



## **Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Trowbridge Community Area Board 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

### **1. Neighbourhood Policing**

#### **Current Priorities:**

Up-to-date details of the current news about Neighbourhood Policing Teams, including, profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website.

🖥️ Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

#### **Team News:**

There have been no team changes since the last Board Meeting.

#### **Police Authority Representative**

**Mrs Joy Hillyer** is an Independent Member of the Wiltshire Police Authority and has the responsibility for overseeing police matters in the Community Area. She can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority: 📞 01380 734022 or 🖥️ <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

### **2. Comprehensive Spending Review**

Work is ongoing to deliver a new policing model to meet the projected funding cuts over the next 4-years. Wiltshire Police

Authority is currently consulting with the public, stakeholders and partners about plans to save about £15 million. Mrs Hillyer from WPA will be at the meeting to make a short presentation as part of the consultation process.

You are requested to take part in the consultation by completing an on-line questionnaire that is now available by visiting the WPA website – [www.wiltsire-pa.gov.uk](http://www.wiltsire-pa.gov.uk)

### 3. Performance

There has been a small decrease in reported crime over the 2-year period. Full details can be found at **Table 1**.

The holiday period has been the quietest for several years. Additional foot patrols were deployed on Christmas and New Year's Eve to provide a highly visible presence in the town centre.

The trend for dwelling burglaries continues to decrease following the successful capture and prosecution of a number of prolific offenders during the summer months.

The overall detection rate is the highest in the county.

**Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures**

**1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2009 – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2010**

TROWBRIDGE SECTOR						
TROWBRIDGE	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	JAN 2009 - DEC 2010				JAN 2009 - DEC 2010	
	2009/10	2010/11	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	657	708	51	7.8%	54.0%	52.0%
Dwelling Burglary	107	175	68	63.6%	10.3%	18.9%
Criminal Damage	731	571	-160	-21.9%	16.4%	13.1%
Non Dwelling Burglary	192	154	-38	-19.8%	8.9%	6.5%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	118	174	56	47.5%	0.8%	23.6%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	55	69	14	25.5%	23.6%	18.8%
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>3017</b>	<b>3003</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>33.8%</b>	<b>31.7%</b>

There has been a small increase in reports of anti-social behaviour during the last quarter compared to the previous year. A high proportion of reports during December relate to snow-balling. Officers have adopted a sensible approach and have only followed-up incidents where there has been evidence of behaviour that is more than just 'horse-play'.

**Table 2 – Reported Anti-Social Behaviour Figures  
1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2010 – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2010**

JAN-MAR 2010	APR-JUNE 2010 (2009)	JULY-SEPT 2010 (2009)	OCT – DEC 2010 (2009)	YEARLY AVE (10/11)
568	703 (735)	708 (849)	632 (565)	652.8

#### 4. TCAF – Safer Trowbridge

The workshop arranged by **Safer Trowbridge** with Councillors, WC Officers and NPT staff was held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November to examine a best practice partnership approach to tackling community issues. The meeting was well received by those in attendance. A further workshop is being planned in the spring.

The next Safer Trowbridge meeting will be held at Trowbridge Town Council Offices at 6pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. If you have concerns about any safety issues in the Community Area and want to get involved in finding innovative solutions you are very welcome to attend. For further details please contact Mr. Doug Ross: ☎ 01225 765072 or [✉ doug.ross@trowbridge.gov.uk](mailto:doug.ross@trowbridge.gov.uk)



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