

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



COBHAM * STOKE D'ABERNON * DOWNSIDE

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Cobham District Neighbourhood Watch

An essential feature of an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme is to work in close partnership with the police. Here in Cobham, we have been fortunate to have had two Police Community Support Officers who incorporated Neighbourhood watch into their routine work.

This was particularly so with Gary Gibbs who retired recently. He sought out roads not in the scheme or those which had lapsed and brought them into the fold. He also kept in touch with Street Coordinators when on his patrol and this was much appreciated. A partnership is a two-way process and the support given to Gary by residents proved most beneficial.

With the recent arrival of PCSO Eugene Terblanche as part of the Cobham Neighbourhood Policing Team we at Neighbourhood Watch look forward to an equally helpful working partnership and offer him a warm welcome. There are of course various means by which we can build on this partnership and to this end we have been working with PCSO Sandra Treadgold, the Police Community Support Officer for Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon, by organising 'panel' meetings so that residents of Stoke D'Abernon can meet their local policing team on an informal basis.

We are grateful for the support of Stoke D'Abernon Residents' Association and the Stoke D'Abernon Village Hall Committee for this initiative.

I very much hope that we can continue this high level of co-operation with our local policing team so that together we can work to safeguard our homes and our neighbourhood.

Diana Thalben-Ball - Regional Co-ordinator

Mobile mobiles

There has been a steady rise in mobile phone theft and the perpetrators are using more and more reckless and disturbing methods. Here are a few simple security tips that will help reduce the risk of theft significantly.

1. **Make** a note of your phone's unique IMEI number. You can get this by tapping in *#06#. Write it down somewhere safe, not on the phone, and give it to the police and your network supplier if the phone is stolen.
2. **Security** mark the phone and battery with your post code. Your police crime reduction officer can advise on property marking.
3. **Always** use your phone's security lock code or PIN number.
4. **When** using your phone be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.

Welcome to our new PCSO

Welcome to PCSO Eugene Terblanche who has recently joined us from Weybridge. He joined Surrey Police four-and-a-half years ago having previously served with the police in South Africa. He is getting to know the area and people of Cobham & Downside allowing PCSO Sandra Treadgold to spend more time policing in Oxshott & Stoke D'Abernon. We were sorry to say farewell to Gary Gibbs. Although he has formally retired he still works voluntarily at Wellington Barracks where he can indulge in his enthusiasm for militaria.



PCSO Eugene Terblanche



PCSO Sandra Treadgold

Volunteers required

Cobham, Downside and Stoke D'Abernon is one of the most active of the Neighbourhood Watches in Elmbridge. Because it is so large the watch has been split into ten areas each with an Area Coordinator. Within those areas each street should have one or more Street Coordinators. The object of Neighbourhood Watch is to bring the community closer together so that neighbours can look out for one another and reduce the opportunity for crime.

We are always looking for new volunteers for various tasks and currently we need a Coordinator for Area 5 which covers central Cobham, Hogshill Lane, Cedar Road and roads to the south of the High Street. If you would like to know who your local Street or Area Coordinators are, or if you do not have a Neighbourhood Watch in your road and would like one set up, or even better are prepared to do so, please contact your local PCSO or Diana Thalben-Ball at Cobham Police Station.

Council tax discount for good citizens !

It may seem far fetched but the prospect of hard-working Neighbourhood Watch volunteers receiving a rebate on their rates could become a reality. Former Attorney-General Lord Goldsmith has announced a string of recommendations on how to promote citizenship in Britain, including offering council tax discounts to people who take part in community work. But don't hold your breath-the plans have a long way to go yet.

Community Speedwatch

If you are concerned about the danger posed by the speed of traffic on roads in and around Cobham

you can help by volunteering for Speedwatch.

Local police are ready to equip and train a group of volunteers but need someone to coordinate the activity. What is involved? A group of 6-10 volunteers agree on a time and date to operate a session (usually 1 to 2 hours duration) during which two-person shifts of about 30 minutes are activated

The locations are pre-approved by Surrey Police to ensure volunteers' safety and effectiveness and currently Cobham has two such locations. Volunteers work in pairs with one operating the radar gun and another noting the offending vehicle's speed, registration number, make, model and colour. Volunteers are issued with high-visibility yellow jackets but only operate in daylight hours and dry weather. They do not stop or challenge offenders but will hand explanatory leaflets to motorists who stop and wish to know more. Offending motorists are sent a warning letter on the first occasion. For a subsequent offence a final letter is sent to advise that all tolerance has been exhausted and further offences will result in prosecution.

If you can give the time and would like to help keep Cobham's roads safe by volunteering to be the Speedwatch Coordinator please contact Cobham Police Station.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND COBHAM POLICE STATION OPENING TIMES

Emergency Police attendance	999
Non emergency Police (<i>Surrey Police Call Centre</i>)	0845 125 2222
Cobham Police Station	0845 125 2222 ext 4386
PC Lee Fabry	0845 125 2222 ext 156526
Lee Fabry E-Mail	fabry3430@surrey.pnn.police.co.uk
PCSO Sandra Treadgold	0845 125 2222 ext 157684
Sandra Treadgold E-Mail	treadgold12872@surrey.pnn.police.co.uk
Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Abandoned vehicles/Graffiti hotline	01372 474775

COBHAM POLICE STATION OPENING TIMES

Monday	5:00pm - 7:00pm
Tuesday	12 noon - 2:30pm
Wednesday	10:00am - 12:30pm
Thursday	12 noon - 2:30pm
Friday	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Saturday	10:00am - 12 noon

**Neighbourhood Watch is a Community led initiative and is supported by
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