BRADFORD ON AVON AREA BOARD REPORT – JANUARY 2018

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a scheme which gives local people the power to help reduce traffic speeds and improve the quality of their life in their community.

There are approximately 111 active Community Speed Watch teams across Wiltshire and Swindon (as of 1st April 2017), with approximately 1000 volunteers across the area.

Speeding can be a real problem within our communities and by training as Community Speed Watch volunteers; local residents have the opportunity to make their roads safer.

Volunteers are provided with special equipment and trained by Police Officers in the use of hand-held speed devices so that they can record the speed of passing vehicles.

Motorists caught speeding by volunteers is sent a warning letter from the police, approximately 26000 letters are sent out to motorists each year. Further action is taken against persistent offenders, who will receive a visit from Wiltshire Police.

The main objectives are:

- To secure a reduction in vehicle speeds, to prevent collisions
- To improve quality of life
- To reduce noise pollution
- To raise public awareness of inappropriate speed.

Changing the attitudes of drivers is key to reducing speed. Community Speed Watch is about taking positive action, working together to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the community.

What to do next:

Anyone can raise speeding issues with their local area board (Wiltshire Council) using Wiltshire's community issue system at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards .

You will be asked for details, including where exactly the speeding occurs. The issue will be investigated, in the form of a metro count. If it is found that the site meets the criteria for Community Speed Watch the CSW Co-coordinator for Wiltshire Police will make contact to assist and you will be invited to gather a small group of volunteers together.

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The CSW coordinator will also arrange everything you need to become a CSW volunteer. The schemes will be supported by the Police.

For more information on Community Speed Watch please email
communityspeedwatch@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Each Wednesday Inspector Fee chairs a 'Tasking Meeting' for the West Wiltshire Community Policing area. This meeting is attended by the team Sergeants, Community Coordinators, Police Community Support Officers and local partner agencies.

The aim of the meeting is to identify issues that may be occurring within our communities and putting a plan into place in order to tackle this. Over recent weeks we have introduced Community Speedwatch into this meeting. A representative from the Community Speedwatch Team attends the meeting, and highlights four locations to be targeted by officers over the following two weeks. The results from the metro count indicate which areas require targeting.

CRIME EXCEPTIONS

These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.

*** Domestic Abuse figures will also be included in the values as it is on our Control Strategy but here will be no details shared on these cases ***

EA11 (Bradford on Avon Town)

November 2017 showed 52 reported crimes against the average of 34.6 for this month over the last 2 years. This is above the average, however there are no exceptions within the data.

The three largest crime groups account for 98% of EA11 crime as follows;
Theft shows 36 reports against the average of 15.3.
Violence against the Person shows 10 reports against the average of 8.6.
Theft shows 5 reports against the average of 5.9.

December 2017 showed 28 reported crimes against the average of 34.8 for this month over the last 2 years. This is below the average. There are no exceptions within the data.

The three largest crime groups account for 85% of EA11 crime as follows;
Theft shows 10 reports against the average of 15.4.
Criminal Damage shows 9 reports against the average of 6.2.
Violence against the person shows 5 reports against the average of 8.5.

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<u>EA12 (Wingfield, Westwood, Limpley Stoke, Winsley, Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall, Holt, Staverton)</u>

November 2017 showed 25 reported crimes against the average of 21 for this month over the last 2 years. This is below the average. There are no exceptions within the data.

The three largest crime groups account for 92% of EA12 crime as follows;
Theft shows 16 reports against the average of 7.8.
Criminal Damage shows 4 reports against the average of 4.2.
Violence Against the Person shows 3 reports against the average of 6.4.

December 2017 showed 17 reported crimes against the average of 21 for this month over the last 2 years. This is below the average. There are no exceptions within the data.

The three largest crime groups account for 100% of EA12 crime as follows;
Theft shows 9 reports against the average of 7.9.
Violence Against the Person shows 6 reports against the average of 6.4.
Criminal Damage shows 2 reports against the average of 4.2.

It is noticeable that theft crimes have dropped between November and December, even though shoplifting is more prevalent in the Christmas period. This is in part due to the hard work that has gone into tackling, investigating and disrupting dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries.

Arrests made of two males on the Canal towpath in early December following a spate of burglaries the same day in Bradford on Avon has been significant. The individuals are currently released under investigation (RUI) but are being proactively monitored. We believe this has disrupted their behaviour.

There was also a significant arrest on the 09/01/18 of a 29 year old male from the West Wiltshire area on suspicion of a dwelling burglary in Broughton Gifford which occurred on the 06/01/18. As a part of the arrest, the home of the suspect was searched and some of the property stolen was recovered including a laptop and a substantial quantity for cash. The male in question has been released on Police bail for further enquiries to be done. He is also being investigated for 3 shopliftings in Trowbridge and Melksham. Again this is another example of the work going into reducing and detecting crime, and disrupting the behavior of known criminals.

