

# **Chester Local Policing Unit Parish Council Update**

# Local Officers -

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## POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER WORK

#### **EDUCATION**

I'm pleased to say that I was able to get funding to launch a Road Safety project over the four schools I cover, Tarvin, Kelsall, Duddon and Delamere.

The project is set to launch in September and is aimed at raising awareness of Road Safety and tackling parking and speeding in the local community. This will include assembly presentations and working with the Junior Safety Officers.

The funding, supported by Crime Beat, has purchased ten cones for each school which are to be decorated by children and placed outside the school where parking presents a safety concern or issues caused by inconsiderate parking. The ideas also being that an emotional connection and awareness is raised with parents.

It will also fund a competition to be held with a road safety poster, where one winner from each school will have the poster professionally printed and placed around their community.

#### **CRIME PREVENTION**

Having received several complaints and intelligence around drugs and ASB at the Tarvin Health Centre I was able to support staff with security devices to help deter the issue escalating. Using both targeted patrols and Operation Revision to offer more regular visibility there has been a reduction in concerns reported.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT

I was pleased to part of Kelfest and the Kelsall folk festival, further funding was applied to purchase several family engagement resources. These resources are aimed around health and well-being, which can be used to promote community engagement day and support local community events. Please let me know your calendar of events so we can ensure that the support we want to give you is there!

#### KELSALL WELLBEING HUB

I have received great support from Helen at the Kelsall Wellbeing Hub, and lots of ideas are getting shared, one was on the 14th of August where we attended to offer youth engagement, Bike Marking and other crime prevention in partnership with Cheshire West and Chester Community Safety Warden Ian Cliff.

#### **RESIDENTS VOICE**

We are keen to have feedback from our Residents Survey, taking only a few minutes to complete we use the information to understand and set priorities, demands and concerns.

#### COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Speeding is the main priority from feedback of Residents Voice; however, we have had no interest in community speed watch. If this is something you are keen to learn more about, please let me know.

#### LOOKING FORWARD

I have had fantastic support from Tarvin Online....please see the link and if there are any other local pages who would like information from me, please contact me. <u>TarvinOnline | DRAFT - FM Looking Forward - Police Engagement with Vulnerable residents</u>

#### STORYTIME WITH THE POLICE

As part of summer youth engagement, we ran a Storytime with Tarvin Library where we offer stories around safety and the emergency services.

#### COLD CALLER INCIDENT

There was an incident of a cold caller in Oakmere whereby a male has attended and sold a fire extinguisher for £250 to an elderly and vulnerable couple.

The couple who are in their late 80s and early 90s, one with dementia and the other just coming out of surgery for cancer were cold called upon on the 3rd of August 2023 at around 530pm.

It is believed that the male would have researched the area, having found that the company does exist in Sheffield and London through Company House. Although there are no criminal

offences the conduct of the cold caller has brought concern that sales targeting has happened and that they have failed to refund the product under the consumers rights. The same product purchased is online for just £35.00. The fact that the aggrieved person couldn't lift the extinguisher. That signs of no cold callers were ignored.

It can be very difficult to say no once the door is opened, if possible, follow these tips...

Use a chain when opening the door. Use a no callers sticker on the door. Use CCTV (even a dummy camera). Never give money or bank details over. Never accept an ID card as proof. Never accept a leaflet or telephone number as genuine. Always contact a family member, friend or the Police if you feel pressured or unsafe.

We continue to work with Trading Standards on this incident but please be vigilant.

## Please refer to the Cheshire Police website for full breakdown of crime statistics for your area.



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#### Road Safety/Speed Engagement -

**TRUCAM 3 MONTH TARGETING** 

**Number of Activations** 

TARVIN - BYPASS ROAD (0)

DUDDON A51 (5)

KELSALL - CHESTER ROAD (17)

DELAMERE - STATION ROAD (2)





**Residents Voice** - It is important to us that we know about the issues that cause you concern. We have set up a survey where you can tell us about the things you would like us to focus on in your area.

Please complete the survey by following this link - <u>Resident's voice | Cheshire Constabulary</u>



As part of our ongoing work to deter people from committing crime in Cheshire, we have invested in forensic property marking kits to identify those responsible for theft. The work we are doing in this area of prevention is branded Operation Shield. Neighbourhood Policing Teams are visiting households and businesses to introduce forensic property marking. They are offering householders and business owners free kits which are made by a UK company called Selectamark Security Systems plc. Their product is called SelectaDNA.

What is SelectaDNA? It is a cutting-edge way of protecting your property from theft. Each bottle within the kit contains a unique DNA code and thousands of tiny microdots that, once applied, identify it as yours.



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report any crime/suspicious Cheshire Police website -999 in an emergency.