



# West Moors Home Watch Community Newsletter

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Awarded Watch Team of the Year for 2010



## From your Committee

Dear Home Watch Members,

I have promised our Committee that I will remain as West Moors Home Watch Chairman until the next Annual General Meeting in 2019.

In that time, I hope to form a new committee that will take us into the future.

However, I need the support of every member, and I need every member to support their committee, and every member to be aware of the identity of their coordinator who is their nearest Home Watch representative. If you don't know your coordinator, then consider becoming a coordinator yourself. Even more importantly, consider becoming a Committee Member where we have three vacancies, especially for people with computer knowledge. In other words, if you are a Home Watch member, take an active interest in understanding what we are and more importantly who we are and what we do.

You can show that you are a member of the Watch by displaying the appropriate badges and notices on your front door/window. These signs can be obtained from me or from the Community Office in the Barrington Theatre, Ferndown. They also show that being a member of our Watch indicates that you are security minded and members of the criminal fraternity may be persuaded to go elsewhere.

**BE PROUD OF BEING A MEMBER OF WEST MOORS HOME WATCH!**

ROGER LONG, Chairman.

## Home Watch Benefits

Annual membership fee minimum £1.00

- Advice on securing your home and protecting your property.
- Regular crime updates.
- Involvement and influence in fighting crime.
- Access to crime prevention aids e.g. property marking kits, Alarms.
- Your Insurance company may reduce your premium
- A Watch newsletter three times a year.

## West Moors Neighbourhood Policing Team



**PCSO Laura Whalley**



**PS Tim Travers**



**PC Stephen Knight**



**PCSO James Marsh**

If you have any information, contact West Moors Neighbourhood Policing Team



Only call 999 if a life is in danger or a crime is in progress

email: [westmoorsnt@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:westmoorsnt@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

[www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk)

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**Watch out!**

If you spot anything dodgy, call Dorset police

# Ferndown Neighbourhood Policing Team Report

## General:

Welcome to our July Report. As you may be aware there have been some changes to our Neighbourhood Policing Teams since the introductions of Police Community Support Investigators (PCSI's) earlier in the year. Within Ferndown NPT both Cheryl and Kate have moved on to this new role and Steve has moved on to pastures new outside the force.

As part of the changes PC Steve Knight has returned from Christchurch to head up the Ferndown NPT, along with PCSO Laura Whalley. The West Moors, Ashley Heath and St Leonards / St Ives Area have been incorporated into the Ferndown NPT Patch along with PCSO James Marsh who covered these areas from Verwood Police Station. PCSO Adam Fitzwalter has remained stationed at Verwood but will provide support to all teams on the Eastern Section.

The New Ferndown NPT team is now based at Ferndown Police Station with a satellite office at Pear Tree on the Ferndown Industrial Estate, which has been provided as part of the Ferndown Bid.

The Team has been hard at work getting out into the community to engage with residents and local businesses. We are setting up drop in sessions at St Marys Church and Marks and Spencer's in the Ferndown area to allow people to come and meet a member of the team to discuss issues in their areas. We will also be looking to roll out the same across the rest of the patch including West Moors in the near future.



We would like to promote and ask people to spread the word of a new service from Dorset Police called Ask NED the Non-Emergency Directory, Ask NED can be found through the Dorset Police Website and can provide answers to commonly asked questions and what actions they can take, as well as signposting people to the correct Partner Agency when their enquiry is not something that can be dealt with by Dorset Police.

## Recent Notable Crimes:

The Ferndown and West Moors area has recently seen a considerable increase in rogue trader incidents. These range from offering gardening services to roof tile repair services. We would like to remind the local community not to engage with Doorstep traders, and to contact Dorset Police if you get suspicious traders at your door.

