The new regulations, ‘General Data Protection Regulations’ (GDPR), came into force on 25 May 2018. We, the Ferndown South and West Parley Neighbourhood Watch hold some of your personal data for administrative purposes and only for the running of the Watch. This is to allow the Watch to know who, and which households, are members of the Watch and to deliver the quarterly Community Newsletter to you.

The Watch does not and will not share your personal data with any other organisation without your permission. We will only hold your personal data while you remain a member of the Watch.

The main data held by the Watch is your home address. Some members have also provided their name, telephone number and email address. You have the right to request to see the data held on you by any organisation or to ask for that data to be removed.

I hope you will not ask to be removed from our data base as that will mean you will no longer be a member of the Ferndown South and West Parley Neighbourhood Watch.

On another topic, when you engage anyone to undertake work at your home, there will often be some form of waste to be removed. It is important you know that such waste will be disposed of correctly: see our report on Page 2.

Check that any contractor employed to remove the waste is a Registered Waste Carrier. You can do this by calling the Environment Agency general enquires number on 03708 506506. If they are not registered and the waste can be traced back to you, you may be issued with a fixed penalty notice for £150.00 to £400.00.

You will see a report on Page 3 that some of our PCSOs are being re-roled as Police Community Support Investigators. This will reduce the visibility of a uniformed presence in our community. With crime across Dorset having increased by 8% in the past year, it is even more important to support our local neighbourhood watch. We all have a moral and social responsibility to help in keeping our community safe, looking out for our neighbours, especially the vulnerable. Thank you for your part in doing that.

Members of the Watch will be at the ‘Sheducation’ stand at the Ferndown Fete on the Field, at King George V playing field on Saturday 23 June 2018 from 11.00am until 5.00pm. Please come along to see us and view the various security products that are available.

Please stay safe and take care, Chairman David Ayres

Contact david.ayres5@btopenworld.com, or mobile phone: 0779 6546 904

Tip-Off!

Fly-tipping disfigures Dorset’s beautiful countryside. We see more of it and it is costing residents some £150,000 per year.

Why doesn’t the Council do something about it?

…often because the public is unaware of how to report fly-tipping. Dorset Waste Partnership has launched a new campaign to raise awareness. See more about ‘Tip-Off’ on Page 2.
'Tip-Off' Campaign

A new campaign has been launched asking Dorset residents for their help in the fight against fly-tipping.

The Dorset Waste Partnership’s (DWP) ‘Tip-Off’ campaign is aiming to tell the public about how they can report illegally dumped rubbish and help to prevent fly-tipping.

Like most counties, Dorset is subject to persistent fly-tipping and the number of incidences continues to increase. This is a national trend. On top of the obvious damage to the environment, the clearance of this waste costs the DWP (and thus the taxpayer) around £150,000 per year.

At roadshows across the county, DWP officers are talking to local people about what they can do to help stop fly-tipping activity. The campaign will also be promoted in the local press, on radio and across social media.

The ‘Tip-Off’ campaign focuses on three key areas:

1. **Report it** – Fly-tips can be reported to the DWP online and by phone. Where there is sufficient evidence, they will investigate all reported incidents and attempt to trace and prosecute anyone found to be fly-tipping.

2. **Make sure you’re covered** – Rubbish you’ve handed to someone else is still your legal responsibility until it is correctly disposed of. If someone, such as an unlicensed ‘man in a van’ found online, were to fly-tip that waste, you could end up paying a fine or being taken to court.

3. **Use your Household Recycling Centre** – open daily.

Councillor Tony Alford, chairman of the Dorset Waste Partnership’s Joint Committee, said:

“We have recently expanded our Enforcement Team and are investigating more fly-tipping incidents than ever before, but we need the help of Dorset residents to help us fight against this illegal activity. The ‘Tip-Off’ campaign will raise awareness.

The DWP need people to keep us informed when they spot fly-tips and people dumping rubbish. We want residents to check who they’re handing their waste to and to use their local household recycling centre whenever they can.

