

# **Pewsey Area Board**

**October 2016**

## **1. East Community Policing Team**

**Sector Head:** Inspector Nick Mawson

**Sector Deputy:** Sergeant Mark Andrews

**Community Coordinator:** PC Teresa Herbert

**Pewsey PCSO:** PCSO Jonathan Mills

The Community Policing Team (CPT) model commenced in this area on 17 October 2016 and was followed by Swindon on 7 November 2016.

This followed a successful trial of the new model in Trowbridge, Warminster, Bradford on Avon, Westbury, Tisbury and Mere.

CPT combines Neighbourhood Policing, Response teams and Local Crime Investigators so there is a “one team” approach to community policing. It means there is a bigger team of officers and police staff available to attend incidents and improves communication between teams and departments. It gives the public a better service because issues can potentially be resolved at the first point of contact (101 and 999 call-takers) and provides them with a named officer/police staff member who they will be able to keep in touch with during the investigation. It also encourages officers and staff to take more “ownership” of cases.

There are seven Community Policing Teams: Swindon North, Swindon West, Swindon South, Wiltshire North, Wiltshire West, Wiltshire East and Wiltshire South. Pewsey comes under Wiltshire East area.

Each Community Policing Team will be overseen by a Superintendent and will have an Inspector and a Deputy. The team will be made up of a mix of police officers, community co-ordinators, PCSOs, civilian local crime investigators and Specials.

We have been engaging with the public since commencing this new Policing Model and we welcome any feedback. Please speak to your local officers to find out more about how Community Policing is affecting your local area. You can also find out

more, including videos and infographics explaining the new model, on our website <http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/information/community-policing-pilot>

Our free Community Messaging service will also help keep you updated about policing and crime in your local area <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

## **2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:**

### **Burglaries**

The main priority for the Pewsey area is to focus on dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries, specifically in Pewsey, Burbage & Great Bedwyn. In response to the recent rise in the number of burglaries, we have increased targeted patrols and have also been working with a crime prevention officer to put target hardening measures in place at our most vulnerable locations. In the two months since the last Area Board there have been six burglaries/attempted burglaries in this area; three have been to sheds in Great Bedwyn, one to a garage in North Newton although nothing was stolen from there, one to a shed in West Grafton where two mowers were stolen, and a dwelling burglary in Pewsey where the home owner confronted the burglars and received a minor injury as a result. There are significant forensic opportunities to identify the suspects in this investigation as the vehicle that was used has been recovered.

In relation to the three shed breaks in and around Great Bedwyn, there is no particular pattern to the timings. Padlocks have been damaged to gain entry. Nothing was taken from one break and power tools were taken from the other two. Two of these occurred in late November and one in mid December.

We have recorded 89 separate patrols in the last two months against this priority. We are conducting intelligence led investigations into known criminals that have targeted this area previously and work is ongoing with other agency to manage these persons to prevent them committing more crime.

The number of burglary offences remain at a level lower than when the priority was initially raised and this is likely to be as a result of the increased Police visibility. Dwelling burglaries are a current priority for the Force, although Wiltshire East CPT area, which covers Pewsey, are not seeing the levels of crime that other areas are.

Please revisit your security features on your property, such as chains and locks, CCTV, and lighting. Also consider:

- **Security marking items**
- **Recording Serial numbers**
- **Photographing items**
- **Locking away and securing valuable items when not in use**
- **Having secured access point into yards/premises.**
- **Checking outbuildings on a daily basis**