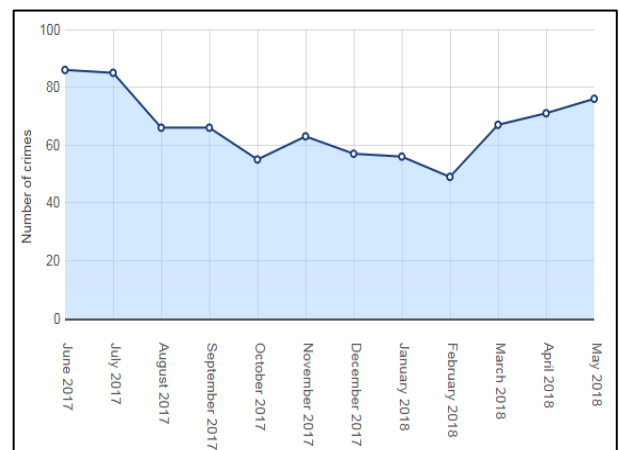
We are also still getting a number of scams reported to Dorset Police, these are mainly phone scams and computer scams. Please remember to never give out your bank details over the telephone, and do not engage with scams. There are plenty resources on the Dorset Police website and Action Fraud website, which explain the different types of scams and how to protect yourselves from them.

Furthermore, there have been a number of shed breaks in the area over the past few months. We would advise the local community not to keep high value items in garden shed and to install adequate crime prevention.

## Crime Stats:

Crime Stats for past 5 months from [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) (Ferndown & West Moors) Please note some occurrences are still under investigation

Category	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan
Anti-social behaviour	20	17	14	13	13
Bicycle theft	1	1	0	0	1
Burglary	3	2	8	2	9
Criminal damage and arson	7	7	6	1	3
Drugs	0	0	0	1	2
Other theft	18	12	18	8	9
Possession of weapons	0	0	0	1	1
Public order	0	3	2	4	3
Shoplifting	0	3	4	6	0
Vehicle crime	3	5	1	1	5
Violence and sexual offences	25	20	15	12	9
Other crime	0	1	0	0	1



## Crime Prevention:

We would like to remind the local community to lock their windows and doors, when they go out of their houses. We understand that people like to have their windows and doors open during this hot weather, to keep their homes cool. However, it is important to lock your windows and doors when you leave the house and do not leave your front doors open while out in the garden.

Furthermore, during the summer period Dorset Police sees an increase in Theft from Motor Vehicles, in some of Dorset's beauty spots. We would like to remind you to make sure your car doors are locked, when unattended and that you do not leave valuable in your cars. The local NPT increase patrols in local beauty spots and car parks, during the summer months. We will approach drivers if they leave their vehicles unlocked or valuables inside, to give advice regarding crime prevention.

As always, we are promoting the Dorset Alert messaging service, the two-way community messaging system operated by Dorset Police, which allows us to exchange information with local residents. Please promote this service to your watch members where they can sign up for free at [www.dorsetalert.co.uk](http://www.dorsetalert.co.uk)

## Events & Engagement:

- Sheduction** West Moors Middle Fete – 15 June 2018
- NPT attended** West Moors Middle Fete supporting the Ferndown Police Community Office's Sheduction Trailer
- Sheduction** Ferndown Fete on the Field – 23 June 2018
- NPT attended** Ferndown Fete on the Field supporting the Ferndown Police Community Office's Sheduction Trailer
- Drop In Session** The Beacon Café, St Marys Church – 13 July 2018

## The New Committee

As many of you know, there are many changes to the West Moors Committee Membership.

The new members are--

Roger Long	Chairman,
Phil Warn	Membership Secretary,
Carol Cox	Newsletter Editor,
Malcom Adam	Responsible for Signage.
Pamela Long	Publicity.

I am very grateful to David Barrett who stayed on as Secretary and Sylvia Barrett who remains as Treasurer. The eighth committee member is Phil Cox.

This leaves **vacancies for at least two more members**, (preferably computer literate) and if anybody thinks they can be a part of our Home Watch as a member of the Committee or Coordinator please contact me on 01202 896939.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention the retired members of the committee who stood down prior to the last AGM. As Chairman, I have known these dedicated members of West Moors community for many years and I know how many hours of voluntary work they have contributed to the benefit of us all.

So, Pete, Angela, Maggie, Roy, Anne and Pam, a sincere vote of thanks from all of us!!

I am also mindful of the contribution to the success of the Watch made by the 80 or so coordinators who look after the 1400 households who make up the membership of West Moors Home Watch. Thank you all!

Roger Long, Chairman.

## General Data Protection Regulation Statement.

West Moors Home Watch take looking after your personal data very seriously.

Your rights regarding the use and security of your personal data will always be respected by West Moors Home Watch.

We would like to reassure you that your personal data is safe with us and will never be released to anyone outside of West Moors Home Watch for marketing purposes.