There are no excuses for fly-tipping. It’s unsightly and damaging to the environment. But we all have a part to play in stopping this anti-social behaviour and by working together I know we can make a positive impact.”

**Simple rules for reporting fly-tipping**

- Do not remove any evidence found from the fly-tipping location, for example, addressed letters.
- Be as specific as possible when describing where the incident has occurred.
- If you see the incident occurring do not approach the persons involved.
- If you see a person/vehicle involved in an environmental crime take as many details as you can, for example, description of the person or vehicle registration.
- You may be asked to provide a witness statement and/or attend court in subsequent legal action.
- Report fly-tipping to the Dorset Waste Partnership at their Dorchester offices: 01305 221040, or through the excellent Dorset County Council Self-Service website: [https:\dorset-self.achieveservice.com](https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com)

The site lists scores of services, including these for Dorset Waste Partnership:

- DWP Contact Us
- DWP Garden waste Application
- DWP Larger capacity request
- DWP Missed collection process
- DWP Report a dead animal in Dorset
- DWP Report a public litter bin problem
- DWP Report dog fouling in Dorset
- DWP Report fly-tipping in Dorset
- DWP Report graffiti vandalism or fly-posting
- DWP Report litter on the highway or pavement

**Note:** Those caught fly-tipping can be prosecuted under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, but DWP cannot remove waste from privately owned land, as this is the landowner’s responsibility.
‘Our’ PCSO Cheryl Bellfield is now a PCSI

Police Community Support Investigators take to the streets of Dorset

Dorset Police has introduced Police Community Support Investigators (PCSIs) to better meet the demands of modern policing.

The 31 PCSIs will be based out of stations in Poole, Bournemouth, Blandford, Weymouth, Ferndown, Wareham and Bridport and will mean Dorset Police is able to respond to the needs of victims much more effectively, enabling scheduled appointments to be made when initially contacting the Force.

This new role is being introduced following public feedback that the Force did not always respond to crimes in a timely and efficient manner, where it had been established there is no immediate risk or danger. It will result in important face-to-face contact with the public after they have been the victim of a crime – something the public regularly feedback to the Force.

On top of the initial nine weeks training for their former role as a police community support officer, the new PCSIs have been through a further eight-week intensive training programme involving four weeks of classroom learning and four weeks of on-the-job training, shadowing police constables.

The investigators will attend appointments at a pre-agreed time and location to deal with incidents where there is lower threat, harm and risk, such as assaults, criminal damage, shed breaks, vehicle crime and harassment. They will record crimes, carry out the initial investigation, such as identification of CCTV and witness opportunities, take statements and provide reassurance and crime prevention advice to the victim.

The project will also generate reports to specialist teams dealing with cyber-crime, child sexual exploitation and sex offences, as well as other areas that generate significant demand.

The introduction of the new role creates a career path for PCSOs to progress into investigation roles – something that hasn’t been possible until now.

One of the first generation of PCSIs is Cheryl Bellfield, who has long experience in police support roles and has been a member of the Ferndown Neighbourhood Police Team for some six years (Cheryl was interviewed for the Spring 2017 issue of the Newsletter).

Cheryl said, “I’ve been a police community support officer now for eight years, but having the opportunity to progress my career within policing was an opportunity I jumped at. We all join policing to help people and in this new role, I can really put my problem solving and investigative skills into practice and have an even greater impact on supporting victims and vulnerable members of our community.”

ACC Fielding continued, “Crime has changed and we must ensure our workforce reflects the modern demands we face. Increasingly these are complex and often hidden from public view such as online crime and child sexual exploitation.

“We have been very honest and open with the public while making these changes and we will continue to ensure that through a flexible approach and efficient distribution of our resources we are able to continue to meet current challenges and demands.

“Neighbourhood policing as a whole is still part of every police officer and PCSO’s business, which includes response officers, local investigation staff and other operational officers.”

