

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ANNUAL REPORT

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Teffont is now looked after by PCSO Jonathan Rose. Unfortunately he is not able to attend this event but I know he wishes to hold another Police Community Meeting shortly and I will ensure this is advertised. I have had several meetings with PCSO Rose and he keeps me well informed of any concerns. Any information you have given to me is always forwarded to him by email.

Our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is as active as ever and I would like to give thanks to the 11 NW Co-ordinators who help me (Laura Downer, Vicky Bracey, Richard Blamey, Nick Nicholson, Antoinette Wachter, Kathy Webber, Ian Johnson, Pat MacNamara, Fi Homan, Tony Deane and David Wood). They keep me briefed and share any concerns as well as giving support to their vulnerable neighbours. We are still running the NW Scheme on the same basis as during the Covid outbreak with the Support Groups. If any of you do not know who your NW Neighbour Co-ordinator is then please contact me.

I am pleased to be able to report that things have been reasonably quiet in Teffont over the last year and long may it last! Outbuildings, garages and sheds are always a target. Garden equipment and tools have unfortunately been stolen from villagers over the last year. Poaching is an on-going concern not just in the Teffont area but in neighbouring valleys.

In the past I have sent out emails advising everyone to keep a record of serial numbers of equipment kept in your garages and to use Smartwater which is a form of DNA marking peculiar to your household. The Police always look for any Smartwater marking first when goods are seized. It is considered a useful deterrent.

If anyone has any concerns or information please always feel free to contact me direct. I then feed this information to the Police. I now have about 85% of the village on my email database which is a fast and effective way to send out warnings. I do try to keep these emails to a minimum and only relay messages that are relevant and helpful to us all in Teffont.

I would like to thank PCSO Rose for all he is doing for our village and also the other members of the SW Salisbury Community Policing Team. I know his aim is to have more of a Police presence in Teffont and he has been encouraged to use the Village Hall as a hub, as have other former PCSOs before the Covid Lockdown. He also intends to try and get out with our Speedwatch Team at times.

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