

Cllr King  
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Netherbury Parish Council  
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Dear Cllr King

Thank you for your letter regarding recent matters of concern to Netherbury Parish Council and your constituents.

Dorset Police acknowledge they are aware of a spate of break-ins to outbuildings that happened in January 2025, and again in September 2025. They are pleased to note, there has been no reports relating to increased concerns of drug use, however, do understand these issues can cause unease within communities.

To proactively respond to these concerns the local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) are proposing the use of a tactical Community Contact Point (CCP), giving residents the opportunity to speak directly with officers and share information or intelligence. This will strengthen the Force's understanding of local concerns and assist in taking targeted enforcement action where necessary.

You can find further details about the team covering your area by visiting the Dorset Police website – [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk) – and entering your postcode into the search box under the title “Find your area”.

Based on the available data monitored by the Force, Netherbury remains one of the safest Parishes in Dorset and Dorset itself remains one of the safest counties in England and Wales. Nevertheless, we recognise that any increase in incidents can cause a perception of fear which is why the Force are committed to maintaining visibility and engagement.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team have confirmed that, due to the need to prioritise officer time on patrols and in order to address the highest threats, risks and harms, it is not always possible to attend every Parish Council meeting as standard. However, they continue to offer bi-monthly meetings with Town Councils for elected District Cllrs who represent their areas, and it is asked that the key messages from those meetings are cascaded to all stakeholders, including being fed back to Parish Councils.

Looking ahead, I am pleased to share that under the Neighbourhood Policing Pledge there will be an increase in dedicated officers in West Dorset, with two additional officers joining the wider Bridport team. As a result of this increase, I have been assured that Netherbury residents will soon feel the benefit of this added visibility and presence.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to working with Dorset Police to help keep Dorset one of the safest places to live in the country. I would be happy to attend a parish council meeting, if you believe this would be of use to you and your constituents, please do contact my Personal Assistant, Cathy Barfoot – [cathy.barfoot@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cathy.barfoot@dorset.pnn.police.uk), to discuss availability.

Yours sincerely

David

David Sidwick  
Police and Crime Commissioner