



REPORT FROM THE BEAT MANAGER

I will be keeping my report brief this month as I want to give some space over to Emma Burrows, our Community Support Officer, to explain her role and some of the projects she has been involved with. Before I do so I would just like to mention a few things.

I have heard predictions that we are in for a cold spell this winter so please, be good neighbours and keep an eye out for those people in the community who may be more vulnerable and need a little extra help. For you motorists, make sure you are ready for a cold snap. Things that need to be checked are tyres, lights, battery and anti-freeze. Crime doesn't have a holiday over the festive period so please remember to keep things locked up and presents out of public view. Try to avoid carrying large sums of money when shopping and keep your credit cards safe. Wishing you all a happy and crime free Christmas and New Year, now over to Emma.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about my role and what it means to the public. I am not, as many of you may have hoped, a Police Officer. My role, although not entirely separate, is different. We offer a visible presence to reassure the community and deter crime. We can deal with low level anti social behaviour issues that affect your quality of life. In order to tackle these issues we use a multi agency approach, sharing ideas and problems. It is very often that a direct Police response is not always the best approach and that by using another agency a more appropriate solution can be found.

Many residents of Upton are concerned about the level of boredom among our young people. As the CSO I have been tackling this issue by becoming involved with the youth. In the summer we were lucky enough to take a number of young people paint balling and I was also able to assist some of the younger generation in providing the "Picnic in the Park". This event provided entertainment for all ages and gave some young people the opportunity to plan and hold such an event. In the future we will endeavour to apply for more funding in order that we may provide more regular activities for the youth.

I have become part of the Rural Safety Initiative which is a group that looks at issues of crime and disorder in the community. This group has raised enough money to provide a Skate ramp for the young people of Upton. It is hoped such a facility will give the young people a distinct area to play and socialise.

I also involve myself closely with the local schools and have spoken with the young people on a number of occasions. This has enabled me to become more integrated with the children and would enable me to offer a better response to problems should they arise.

Throughout the spring and summer I spoke to a number of the more vulnerable members of our community in relation to crime prevention. Through Age Concern





I hope to continue these visits through the winter where I can offer advice and reassurance in relation to home security. If you know of somebody you feel would benefit from a visit, please let me know. In addition, I have worked to promote Neighbourhood Watch in the area and we have a number of new members. If you are interested in the scheme please contact me, being a co-ordinator is very easy and I promise it will take very little of your time.

In general, as a CSO, I work closely with the Police gathering information and offering support. We are able to assist Police Officers in their line of work but our main aim is to become integrated into the community, to identify its problems and work within that community to offer solutions.

I hope that this festive season brings you all great enjoyment and wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

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