

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT 2024

I have just looked back at my records and to my surprise have realised I have now been running the Teffont Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for over 15 years. I have enjoyed working with a number of different PCSOs and the local Police and I have been given good support from them. Equally important is that you as Teffont residents past and present have worked with me and been part of the success of our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

The information you as villagers give me is so important because this forms part of the overall intelligence gathering the Police need. No matter how insignificant you may think your information is, the Police have stressed this is so important to help them build the bigger picture and this often connects to link with other crimes in neighbouring villages. There have been several cases when your information has helped others. Please continue to keep me informed and I will pass this information to our Police or you can email them direct.

Last summer PCSO Jonathan Rose left us to train to become a PC. He had become a very popular Neighbourhood Watch Policeman and helped many villagers. I wish him all the success in his future career and remain most grateful to him.

In the interim period after Jonathan left I was given huge support from PCSO Simon Ward who kindly volunteered to help us in addition to his own area of responsibility. During this period several outbuildings were broken into and theft of ATVs, not only in Teffont, but in neighbouring villages too. I understand the gang responsible for these crimes have now been arrested and came from Hampshire. When they were finally caught it resulted in a Policeman being injured and the Police car crashed into.

We now have a new PC Matthew Boon. I have had a very good meeting with him and we are going to try to arrange a Village Meeting with the Police and Teffont Villagers. He will also be using the Village Hall from time to time as a hub. Our Police now work on email communication as they are out and about all the time. They regularly monitor their emails. Gone are the days of them sitting in Police Stations!

I am so grateful to all those of you who help me as NW Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and please keep me informed of any new residents. We also use Neighbourhood Watch to help those who might be vulnerable in our village. Teffont is a special village in this way – thank you.

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If you have changed your email address or telephone number can you let me know so I can keep our Neighbourhood Watch Mailing List up to date.