Violent crime data often peaks in December as it includes the Christmas period when more revelers are out drinking in the pubs and bars, and Domestic Incidents in private settings often increases. This has not been the case in the data this year.

<u>OTHER INFORMATION</u>

<u>PCSO UPDATE!</u>

The New PCSO's have completed their tutorship and are ready to go independent. 5 of them have been allocated to the West Wiltshire CPT Area team which includes Bradford on Avon. We currently run 5 shift teams across West Wiltshire CPT, so the PCSO's are divided up across the 5 shifts to

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provide 7 day coverage across days and evenings. They are allocated a dedicated beat. Numbers now allow us to have 2 PCOS's on 3 beat areas. PCSO Andrew MacLachlan remains the Bradford on Avon Rural representative and PCSO Maria BADDER for Bradford on Avon Town. I'm sure you will join us in welcoming them to the West Wiltshire CPT Team.

COMMUNITY MESSAGING

Are YOU signed up? The number of members of the Bradford on Avon community signing up for this regular email alerts system is increasing. We now have 272 people registered. Although this is encouraging, we are keen to get as many people signed up as possible. It is free, and people will not be bombarded with spam as details are kept secure. Please can you encourage colleagues, friends, family and members of the public to register. They will need a valid email address. Regular updates around crimes that matter to you in your area are sent, as well as crime prevention advice and public appeals for information. Please circulate on emails, reports and correspondence the following link and signpost people to:

https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/

WEEKLY TASKING MEETING

Inspector Andy FEE chairs a weekly internal "tasking meeting" where emerging community issues and concerns are raised and discussed for the whole West Wiltshire CPT area. From this meeting, priorities and actions are set and a tasking document produced. This involves developing strategies and the targeting of resources (including partner agencies) into tackling the issue or concern.

There are currently no tasking's directly relating to the Bradford on Avon Area, however one tasking was recently removed having been closed as successful, which was as follows;

Bailey's Barn/Canal Towpath – Crime and ASB (anti-social behaviour) around Bailey's Barn car park and the nearby Canal Towpath was discussed and set as a priority for pulse patrols. There had been issues with abusive youths in this area, burglaries and thefts of pushbikes from narrow boats.

Many pro-active patrols were carried out, and activity disrupted over a 4 week period. Since setting this task, there have been no further thefts on narrow boats at the location. A stop search was conducted on a car with 4 occupants who smelt strongly of cannabis. No drugs were found, but this action helps to deter people from using the area for such potential activity.

The arrest of the 2 males for Burglary mentioned above we believe also has played a significant part in reducing the crime and ASB reports and has disrupted criminal activity in this specific area.

We encourage the community to report to us any evidence, information or intelligence connected to these or any other matters that require Police attention.

There is also a continued general focus on Burglary patrols as a part of a wider campaign to prevent and detect crime which includes regularly patrolling all locations in the West Wiltshire area.

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<u>BURGLARY UPDATE</u>

Officers are investigating burglaries in Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford on Avon, Westbury and Warminster.

In the majority of the burglary cases, offenders have entered a property through an unlocked door and stole keys from the hallway, before returning later to steal the car.

Inspector Andy Fee, West Wiltshire Community Policing Team, said: "We are seeing a trend in residential burglaries across West Wiltshire where offenders are getting into people's homes via insecure doors and taking car keys. Cars are then being taken and dumped locally.

"With the night's drawing in and houses being left in darkness until residents are home from work, I would like to remind everyone of some simple ways to keep their property secure".

To improve the security in and around your home, we are asking residents to remember the following advice:

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows
- Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not home.
- If you buy large or valuable items such as a bicycle, ensure any serial numbers are registered with www.immobilise.com
- Ensure keys and handbags are not on display in your premises
- Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel
- Make sure any bolts on garden gates are low enough so that they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate
- Never leave a key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox – a thief knows all the hiding places.

A new dedicated resource called CTT (Community Tasking Team) has recently been implemented by Wiltshire Police that will not only tackle burglary, but all priority crimes.

<u>EVENTS</u>

For those looking to organize an even within the community, please have a look at the toolkit available from Wiltshire Council, which gives guidance and advice with regards to most types of events, including information about traffic management and which agencies / departments need to be contacted when applying for various licenses / road closures.
It can be found at http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit…
https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/

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CONTACT US

Please use 999 in an emergency or crime in progress. Use 101 for all past or non-urgent crimes/incidents and issues or visit Wiltshire Police's new website at;

https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/

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