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The Watch Interview
Dorset Community Speed Watch Coordinator
Martha Perry

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a partnership initiative aimed at raising awareness and encouraging speed reduction. Reducing speed will directly contribute to help saving lives and will improve the quality of life for people within the County. It is an opportunity for residents to get involved in making the roads safer where they live.

Speed is one of the fatal five main contributory factors to road collisions and is the major factor in about a third of all traffic collisions. Each year, in excess of 700 people die and more than 4,500 are injured nationally as a result of speeding. Other factors are careless driving, drink/drug driving, using a mobile phone whilst driving, failing to wear a seat belt, driver distractions.

Martha Perry leads the county’s CSW operation, and with a background of over 12 years as County Safety Officer at Dorset County Council, she was a natural choice for her role. She first piloted CSW in 2014. It was an early success but gaps appeared in 2015-16 with the loss of some of the first cohort of volunteers.

Martha was subsequently reappointed within the Dorset Road Safe structure in 2016, which provided the support and backup that she needed to rejuvenate CSW.

Martha now has 73 CSW teams and over 600 volunteers active in the county, and has a target of 100 active teams by mid-Summer 2018. The teams conducted nearly 900 speed checking sessions in 2017. Quite an achievement!

She says, "Dorset is generally supportive of NHW, notably so here in Ferndown, and we find a good level of support for CSW volunteers.” Martha is herself supported by a team of four police volunteers who manage all the necessary documentation and records, and lead on the follow up processing of speeding offenders.

What about the local situation? Martha had the answers:

Do we have an active CSW in Ferndown? There is currently one team in Stapehill, who cover the busy 40mph roads in that area. There was a team that covered Ferndown town – Victoria, Wimborne and Ringwood roads. It is not currently active but Martha is working to re-establish the team.

Is there a need for more teams? “Yes,” says Martha. “Speeding is always a top concern and residents are willing to get involved to tackle it. If the readers of your Community Newsletter are interested in starting a CSW for one or more roads, then I urge them to volunteer.”

How does it work? “It just needs one interested person,” says Martha, “and the route to starting a team is all set out in the Dorset Police website. Alternatively, discuss the problem with the Ferndown Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT), who will know what to do and how to put the person in touch with my team.”

CSW is officially a ‘police authorised activity on behalf of the Chief Constable’, so the team and its activity have a formal status. Once contact is made, Martha will assign a PCSO to help get the CSW team set up. Dorset Police provide training, equipment, on-site supervision, health & safety training, and the necessary road risk assessment to decide where the CSW volunteers should be located when on duty.

Teams need to be of not less than six volunteers: four on the roadside and two reserves. If necessary, Martha’s team will help to recruit volunteers. All volunteers undertake a ‘suitability assessment’, which takes the form of a short interview with the team’s assigned PCSO.

Martha and the assigned PCSO work with the new CSW team to decide on the exact locations of team members for safe and effective operation. Each team can cover up to six roads. Equipment is issued, training is given, and the team is then operational.

Teams deploy only in good light and not in wet or icy conditions. Four volunteers take position on the roadside:

1. No 1 has the speed detector and as vehicles approach, they note the speed. If it is over the prescribed limits, the volunteer calls out the speed: “36” or whatever is registered by the detector. (The thresholds are: 25 mph in a 20 mph area and 36 mph in a 30 mph area and 47 mph in a 40 mph area).

2. No 2 notes the vehicle registration number, the vehicle make, model and/or the colour. Follow-up requires the accurate and full registration number and two supporting indicators.

3. No 3 makes notes the same details to create a second, confirmatory record.

4. No 4 has a ‘clicker’ counter to count every vehicle that passes. This provides the data to establish traffic density.
Teams normally stay on site for about one hour. The records are then collated and emailed to the CSW support volunteers at Police Headquarters. Details are checked against the National Police Register. Enforcement has three stages:

- **First Offence** – First Warning Letter along the lines of: ‘You were seen speeding in … please do not do so again.’
- **Second Offence** – Second Warning Letter with more emphasis: ‘You were seen speeding … you may receive a visit by a uniformed officer.’
- **Third Offence** – Visit by a uniformed officer, generally a PCSO who will give advice to the offender.

