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Neighbourhood News

Pontypool Town Ward, Pontypool Neighbourhood Policing Team

June/July 2010

Your Neighbourhood Officers



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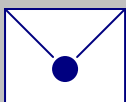
You can contact us in many ways....



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



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Pontypool Police Station
Glantorfaen Road, Pontypool
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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

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.....

Civic Centre

Thursday 3rd June

1.00pm

**Pontypool Brass Band Hall,
Trosnant Street (PACT
Meeting)**

Wednesday 9th June

7.00pm

Pontypool Park Grandstand

Saturday 3rd July

10.30am

And your following PACT Meeting is at:

Pontypool Brass Band Hall

Wednesday 27th October

6.30pm



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 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 to and from Pontypool Park via St David's Close
- 2 Speeding on Osborne Road
- 3 Speeding on Clos Afon Llwydd

WE DID....

Youth disorder to and from Pontypool Park via St David's Close

We have been carrying out high visible patrols in the area of St David's Close and Pontypool Park to tackle this issue.

We will be working alongside the Rangers at the park to try and combat the youth disorder.

Since the last PACT meeting there have been no calls relating to disorder to/from St David's Close. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Speeding on Osborne Road

We have carried out speed monitoring at this location on 21st February, 1st March and 2nd May.

Unfortunately, there were vehicles travelling above the speed limit but we were unable to stop them due to the nature of the road. Stopping speeding cars in an unsafe place would have increased the risk to other motorists and pedestrians.

Our presence in the area appeared to calm the speed of traffic, so we will continue to patrol here.

Speeding on Clos Afon Llwydd

We have been regularly carrying out speed checks in the area and one person has been issued a fixed penalty ticket resulting in a £60 fine and three points on their license. Several people have been given formal warnings and one other has been issued with a fixed penalty ticket of £60 for having no MOT.

The data we have received from the flashing speed monitor has shown that there is an issue with speed at Riverside and we are liaising with the Highways Department from Torfaen County Borough Council regarding the next steps.

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 Pontypool Town and the surrounding area over the forthcoming months.

Crime update for Pontypool Town ward 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.ul

Incidents in Pontypool Town ward	March 2010	April 2010	April 09
Anti-social behaviour	18	27	30
Burglary (dwelling)	0	0	0
Vehicle Crime	0	3	1



% change in crime in Pontypool since last year*

* As of 21st May 2010



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

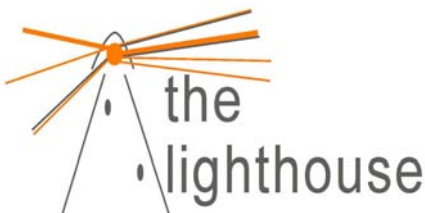
Calling all residents....



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.

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.



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 rapidly approaching, please don't forget to lock your doors and close your windows when you go out or go to bed.

Community Catch-Up's

From July, we will be holding Police Surgeries at Pontypool Park Grandstand. You will find the dates on Page 2 of this newsletter and by going to www.gwent.police.uk and entering your postcode.

We have also been attending coffee mornings at the Pontymoile Undenominational Christian Mission Church on a regular basis, so please feel free to drop in for a chat.

A 'Thank you' to Residents

We would to thank you for all for your support you have shown us throughout this year.

As you will see on page 2, we are out and about surveying the public on the crime and anti-social behaviour issues in the area and we hope to speak to as many of the residents as possible.

As ward officers we really do appreciate your feedback on these local issues and we will strive to sort them out as soon as possible.

Tackling off-road bikes

We carried out two off road bike operations over two weekends in March which were a great success. Seventeen off-roaders were given legal warnings and seventeen fixed penalties were issued. One rider has also been charged with dangerous driving.

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.



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.