**TEFFONT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME REPORT**

**APRIL 2023**

I now have 94% of occupied households in Teffont on my NW Mailing List.

Teffont is currently supported by PCSO Jonathan Rose who works as part of the Salisbury SW Community Policing Team. I have good communication with him as a whole, but unfortunately he will be leaving in the summer to train to be a Police Constable. I wish him all the best and am most grateful for all the help and advice he has given me over the year.

The NW Structure has been set up to give support in other ways as well. For example during the recent Ambulance Strike Days volunteers have kindly come forward to offer assistance. Relieved to say no one was called upon, but it was reassuring to those living on their own that help was there if needed.

The crimes I have been made aware of this year have been several catalytic converter thefts from cars in Magna and criminal damage done to machinery. To the best of my knowledge there has been no household theft. Recently several cars have been broken into whilst parked on the Ox Drove and there has been fly dumping on an industrial scale. This is under investigation by Wiltshire Enforcement Officer and many of you have given useful photographic evidence of receipts and labels to help with the investigation. We must all keep vigilant and please report any non- urgent information to the Police by calling 101. Whilst you may not think it of particular importance, this is the way the Police gather crucial information which can often help with other cases.

I attended a Police Webinar on the Phycology of Cyber Crime and Scams which I found fascinating. This was most informative as we are all constantly under attack by increasing sophisticated methods. These scammers try to apply emotion and a sense of urgency. The Police stress we just need to just say no and never press on a direct link from your computer or phone. Neither call them back on the number given. Use a different phone if possible to call your bank if you are worried and only use the number given on your own bank details.

Contact Action Fraud http://actionfraud.police.uk to report a suspected fraudulent approach or forward any suspicious emails to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk). This again helps the Police and Banks to build a picture of what are the latest Scams and to enable them to bring them down.

Thank you as always to the 11 NW Co-ordinators who help me in so many ways.

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