



## **TROWBRIDGE 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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-ordinator for Wiltshire Police will make contact to assist and you will be invited to gather a small group of volunteers together.

[feedback@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:feedback@wiltshire.police.uk)

The CSW co-ordinator 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](mailto: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 \*\*\*

November 2017 saw total recorded crime at 310 against the 2 year average for the month which is 272.8 crimes. This is a small rise is within accepted parameters and therefore not classed as "Exceptional" data

The three largest crime groups account for 86% of Trowbridge crime are as follows;  
Theft offences show 125 against average of 98.1.  
Violence against the person shows 105 against 90.3.  
Criminal damage down 36 against 43.2.

December 2017 saw total recorded crime at 283 against the 2 year average for the month which is 276.3 crimes. This is very close to what we would expect and not "Exceptional" data.

The three largest crime groups account for 86.5% of Trowbridge crime are as follows;  
Violence against the person slightly up, 109 against 92.2.  
Theft offences were static, 99 against average of 99.2.  
Criminal damage were down, 37 against 43.4.

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 has been significant. The individuals are currently released under investigation (RUI) but are being proactively monitored. We believe this has disrupted their behaviour.

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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 can account for the slight increase in the data.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **PCSO UPDATE!**

The New PCSO's have completed their tutorship and are ready to go independent. 4 of them have been allocated to the Trowbridge CPT area team which brings the compliment to 9. We currently run 5 shift teams in Trowbridge, so the PCSO's are divided up across the 5 shifts to provide 7 day coverage across days and evenings. There are 6 Area Beats within the Trowbridge so each PCSO has been allocated a dedicated beat. Numbers now allow us to have 2 PCOS's on 3 beat areas. I'm sure you will join us in welcoming them to the West Wiltshire CPT Team. Their names and beat areas are as follows (\*New PCSO);

<b>PCSO</b>	<b>BEAT AREA</b>
Simon Partington	ET11 (Town Centre, Newtown)
*Jack Hannis	ET11 (Town Centre, Newtown)
Nina Marsh	ET12 (Seymour and Paxcroft)
*Megan Jobbins	ET12 (Seymour and Paxcroft)
*Rhianna Annetts	ET13 (Longfield)
Laura Wallace	ET13 (Longfield)
Matt Till	ET14 (Drynham and College)
Elizabeth Harmsworth	ET15 (Studley and Broadmead)
*Melissa Glover	ET16 (Rural)

### **COMMUNITY MESSAGING**

Are YOU signed up? The number of members of the Trowbridge community signing up for this regular email alerts system is increasing. We now have 522 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/>

[feedback@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:feedback@wiltshire.police.uk)

## BURGLARY UPDATE

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 over the festive season".

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](http://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 has recently been implemented by Wiltshire Police that will not only tackle burglary, but all priority crimes.

## EVENTS

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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**Sector Deputy – Sergeant Gill Hughes – [gill.hughes@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gill.hughes@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)**

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