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Neighbourhood News New Inn

New Inn Ward, Pontypool Neighbourhood Policing Team

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Your Neighbourhood Officers



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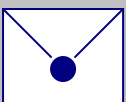
You can contact us in many ways....



Emergency: 999
Non Emergency: 101
Direct Line: 01495 232450



www.gwent.police.uk
pontypool@gwent.pnn.police.uk



Pontypool Police Station
Glantorfaen Road, Pontypool
NP4 6YN

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

Pontypool 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.....

**Panteg Community Hall
New Road, New Inn
(PACT Meeting)**

Thursday 7th October

7.00pm

Early Learning Centre

Saturday 4th September

10.00am

Early Learning Centre

Saturday 2nd October

10.00am

Early Learning Centre

Saturday 6th November

10.00am



Drivers,
please be
advised:

We are
monitoring
speed in your
area

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 a 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 in your area....

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 on The Highway
- 2 Youth disorder on The Highway
- 3 Street lighting on The Highway

WE DID....

Speeding on The Highway

We are constantly monitoring this when out on foot patrol and we are in regular contact with the community. PCSO Daphne Jones has been in contact with the Highways Department within Torfaen County Borough Council and you will be pleased to hear that after surveying the area a permanent flashing speed monitor sign has been installed on New Road in New Inn. There will also be mobile speed monitors that will be moved around the area and will be covering the following street at a later date, Usk Road, Newport Road, Jerusalem Lane, Golf Road.

We are also trained to use the hand held speed monitoring device and will be out and about monitoring speeds and issuing warnings and fixed penalties where necessary.

Youth disorder on The Highway

Over the last month the whole Neighbourhood Policing Team and Torfaen Youth Services, have been visiting The Highway and the Polo Grounds on a youth disorder operation.

Sixty-five letters have been sent to parents explaining that their child's behaviour is not acceptable and that they should not be congregating in the area.

Eight underage drinkers have been collected from Pontypool Police Station by their parents, where they were given a verbal warning and a large quantity of alcohol has been seized from young people.

During this operation, we have received no further reports of anti-social behaviour on the Highway.

Street Lighting on The Highway

We have liaised with Torfaen County Borough Council regarding to this issue and they have informed us that they are looking into the situation.

Due to the Councils commitments most of the lights that have been turned off will remain off but there are some lights on The Highway and other areas that have faults.

These will be repaired as soon as possible.

YOU HAVE NOW TOLD US THAT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO DEAL WITH....

Speeding on The Highway and Jerusalem Lane, parking on Hillcrest around Greenlawn School and dog fouling on Jerusalem Lane. **Please come along to the next PACT meeting for an update on progress.**

Crime update for New Inn and Pontypool

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 New Inn	June 2010	May 2010	June 09
Anti-social behaviour	12	22	29
Burglary (dwelling)	2	4	0
Vehicle Crime	0	1	2



% change in crime in Pontypool since last year*



% change in Anti-social behaviour in Pontypool since last year*

* As of 2nd August 2010

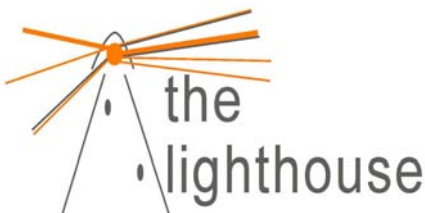
Calling all residents....



Pontypool 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 help improve the flow of information between residents and police.

Both Popular Avenue and Heol Maddoc residents are looking to set up Neighbourhood Watches. If you would like to help the police and the community, please contact PCSO Daphne Jones for further details.



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....

Please don't forget to lock your doors and close your windows when you go out or go to bed.

Have you had a visit from cold callers?

Has anyone knocked your door lately asking if you'd like any work done? If so please let us know.

We have received a number of reports from residents of cold callers coming to the house asking if there is any work to be completed on the house or driveway.

We have been told that the cold callers point out a fault on the roof and give you a price for the work. On completion they find another fault and ask for even more money.

If you are approached by anyone in this way, or if you know someone who has been approached, then please let us know by calling 101.

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.

Are we dealing with the things that matter to you?

You may receive a phone call from a company called Opinion Research Services (ORS) who have been employed by Gwent Police to contact residents and ask a few questions about the service we are providing.

We would appreciate it greatly if you took a few moments to answer the questions - it lets us know how we are performing and how we can provide a better service for you.



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

And a warm welcome to our new Neighbourhood Policing Inspector, Nick McLain.....



Nick is our new Inspector and he is in charge of Neighbourhood Policing throughout Pontypool. Nick has 14 years experience and has previously worked in Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent.

Nick replaces Inspector Matthew Williams, who will continue to work at Pontypool Station as Partnership Inspector.