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Neighbourhood News

Upper Cwmbran Ward, Cwmbran Neighbourhood Policing Team

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Your Neighbourhood Officers



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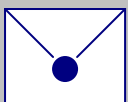
You can contact us in many ways....



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



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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.....

Maendy Square Shops

Wednesday 7th July

12.00pm

West Pontnewydd Community Centre (PACT Meeting)

Monday 19th July

7.00pm

Cwmbran Festival, North Fields

Saturday 24th July

2.00pm

Maendy Way Shops

Wednesday 11th August

11.00am

Thornhill Community Centre

Thursday 2nd 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 Speeding vehicles on Ty Pwca Road
- 2 Youth disorder at Maendy Square
- 3 Off-road bikes in Thornhill

WE DID....

Speeding on Ty Pwca Road

We carried out speed checks on this road using the handheld speed gun on three occasions during April - the 16th, 18th and 21st.

No one was found to be speeding excessively however the results have been collated and we are working closely with the Highways department to try and look at long-term solutions to the problem.

We will continue to carry out speed checks in the area and keep you informed of any developments.

Youth disorder at Maendy Square

A total of thirty young people have been moved on from the area since March due to anti-social behaviour. We have also submitted anti-social behaviour referrals, which record the individual's behaviour. This is then discussed at a meeting with our partners to decide if any action or intervention is necessary.

We will continue to monitor the area over the coming summer months. Please report any antisocial behaviour that you witness in the area by calling 101 from a mobile or landline.

Off-road bikes in Thornhill

We are pleased to report that the number of calls we have received about off-road bikes in Thornhill has reduced from 49 in April to 29 from the 1st May - 8th of June, which is excellent progress. During the last two months, two bikes have been seized from the area and six section 59 warnings issued. This warning is given to the rider and means that if they are caught riding any off-road bike in an anti-social manner within the next twelve months, the bike will be seized and possibly crushed.

We have operations planned over the coming months targeting off-road bikes in the Thornhill and Upper Cwmbran area. We'll let you know how we get on.

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.

We will also be visiting most streets throughout Upper Cwmbran, Thornhill and the surrounding area over the forthcoming months.

Crime update for Upper Cwmbran 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 Upper Cwmbran ward	April 2010	May 2010	May 09
Anti-social behaviour	85	95	96
Burglary (dwelling)	2	1	1
Vehicle Crime	3	3	3



% drop in crime in Cwmbran since last year*



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

* As of 25th June 2010

Off-road bikes - a 'thank you' to residents

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to members of the community who have called us and provided us with descriptions and information regarding off-road bikes in the area.

We do realise that it is a slow and frustrating process but every piece of information provided by you is useful to us and helps with the identification of those responsible.

You will see on Page 2 of this newsletter that we are making progress, so please keep the information coming in.



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.



Calling all residents....

Cwmbran is a really safe place to live and by working together we can make it even safer. Neighbourhood Watch has shown to be an effective means to create a strong sense of community and can help improve the flow of information between residents and police.

We are holding a meeting to discuss the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch on:

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If you are interested in joining or forming a Watch, then please come along.

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 but this is not the case. 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.

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.

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.

And a warm welcome to our new Neighbourhood Police Officer, Kate Regan.....



You will be pleased to hear that Kate Regan has returned to Cwmbran Neighbourhood Policing Team and is now the ward officer for the Upper Cwmbran area. You may recognise Kate as she used to work as a PCSO in St Dials.

Welcome back Kate!