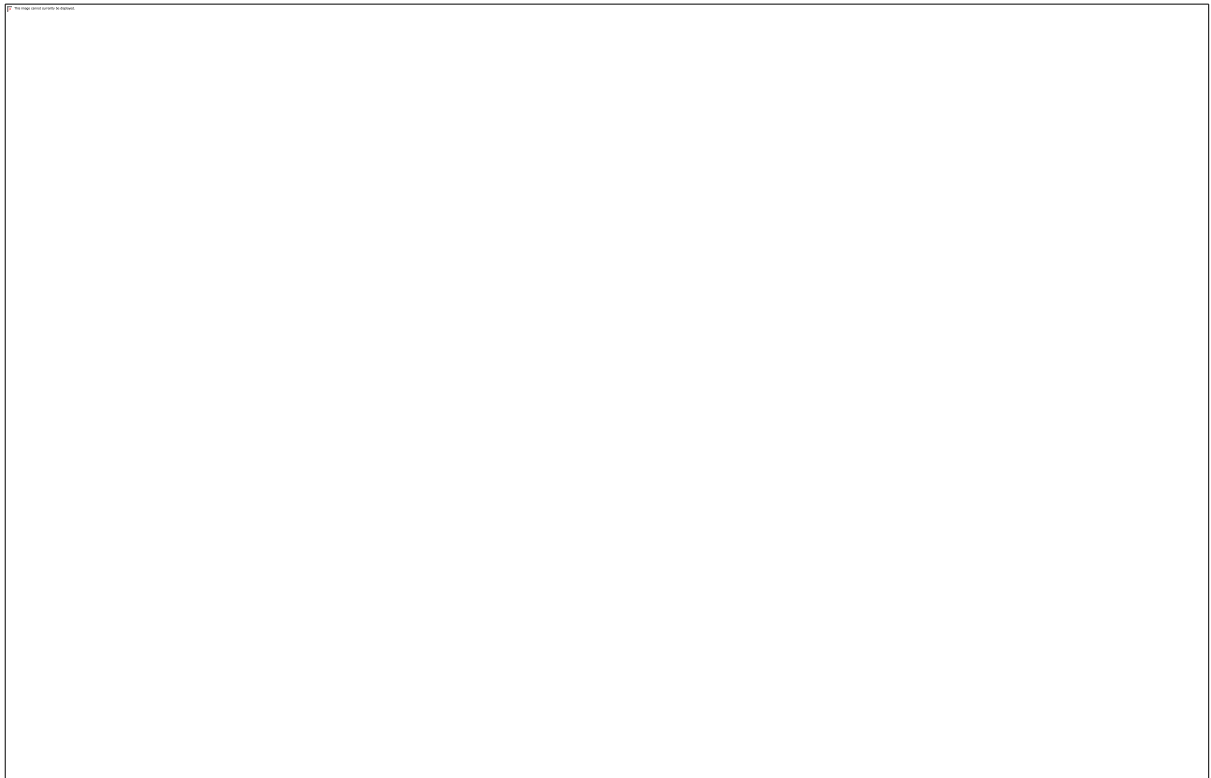
## **Hare Coursing**

The Second priority is for Hare Coursing. On 26 November 2016, five males were arrested for Hare Coursing in the Upavon area. All five have been bailed for further enquiries. We recorded 42 extra patrols in the last month alone. We have recently conducted a social media campaign to raise the awareness of this crime area which created significant online debate. Hare Coursing remains popular with a small proportion of the population and we will continue to target these criminals.

## **Speed enforcement**

We continue to allocate resources on those locations that are most vulnerable to excessive speeding. Together with our special constabulary colleagues, we will continue to focus on this priority. There is an operation running just prior to Christmas to combat speeding in the area.

### **3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy**



## **Cybercrime**

There have been no reported instances of cybercrime since the last meeting.

## **Domestic Abuse**

Pewsey NPT continue to be involved in pro-active engagement with a recently released prisoner for violent domestic abuse offences.

## **High Risk Victims**

Since the last Area Board meeting I am pleased to say that we have had no reports of Rogue Trader type offences on elderly victims which I had mentioned in the last report.

Similarly, I am pleased to say that Pewsey CPT have had no recent reports of scam phone calls, particularly targeting vulnerable and elderly people. Nationally however, this remains an issue and is regularly reported on in the National news. Callers are stating they are police officers, and have a person detained who is in possession of bank and credit cards in their name. These callers then proceed to ask for details of their bank accounts and PIN numbers. They can be very convincing. The scammers will use any means to sounds plausible and stating that they are Police Officers is an obvious way to do this. You should NEVER give your passwords or PIN number to ANYONE on the phone. Please share this information with friends, relatives and relevant people to reduce their risk of becoming victims of these crimes. Advice and guidance can be found at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

## **High Risk Offenders**

The NPT continue to work closely with the Public Protection Department to identify persistent or dangerous offenders, to engage with them and to take positive action where required.

## **Other local issues**

Whilst predominantly a seasonal issue more prevelant in the warmer and lighter months, this area has seen a number of vehicles broken into at beauty spots. Again, intelligence work is ongoing to attempt to identify local offenders. Further work is being undertaken to improve signage and to highlight the possibility of offences being comiitted when parked in these locations.

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