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Weymouth and Portland Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

May 2023

Meet the team / engagement events this month

Tuesday 6 June 2023 – 3.00 – 4.00pm

Meet PCSO Mark
@ The Food Warehouse, Jubilee Close Retail
Park, Weymouth.

Thursday 8 June 2023 – 10.00 – 11.00am

Meet PCSO Mark
@ The Harbour Office, Custom House Quay,
Weymouth.

Friday 16 June 2023 – 12.00 noon – 1.00pm

Meet PCSO Kelly
@ The Veterans Hub Community Cafe,
114A Portland Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

Saturday 17 June 2023 – 11.00 – 12.00 noon

Meet PCSO Jason Newall
@ The Tesco Superstore, Park Road, Easton,
Portland.

Saturday 17 June 2023 – 13.00 – 16.00

Meet Officers from Weymouth Neighbourhood
Policing Team
@ Chesil Youth Pride, Weymouth College,
Cranford Avenue, Weymouth.

Monday 19 June 2023 – 13.00 – 14.00

Meet PCSO Sonny
@ The Global Café, St Marys Church,
Weymouth.

Friday 30 June 2023 – 1.00 – 2.00pm

Meet PCSO Kelly
@ The Veterans Hub Community Cafe,
114A Portland Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

*Please note: You can find all our engagement
opportunities listed on our webpages:*

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Weymouth & Portland's Policing priorities.

Our main priority is Anti-Social Behaviour.

Recently, reports of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Weymouth and Portland have increased especially around The Esplanade in Weymouth and Easton Square on Portland. We are aware that this has a significant impact on the local communities and so ASB reduction forms a large part of our daily police business.

Each NPT beat manager will drive local policing activity in their area and promote the benefits of working in partnership with other community safety groups to deliver cohesive and sustainable plans on tackling and reducing ASB.

Having a clear focus on this single priority as we approach the summer months will enable the team to maximise their impact on ASB. Please follow us on our local social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram & Twitter) to see regular updates of policing activity involving the team.

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The 31 May marked the start of our '100 Days of Summer' initiative. Officers will be conducting high visibility daily patrols for the next 100 days in Weymouth town centre as we approach our busy period with an influx of visitors.

This will complement the work we do all year round through the Safer Streets Partnership to deal with persistent Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) perpetrators. Officers will focus on 6 different anti-social behaviour hotspots that have been identified through local knowledge and data analysis, walking between each one throughout the shift to give a clear visible presence. The aim is to deter any ASB or other criminal activity. The hotspots may change throughout the summer and our patrolling will change to reflect this.



Patrols continue around The Esplanade and our early morning sweeps have been extended up to Greenhill following complaints of ASB from a homeless encampment including littering and leaving human waste in the gardens. Working in partnership with colleagues at Dorset council this encampment was served notice of eviction from the park.

A prolific shoplifter, wanted for several high value shoplifting incidents in our town centre was found by one of our eagle-eyed PCSO's in the Lodmoor area. He was swiftly arrested by Weymouth Police Officers, taken to custody, and promptly charged. Shoplifting has a cumulative impact on our businesses in Dorset, costing millions of pounds in lost goods. Police will always support our businesses and where we have sufficient evidence will bring these offenders to justice.

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A wanted male from Avon & Somerset was spotted by neighbourhood officers who were on patrol in St Mary's Street. Checks were conducted and he was confirmed as still outstanding for a court offence. He was arrested, and quickly presented to the courts for sentencing.

Weymouth neighbourhood officers working with Dorset Police's licensing team and trading standards attended a local business in the town centre and seized 274 packets of contraband cigarettes and 506 vapes that were over the legal limit (600 breaths). Police and Dorset Council are aware of concerns raised by our community regarding vape usage by our children and we would encourage anyone with information about businesses supplying to youths to share this information with Police.

On 12 May 2023 officers from Weymouth Neighbourhood Policing Team executed a Section 8 PACE warrant at an address in Littlemoor. A sharp increase in drugs intelligence was received and officers acted quickly to obtain a warrant. Police Officers found quantities of class A drugs and two women were arrested in the property for drug supply offences. The team are committed to disrupting those who wish to be involved in the supply of drugs and we will take robust action against them.

Anti-social behaviour reports remain low in the residential areas of Weymouth and isolated incidents of ASB are being swiftly dealt with through officers working with partner agencies. For example, we received an influx of reports from residents near to Victory Hall in Charlestown with local children causing issues on the hall's grounds during the morning. A swift response plan was put in place with extra patrolling and the children were given words of advice from officers. A local school is aware and has provided the community with reassurance with staff presence at the pertinent times. The Chickerell beat manager has secured the use of a mobile council camera to be placed in the area to deter and detect future ASB.

We are currently working towards a partial closure order at an address in Chickerell for a vulnerable female who persistently causes anti-social behaviour to residents. Officers are working hard with partner agencies and our in-house legal team to progress this.

Officers from Weymouth and Portland continue to undertake regular patrols at Easton Gardens in Portland and reports of ASB have reduced in this area.

Portland Neighbourhood Policing Team have been investigating reports of a person discharging a suspected air weapon into a public space around the Easton area. A local male is now assisting officers with enquiries.

A Walk & Talk scheme has been launched in Weymouth and Portland which is open to women aged 18 and over who live or work here. Any woman can apply to go for a walk accompanied by a female officer in their local area and walk-through areas they feel vulnerable in and discuss their views on women's safety.

Women are invited to apply by emailing their name, address, and a contact number to: countywalkandtalk@dorset.pnn.police.uk.

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