These measures have been shown to be effective. However, for those caught going at very high speeds, the details of the offender are sent directly to the Dorset Police ‘No Excuses’ team, for action by the highly effective Operation DRAGOON.

Successful CSW teams tend to stay together and stick at the work of tackling speeding drivers. Some disband, but those that want to continue are asked by Martha’s organisation to cover the cost of their equipment. She will advise on how to raise the funds, typically from Rotary clubs, housing associations, schools and others who are affected by speeding in the locality. Martha gives the example of a team in Broadstone who raised £2,000 from Tesco’s local causes collection boxes.

**Would YOU be interested in joining the CSW organisation?**

Go to the Dorset Police website and find Neighbourhood Policing, Watch Schemes. Or just contact our NPT in any of these ways:

- **The Ferndown NPT Facebook page** where the Team post reports, incidents, requests for help from the public etc. It is always active, up to date and gets an excellent response from its thousands of followers. Go to: www.facebook.com/FerndownNPT
- **The Ferndown NPT mobile phone**, which is always manned during duty hours and provides direct communication to the duty PCSO. Call 07825-521752.
- **A message left at the Community Office** in the Barrington Centre will always be passed on to the duty PCSO.

**Note:**

Op DRAGOON was launched in 2010 to reduce the numbers killed and seriously injured on roads throughout Dorset. ‘No Excuse’ are in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They could be anywhere, at any time, in any car, deployed to areas where the public have expressed concerns, or areas of high collisions and to areas identified through analysis as being of particular risk.

Education and enforcement efforts are directed at tackling the ‘fatal five’: drink and drug driving, not wearing a seatbelt, speeding, driver distractions and careless driving.

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**Enforcement January - December 2017**

- **Op Dragoon**
  - 97 Vehicles seized
  - 105 Targets arrested
  - 189 Vehicles stopped

- **Red light offences**
  - 2,222

- **No insurance**
  - 846 vehicles seized

- **Anti social behaviour**
  - 99 vehicles seized

- ** Democratically elected**
  - 52 People arrested for failing to provide a breath test

- **Traffic files passed for prosecution**
  - 5,275

- **Drink related arrests**
  - 893

- **Drug related arrests**
  - 651

The proof of need: road traffic offences remain a high profile threat to public safety.

Community Speed Watch performs a valuable service to our community.
Keyless Vehicle Keys

Car theft is on the rise as ‘new vehicles are easier to steal’. Car crime in middle-class neighbourhoods is rising, figures have revealed, and police say drivers should buy steering wheel locks and Faraday bags to block radio signals. The problem for owners is that their new vehicles are easier to steal.

More than three quarters of investigations into car theft in England and Wales are unsolved and it is new high-tech keyless models that are being targeted. Over 78 per cent of car theft cases end with police failing to identify a suspect.

Keyless models provide criminals with a new way of stealing cars by copying the electronic information and conning the car into thinking the key is present, allowing a thief to drive off.

The German Automobile Club, ADAC, recently published a list of vehicles sold in the UK that are most at risk:

- Audi: A3, A4, A6
- BMW: 730d
- Citroen: DS4 CrossBack
- Ford: Galaxy, EcoSport
- Honda: HR-V
- Hyundai: Santa Fe CRDi
- Kia: Optima
- Lexus: RX 450h
- Mazda: CX-5
- Mini: Clubman

These are currently the most vulnerable models, but thieves can clone any radio key. Police spokesmen say that there are simple precautions people can take. “Whilst the ‘relay’ devices used by thieves can receive signals through walls, doors and windows, metal is its enemy, so putting keys in a metal tin (or some suggest the microwave oven) is a cost effective way to thwart the criminals.

