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# Compton Dando & Woollard Neighbourhood Watch

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## VILLAGES AND COMMUNITY

Once again we have had very little crime in the village over the last year. However, there have been **lead thefts from churches and other buildings** and advice is that if you see people apparently working on the roof of such buildings that you note the registration numbers of any vehicles being used, check with owners, for example church wardens, that work is supposed to be carried out and if not, **immediately** call the police with as much information as possible.

The other major problem is “**DISTRACTION BURGLARIES**”, where callers might say they are checking water supply or, as recently in Gloucestershire, flood damage, are let into elderly and vulnerable people’s homes where they then steal money or valuables. Advice is always to use a door chain, check the ID of unexpected callers and if in doubt ask them to make an appointment to call back at a later date when you can have a friend, neighbour or relative with you. We have “**NOMINATED NEIGHBOUR**” packs for you to use – ask Harriette about these.

Your local Police Community Support Officer is Sarah Hewlett based at Keynsham Police Station. If you see her about, do say hello so that she gets to know who we are!

Once again we are arranging a “**Village Clean Up**” so please come to the hall around 10.30am bringing gloves and wellies. Gary and Harriette hope to have some reflective tabards and, as usual, we’ll split into teams and bring the full bags back for the council to collect the next day. See you then!

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

*Printed with thanks to Keynsham Police Station*

### Consumer Direct

**08454 04 05 06**

Regionally based advisors are specially trained to give practical advice on all kinds of consumer issues: from problems with cars to faulty household appliances.

### Council Connect

**01225 394041**

[councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk)

B&NES Council customer service: they pass on messages to council departments, advise on things like rubbish collection dates, and you can report pot-holes and fly-tipping.

### Police non-urgent calls:

**0845 456 7000**

to report all incidents. Remember to say that you are in the Keynsham Sector of the Bath District - calls will be transferred as necessary.

### For crime in progress or immediate police response

**999**

### Crimestoppers:

**0800 555 111**

To give anonymous information: calls are free from a landline and you could get a reward. Calls are not recorded.

Harriette Dottridge, Court Hill House, Compton Dando, (490445)

## Diary Date

### Village Clean-up

**10.30am**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
2008**

**Compton Dando  
Village Hall**

## THE MORE THE MERRIER (AND THE CLEANER)!

Please bring gloves, sensible shoes and clothing and be prepared to spend a couple of hours cleaning the lanes around the villages.

We will end up back at the hall at around 12 for hot drinks and “broken meats” from the previous evening’s Valentine Dance.

**Offers of help with trailers or 4x4s to pick up and drop people/full bags to Harriette on 490445, please.**

Steve Whitemore, Brook  
Cottage, Woollard, (490543)

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Clive Howarth, (0117 986  
3710)

### What's

A Parish Plan is a way for everyone in the parish to be consulted about what is going on in the parish and what you are concerned about and what would you like to see done?

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** is Parish Plan Day. This is a day when we discuss what is involved, why we might want to do it and how we can do it.

Drop in any time between 10am and 4pm. There will be displays, talks with Q&A sessions, examples and experience from other parishes and groups from the villages in our parish.

For more information please contact any of the following:

*Elizabeth Brealey, Pam Cole, Mandy Cole*

### PACT Meeting 7.00pm, Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008 Compton Dando Village Hall

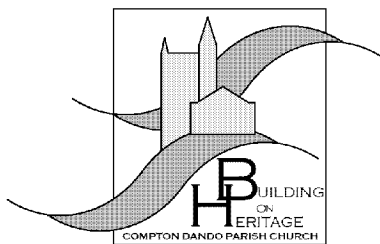
"Partners and Community Together" is where the local Council, Police and Housing Association meet with the community to identify problems and agree who and how they will be tackled. At the next meeting three months later progress is reported and further actions agreed. Meetings are rotated around the area to enable all residents to participate.

Problems raised at the December meeting in Farmborough were: the Two Headed Man Junction, Horse Rider Safety in Farmborough in particular and the A39 road crossing refuge in Marksbury.

Please come along to meet the delegates from the statutory bodies hear about progress they have made and air any local problems you would like to raise.

**Tea and coffee provided.**

**If unable to attend contact Harriette who is chairing this meeting  
(490445 or email hdottridge@hotmail.com)**



Future Church Working Party  
Dates:

**5<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

**28<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

**4<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

All welcome, bring working gloves, secateurs, rake or just energy, spend an hour or so and help keep St Mary's spruce.

**Anvtime from 9am onwards.**

### Compton Dando Community Association

The CDCA organises various events during the year, for the benefit of the village and residents. Events such as the Burns Night, Summer Fete and collaboration with other local groups such as the Church and Parish Council all help raise funds and create social occasions benefiting everyone.

Would you like minutes of the CDCA meetings sent to you by email? Meetings are held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month and everybody is welcome.

To get the minutes or details of events contact  
'Liz Stanbury on

**01761 490487 or email: liz\_stanbury@btinternet.com**

#### Dates for Events in 2008

18 <sup>th</sup> January 2008	Burns Night
16 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	Valentine Dance
26/27 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	Plant Sale and Pensford Run
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	Summer Fete
October 2008	Hallowe'en Dance
December 2008	Christmas Bazaar

Also check out the village website: [www.compton-dando.org](http://www.compton-dando.org)