**TEFFONT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME REPORT**

**MAY 2021**

Like with so many other village activities and organisations this last year during the Covid Outbreak has meant that our Neighbourhood Watch has fortunately been relatively quiet with regard to any crime to report. However, poaching is still an on- going concern locally and in the Chalke Valley.

The Village Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been used as part of the Covid Volunteer Support Group that was set up to help during the Lockdowns. The village was divided into larger Areas than normal but with two volunteers per Area to look after any vulnerable neighbours or those who needed extra support. This was very effective and I would like to thank all those volunteers who looked after their neighbours so well.

Teffont is now supported by PCSO Matthew Smith and PC Mark Duglas (Wilton). The Police are now working in larger units as Super Teams and this also incorporates Harnham. PCSO Matthew Smith is particularly interested in rural crime and I believe he is going to be a great support to Teffont. He is planning to set up a Police Consultation in Teffont and this is scheduled for Saturday 22nd May. Full details when confirmed will be advertised. This will give villagers a chance to get to know him and to discuss any concerns you may have.

It is hoped that in a few months the Police will be able to use the Village Hall as before, so this can be a point of contact and to give a Police presence which is always welcomed.

I continue to keep The Police briefed about any village security issues and whatever information is passed on, either by myself or your calls to 101, please be assured that it is always recorded and used for gathering valuable intelligence. So please keep vigilant and thank you.

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