

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

COBHAM * STOKE d'ABERNON * DOWNSIDE

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Cobham & District Neighbourhood Watch

I have in the past written about the Neighbourhood Watch partnership with the police. This year so as not to clash with the police newsletter we have changed the publication dates of our newsletter to January and July. By the time this change was made it was too late to prepare the January edition so this year we are issuing the July letter only.

Likewise, in order to make the best use of police time we have, at the police's request, organised the Area Coordinator's meeting to follow the police panel meetings held in June and December thus ensuring a police presence at our Neighbourhood Watch meetings.

At the point of going to press I received news of how the recently announced cuts in police funding will affect Neighbourhood Watch. As from August we will be losing P.C. Mark Howells, the police officer in charge of Neighbourhood Watch for Elmbridge.

On behalf of residents and co-ordinators I would like to express our gratitude for the support Mark has given the scheme in Cobham, Stoke and Downside.

Diana Thalben-Ball ~ Regional Co-ordinator

Powers and duties of Police Community Support Officers

We see them patrolling our streets but do we know what our PCSO's are legally able to do when it comes to dealing with anti-social and unlawful activities? The following is a summary. Visit www.homeoffice.gov.uk for legislation detail.

Power to issue fixed penalty notice for

- Cycling on a footway
- Littering
- Offences under dog control orders (dog fouling)

Power to require name and address.

Where the PCSO has reason to believe that a person has committed a relevant offence. For example fixed penalty offences as listed above, failing to follow an instruction to disperse given by a Police Constable in uniform under Sec 30 of the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003, offences involving injury, alarm or distress to another person, offences involving loss or damage to the property of another person. Also includes relevant Licensing Offences such as selling alcohol to a person under 18 years of age, buying or attempting to buy alcohol on behalf of a person under 18, selling or attempting to sell or allowing the sale of alcohol to a person who is drunk, obtaining or attempting to obtain alcohol for consumption on relevant premises by a person under 18. allowing the consumption of alcohol on relevant premises by a person under 18, sending a person under 18 to obtain alcohol sold or to be sold on relevant premise for consumption off the premises.

Or where a person under the age of 18 years buys or attempts to buy alcohol, or consumes alcohol on relevant premises.

A PCSO can:

Require name and address of a person acting in an anti-social manner .

Confiscate and dispose of alcohol from a person under 18.

Confiscate and dispose of tobacco etc. from a person under 16.

Enter property to save life or limb or prevent serious damage.

Police panel meetings

All local residents are invited to come along to the panel meetings held in their area to meet their local police officers, to hear reports of police initiatives and to raise their concerns about issues in their neighbourhood. Details of the meetings, which are usually held four times during the year, are publicised in the local press and on the Surrey police web site www.surrey.police.uk.

The next **Stoke D'Abernon** panel meetings are at 7.00 p.m. at Stoke Village Hall, Station Road on: Thursday 15 September and 2 December.

The **Cobham** meetings will be held at the Royal British Legion in Holly Hedge Lane at 7.00 p.m. on: Wednesday 16 September and 16 December.

The Gas Safe Register replaced the CORGI gas register in Great Britain and the Isle of Man on 1st April 2009. The new logo (left) replaces the orange CORGI registration badge. Anyone carrying out work on gas must be registered. They should carry badges of the design depicted to the right. On the reverse of the card is the type of work they are registered to carry out. If any person calls at your door claiming to be Corgi registered be warned.



To be safe call the emergency telephone number: 0800 408 5500 if you have any concerns

Reported crime for Cobham (including Downside and Stoke D'Abernon)

Comparative figures provided for us by Surrey Police for the two most recent quarters

		1 Oct. to 31 Dec. 2008	1 Jan. to 31 Mar. 2009
Burglary	Dwelling	11	21
	Other	17	24
Robbery	Personal	3	0
	Business	1	2
Total burglary/robbery		32	47
Theft of vehicle		5	2
Theft from vehicle		29	17
Damage to vehicle		17	11
Vehicle interference		11	2
Total vehicle crime		62	32

Beware scammers bearing gifts!

Every year about three million people, about one in 15 adults, lose money to a scam. The total theft exceeds £3 billion and the average loss is more than £1,000. All scams prey on our gullibility and our greed. One of the latest schemes masquerades as HM Revenue & Customs and says you are owed a tax refund. If you click on a link in an email it asks for personal details and later a fee to process the claim. Another promises to help you recover excess bank charges but first wants your bank details. Classics like the foreign lottery and "Nigerian" oil funds continue to

reap a rich harvest for the criminals. Scam emails are best deleted unanswered as replying gives them more information. With a scam phone call just put the phone down.

If it seems too good to be true it probably is.

Emergency fire, police and ambulance 999

Non emergency police (*Surrey Police Call Centre*) 0845 125 2222

Cobham Police Station 0845 125 2222

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Abandoned vehicles/Graffiti hotline 01372 474775

Community Safety Partnership 01372 474393

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 Surrey Police