

# Devizes Area Board

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## 1. East Community Policing Team

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Hello and welcome to this latest Community Policing report.

Over the last few months Wiltshire Police has rolled out its Community Policing Team (CPT) model across Wiltshire and Swindon.

Any large scale restructuring is naturally likely to have its teething problems but I am delighted to say that so far the response has been positive. I extend my thanks to everybody within the community for their assistance and valuable feedback, which helps us to continuously improve the way we work and ultimately helps us provide the high quality of service you all deserve and expect.

Partnership work has been incredibly important in this process and we are keen to continue, where possible, working in a joined up approach to deliver that high standard of service.

As we head in to the New Year we can look forward to seeing the results of ongoing innovation and investment within Wiltshire Police. Senior leaders within the organisation have made a clear commitment to ensuring the workforce is fit and well for work and have outlined their dedication to embracing innovation and technology so that officers and staff are able to do their jobs serving and protecting the people of Wiltshire and Swindon confidently, effectively and efficiently.

I would like to reassure you that we are working to improve our 101 system. We have made efforts to ensure the service you can expect to receive when calling for non-emergencies is high quality and we are continuing to work to reduce the time it takes to get through to us.

Going forward, as ever, we welcome and encourage your feedback. Wiltshire Police is here to serve you and we always want to know where you think we can improve and of course where you think we have done well. I wish you all a safe and happy 2017.

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. Current Community Policing Team priorities. Devizes and surrounding areas.**

### **Street drinking, anti-social behaviour and begging. Devizes Town.**

We have recorded seventy four extra activities against this CPT priority, involving targeted patrols of particular locations, engagement with those involved in this activity and appropriate disposal concerning offences identified. Please continue to report incidents of begging and anti-social behaviour, to allow for evidence and intelligence gathering. We are working closely with our partners to make progress with this priority.

We are currently completing targeted patrols of Morrison's car park, in response to complaints of anti-social behaviour including shouting and swearing by youths who have been congregating on the steps outside. Direction to leave instructions have been issued to date.

### **Traffic matters.**

Officers continue to focus upon this priority which includes speed enforcement. Recent action in this area occurred on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 in Great Cheverall and Urchfont by Special Police Sergeant TURNER, during which one motorist was stopped and given a verbal warning. No offences were identified in Urchfont. Engagements with our Community Speedwatch teams are ongoing by our CPT members.

### **Hare coursing and poaching.**

On 26 November 2016, five males were arrested for hare coursing in the Upavon area. All five have been bailed for further enquiries. We have recorded 47 entries against this priority - detailing targeted patrols to those locations affected by this activity. 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.

### **Burglaries.**

The area has experienced fourteen burglaries between 01/11/2016 - 30/12/2016, six of which were dwelling burglaries where jewellery and cash were stolen. These dwelling burglaries have occurred within the town itself between 1-10 December 2016, the means of entry have predominantly been via rear doors and include forcing door panels and windows. The times of these offences have been reported as during the early evenings - between 1700-2100 hours. Targeted patrols and enquiries are ongoing.

Two youths have been dealt with for a non-dwelling burglary to a school premises within the town. They have been dealt with via community resolutions.

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

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



### **Cybercrime**

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

## Domestic Abuse

Our community policing team continue to work closely with victims to domestic violence, in the investigation of these offences and provide further support via partner agencies.

## 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 at the last meeting.

Similarly, I am pleased to say that Devizes 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 Community Policing Team continue to work, proactively with the Offender Management Team and Probation in the management of prolific and persistent offenders.

## Other local issues

### **West Lavington. Village Hall. Criminality and anti-social behaviour.**

Extensive enquiries have been conducted by your local officers PCSO CARTER and PCSO MARNO who have identified a number of local youths as being in the area at the time of the incident in which youths were seen on the roof to the Village Hall which resulted in criminal damage to the building. They have been spoken to at home, in the presence of their parents by the local officers, however we have been unable to identify those directly involved due to darkness and the eye witness account.

The submission to our Technical Support Unit for CCTV installation has been approved and in progress.

The local officers have also visited the Youth Club for further local engagement.

Pc CROSS is dealing with the most recent incident – criminal damage to a wheelie bin – set alight during the late evening of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

We have added this location to our briefing document for the information of all east community policing team officers and targeted patrols remain ongoing. Twenty six visits and checks of the village hall and surrounding area, including the play park and field have been completed between 17<sup>th</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup> January, at all hours of the day and night. All has been found to be in order during these visits.

House to house enquiries have now been completed, negative result.

### **Theft from motor vehicles.**

Eighteen incidents of this classification recorded since CPT commenced from within Devizes town itself to others in the rural environment. We are conducting analysis concerning this these offences.

Whilst predominantly a seasonal issue more prevalent in the warmer and lighter months, this area has seen a number of vehicles broken into since our last report. A number of these relate to theft of property from insecure vehicles left parked and unattended overnight in Devizes town. Please ensure you remove all valuables from vehicles when left unattended and ensure they are secured. Intelligence work is ongoing to attempt to identify offenders. Further work is being undertaken to improve signage at our beauty spots and to highlight the possibility of offences being committed when parked in these locations.

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