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Neighbourhood News

Two Locks & Henllys Ward, Cwmbran Neighbourhood Policing Team

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Your Neighbourhood Officers



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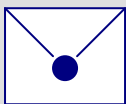
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Cwmbran Police Station
Tudor Road, Cwmbran
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You can also:

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

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.....

**Coed Eva & Hollybush
Community Hall**

**Saturday 17th July
12.00pm**

**Integrated Children's
Centre (PACT Meeting)**

**Thursday 22nd July
7.00pm**

**Cwmbran Festival, North
Fields**

**Saturday 24th July
2.00pm**

St Dials Community Hall

**Friday 30th July
2.00pm**

**Coed Eva & Hollybush
Community Hall**

**Saturday 28th August
3.00pm**

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 Traffic issues on Ton Road
- 2 Anti-social behaviour of youths at Llys Gwyrdd
- 3 Street lighting at Llys Gwyrdd

WE DID....

Traffic issues on Ton Road

Between March and June we have been monitoring vehicles that have travelled through the ‘Access Only’ route on Ton Road. We have recorded the details of 138 vehicles and have sent a warning letter to every owner. We will continue to monitor this area and anyone caught again will be given a £30 fine.

We have also had a site meeting with Torfaen Highways and local Councillors to discuss this issue. Torfaen Highways Department have now placed a ‘Counting & Speed monitoring’ system on to the road to analyse the traffic volume.

As most of you are aware the new Nant Celyn School on this road will hopefully be opened in September this year. Construction of the road is currently taking place near the junction of Henllys Way so please drive carefully as children will be crossing the road near by.

Anti-social behaviour of youths at Llys Gwyrdd

Since the last PACT meeting in March we have received 5 calls from local residents at Llys Gwyrdd calling about youngsters playing football in the street. We have also received 3 calls from the residents at Juniper Crescent regarding underage drinking in the small park behind Llys Gwyrdd.

We have identified the group of young people who are responsible and we have spoken to their parents. We are continually patrolling the area to stop anti-social behaviour and are very grateful for the support Llys Gwyrdd residents have provided us.

Also, if you are a parent, please watch your children when they are playing football to make sure they are not causing any damage to cars parked nearby.

Street lighting at Llys Gwyrdd

We have spoken with residents in Llys Gwyrdd regarding their concerns with the lack of street lighting. We are also aware that a petition had been collated and sent to the local Torfaen Lighting Department and also sent to local Councillors.

Due to previous analysis of the area, both lights at the end of the street near number 20 will stay switched off although a new light near number 32 has been installed and is now up and running.

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 Two Locks & Henllys 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 Two Locks & Henllys ward	April 2010	May 2010	May 09
Anti-social behaviour	40	50	39
Burglary (dwelling)	2	1	1
Vehicle Crime	3	3	3



% drop in crime in Cwmbran since last year*



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Is your party causing a nuisance?



Not on Daniels Watch!

Over the past few months we have received complaints regarding house parties and loud noise.

Most people like to party – but the noise you make whilst you are having fun might be a nightmare to your next door neighbour.

So we are asking you to put yourself in their shoes and please turn it down. It's useful to pop outside to check the noise levels coming from your house and to be conscious that opening windows and doors allows noise out.

If you experience any noise nuisance issues please contact our 101 non-emergency number or Torfaen Public Health Team on 0163-647622. The council are able to investigate complaints of noise nuisance and advise on methods of reducing noise and taking legal action to secure noise abatement.



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.

Congratulations to Daniel Mulqueen who is 14 years old and has recently started up a Neighbourhood Watch in the Ty Coch area of Two Locks. He noticed an increase in burglaries within the area and thought the community should get together to keep their neighbourhood safe. Daniel now has over 30 members in his Neighbourhood Watch and he regularly keeps them updated with crime busting tips. The group even have their own website - check it out! - www.danielmulqueen.co.uk

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Daniel who has not only improved the security of his area but has also shown that there are many teenagers, just like him, who care about what happens in their neighbourhood. Well done Daniel!

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. 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.

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.

We all agree that the Pant Yr Eos Reservoir is a beautiful place to visit but unfortunately, we have recently received complaints about the way in which people are using the facilities. There have been reports of litter, graffiti on walls, damage to the gate, cars on the banks of the reservoir, off-road bikes and speeding through the lanes. We will not accept this behaviour and we will be patrolling the area to stop those responsible.

Also, please remember that if you would like to go fishing at the reservoir you will need to buy a permit from Cwmbran Angling Association at Richmond Road, Cwmbran.

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.