 40 second film and is heard singing about the importance of securing your home to help beat the burglars.

In the film, which also stars, Cwmbran Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant, Scott Thomas (pictured right), Gio, catches a pair of burglars and encourages homeowners to lock their doors and windows when leaving their home, even if they are only popping out for a few minutes.

Gwent Police has made tackling burglary a priority and a series of anti-burglary operations have been organised resulting in nearly 400 arrests. Burglary figures are now falling rapidly but please make sure you close your windows and lock your doors, as in a third to two thirds of burglary cases, this is how criminals are getting into homes.



To view the film visit: <http://www.gwent.police.uk/leadnews.php?a=2637>



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.

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.