## Ferndown Community Office

The Office is located just inside the Barrington Centre and is open from 10:00-12:00 Monday to Saturday and is manned entirely by volunteers.

It has been in operation for almost 13 years and is the only one of its type in the south of England. The volunteers are supported mainly by subscriptions from the local Home Watches and a small income from the sale of various property and personal security products.

The volunteers are recruited through Dorset Police Volunteers Organisation and are fully vetted and carry appropriate I.D. Although it is a police organisation, the police play no role in day to day operation but there is considerable interaction between them and the volunteers, enabling information to be exchanged to the police and *vice versa*. Police Community Support Officers frequently drop by the office maintaining a very friendly and welcome relationship. The office and its dedicated supporters are part of a very substantial structure in Dorset of voluntary organisations delivering safety and security to the population. Collectively and individually they contribute enormously to the well-being of our residents.

The office was originally funded by East Dorset District Council (EDDC) and was a facility mainly used for residents to pay their rates, but it was closed. When the town police station also closed, there was no one to complain to, so the Community Office was born in 2005. Initially the office was only open 1 day per week and typical problems included parking infringements and noisy neighbours, which were not issues for the police who have rather more pressing priorities. In such cases Environmental Health officers are better positioned to address the problems--and this is still true.

The Community Office plays a valuable role in advising people and pointing them in the right direction. Typical of the crimes that volunteers were aware of (with their Home Watch hats on) were shed break ins. Typically a thief would break into a shed and use a shovel or similar implement to force patio doors open. It is not unusual for a shed to contain a crow bar and heavy hammers - a dream for a burglar. It was clear that sheds were often an unsecured treasure trove of garden tools, machinery, cycles and sporting equipment; all much easier to burgle than a house which was likely to be alarmed. So, what did they do about it?

In conjunction with Dorset Police Crime Prevention Panel and EDDC, **Sheduction** was launched. This was basically a horse box converted into a garden shed mock-up mounted on a trailer and stocked with affordable security products for sale along with information and advice intended to make sheds and outbuildings less vulnerable. The idea was conceived and driven forward by Brian Frecknall along with Roger Long and PC Tony Tester. The unit is towed by a vehicle to all sorts of events to advise the public of measures they can take to increase their home and personal safety by displaying and demonstrating items such as locks and burglar alarms.

It is worth noting that the shed can be booked by contacting Brian on [v.frecknall@btopenworld.com](mailto:v.frecknall@btopenworld.com). Brian is normally on duty in the Community Office on Wednesdays and has another role as Chairman of St Leonards and St Ives Home Watch. When not in use, the Shed is kept under cover at Ferndown HQ. Unfortunately, the police no longer have the resources to tow the trailer which must be carried out by a qualified and insured driver which limits its use. Currently it is operated using a council owned vehicle on a special request basis with Roger Long at the wheel.

Some of the products available both in the Office and Shed are:

Item	Description	Price
Card Defender	A wallet for your credit cards to prevent them being skimmed.	£0.50
Car Key Protector	To prevent a keyless car fob security system being hacked.	£3.00
Alarmed Padlock	If this lock is moved, it emits a loud alarm.	£11.00
Shed Alarm	A motion detector that can be installed in an enclosed space and emits a loud noise if it detects any movement.	£10.00
GuardCam	This motion detector device includes a HD camera that stores up to 60,000 colour photos or 750X20 second videos. It emits an audible warning that people who approach are being photographed, or it can be made to bark like a dog giving the impression that the premises are under guard. A floodlight illuminates the scene at night.	£115.00
Panic Alarm	A device with a loud alarm-- small enough to fit into a handbag.	£10.00

In 2006, attendance at the Office numbered 299 customers whilst in 2017 there were more than 2,800 customers-- and still growing! The Office is to be commended for the way in which it builds bonds with the local residents and helps them feel that they are actively part of policing the community. By channeling concerns and suggestions, it helps the police to build a better picture of local activity and make our neighbourhoods a better place to live, work and socialise in.

When Neighbourhood and Home Watch volunteers look for a membership contribution, often as low as £1/per annum, just see what you get for this tiny bit of support.

A big thanks to the Ferndown Police Community Office!



West Moors Library Opening times	
Mon	2.00pm - 5.00pm
Tues	2.00pm - 6.30pm
Wed	Closed
Thurs	9.30am - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Fri	9.30am - 1.00pm
Sat	10.00am - 12.30pm