

## Questions

Whilst acknowledging that local officers were supportive and helpful, Council wishes to understand what actions are being taken to limit the increase in ASB by younger members of the community?

There are increased patrols in the area in the evenings and a new member of staff is joining the neighbourhood team in Chard soon. However, it is noted that this ASB needs to be reported, so it can be recorded correctly on Police systems, which will then allow us to access further resources to combat any future problems.

**Q. Have the local police been in contact with the secondary / primary schools to talk to the students. If no, can this be done?**

A. We are constantly in touch with schools and youth groups in the area and cover a multitude of subjects with them, this not an area of concern to us.

**Q. What is the feasibility of the local community raising money to pay for a dedicated officer to patrol the Tatworth parish area?**

**For a dedicated officer to patrol Forton and Tatworth, I would imagine that the village would need to raise the salary of a PCSO plus their pension and provide a suitable vehicle.**

**If not possible, what is the police view on the hiring of private security personnel to do the same?**

A. This is not something that the Police would have view on, it would be down to the council to decide.

**Q. Do the police authorities believe that the reduction in street lighting is a factor in these increased crime figures?**

A. There is no correlation between street lighting and crime as far as I am aware, (there are some villages with no street lighting that have little or no crime/there are some with extensive lighting that also have little or no crime.

**The number of Police incidents that need to be recorded for the whole Chard rural beat (including, Tatworth and Forton, Winsham, Clapton, Chillington, Dowlish, Chaffcome, Combe St Nicholas, Buckland St Mary and Cotley) was 19.**

Of these 8 incidents happened in Tatworth parish, 1 was an intelligence report, 1 x drunk lady, 1 x sudden death, 2 x domestic incidents, 1x missing person, 1 x civil dispute and finally the only recorded crime for the Parish was a fraud on Facebook, which is under investigation at this time.

Please report any incidents via '101' and call 999 for any emergency, if you wish to remain anonymous crimestoppers 0800 555111 is an option for non-urgent incidents.

Thank you. PCSO 8506 Gareth ALLINGTON