“Alternatively, invest in a metallised signal blocking pouch, such as a Faraday wallet, which is designed to shield electronic keys from relay attacks.

“It’s also worth remembering that vehicle security should be multi-layered and shouldn’t just rely on the keyless security system.

“Physical barriers, such as crook locks and wheel clamps will deter thieves. And whilst investing in a tracking device won’t stop a car being stolen, it can significantly increase the chances of police locating it and returning it to the rightful owner.”

Where to buy a Faraday bag? The Ferndown Community Office can help with advice, or go to Amazon for a large selection of Faraday bags, many under £10.

Fundraising Preference Service

Blocks ‘unsolicited’ phone calls and mail from all charities

If you’re fed up with unsolicited calls, texts, emails and post from charities asking for donations, this new service will let you opt out. The Fundraising Preference Service (FPS) aims to rebuild public trust in fundraising and to give people more control over how they are approached by fundraisers.

The FPS is best accessed on-line at www.fundraisingpreference.org.uk

When you register for the service, you will need to identify the charity/ies you no longer want to hear from. The easiest way to do that is to use the registered charity’s number, which should be displayed on all their promotional material. If you cannot find the charity number, the charity’s name will suffice. To confirm your request you will need either an email address or a mobile telephone number to receive a confirmation code that you will need to enter later. Those who do not have a mobile phone will need to speak to the FPS helpline on: 0300 3033517.

You will be asked to provide your name and relevant contact information so that you can be matched to the charity’s records and the communication can be stopped.

Once all details have been provided and the request submitted, the FPS will send an email to the charity/ies, with a 28-day deadline for them to remove your details from direct marketing lists.
Dog Theft

Pet theft is on the rise, with more than 60 dogs stolen in the UK every week

Almost half of UK households have a pet at the heart of their family, and dogs are a target for pet theft. In 2016, 1,774 dogs were reported stolen. More than 60 dogs are stolen in England and Wales every week; few are recovered, despite the introduction of mandatory microchipping.

The theft of a dog is a criminal offence punishable by a maximum penalty of seven years’ imprisonment. But such penalties are rarely enforced. Minimum sentences of community service, a caution or a small fine are much more likely. Under UK law, pet theft is no different to the theft of an inanimate object: someone caught stealing a Labrador is likely to get the same sentence as if caught stealing a laptop.

With minimal deterrents, there are various dog theft networks working at local and national levels, specifically stealing pets for profit. Dogs are stolen to order to sell, to breed, for ransom, and even for use as bait in illegal dog fighting.

How to reduce dog theft

The Pet Theft Census revealed that 52% of dogs are stolen from gardens, 19% from burglary, 16% while out on a walk, 7% while tied up outside shops, and 5% when left unattended in vehicles.

Securing garden boundaries, locking gates, fitting visible alarms to properties, installing CCTV cameras and always monitoring your dog can help. As can varying walking times and routes, keeping your dog on a lead, and never leaving your dog alone outside shops or in vehicles.

If the worst happens

If your dog is stolen, it is important to act quickly:

• Report the loss to your local council’s dog warden and those in all other neighbouring local authorities.
• Visit places where dog walkers go, such as local parks and public places and talk to people, asking them to keep an eye open for your dog.

• If you believe your pet has been stolen, report it to the police and insist it is recorded as a theft and not a lost animal. Ask for a crime reference number.
• Report the loss/theft to the microchip database, this will ensure that if anyone tries to re-register the chip number, you will be informed.
• Make posters and display them in areas local to your home and also in relevant places such as vets, local parks etc. The poster should include a clear photograph and details of the circumstances of the theft.
• Make sure local vets are aware in case someone takes your dog in for treatment.
• Report the loss on as many as possible of the missing animals websites – there is no single national missing animals database, so you will have to place the same information on all of them to ensure a widespread appeal.
• Contact local animal shelters and rescue charities and send them posters to display.

Dorset Police ‘Good at keeping people safe’

HMI of Constabulary have published their 2017 report on Dorset Police: a good result!

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