



TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD REPORT – MAY 2018

Hello and welcome to this month's Community policing report.

We would like to welcome and introduce Sergeant James Williams, who has joined the West Wiltshire Community Policing Team as the Sector Deputy, having taken over from Gill Hughes who has recently been promoted to Inspector.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Gill for all of her hard work during her time with us.



James joined Wiltshire Police in 2001, aged 27. He began his career as a Community Beat Officer for the Studley Green area of Trowbridge.

Having been promoted, James moved on to Chippenham as a response Sergeant, before spending a number of years based in the Melksham Custody Unit, where he was responsible for implanting the changes to police bail for Wiltshire Police under the Policing and Crime Act.

In October 2017 James moved to the East Wiltshire Community Policing Team, where he covered as Acting Sector Inspector for a period of six months, before joining us at the end of March.

RURAL CRIME

Three years ago the last National Rural Crime Survey was conducted, which revealed the huge cost of crime to our rural communities – both financial, at £800 million per year, and fear, with chronic under-reporting.

The National Rural Crime Network produced a series of recommendations and, in many areas, the police took steps to improve matters. So now we want to know what's changed.

Questions cover a range of issues – from whether you report crimes that you or your business suffer, to the impact crime and anti-social behaviour has on you and your area, and whether you believe enough is done to catch those who carry out the offences.

The survey is available at www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net and is open for submissions until Sunday 10th June.

Mr. Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, said "I hope that anyone living or working in a rural community will spare a few minutes to complete this survey. It

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will provide a clear picture of what has improved, what challenges remain and what more government, police forces and organisations can do to support the most isolated parts of the country.

One of this year's focuses as we rerun the research is whether rural crime continues to be under reported. Three years ago, one in four said they didn't report the last crime they'd been a victim of because they didn't see the point.

It's being carried out by the National Rural Crime Network. The organization brings together Police and Crime Commissioners, police forces and organisations that play a key role in rural communities – like the Country Land and Business Association, the National Farmers Union, Neighbourhood Watch, Crimestoppers, Historic England and the Countryside Alliance”.

The results will also feed into the National Police Chief's Council's Rural Affairs National Strategy for 2018-2021 which is due to be launched later this year.

Theft from Motor Vehicle

In recent weeks we have seen an increase in reports of theft from motor vehicles. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following crime prevention advice:

Thefts from Vehicles

- Don't leave anything in your car – if it's not there, then it can't be stolen.
- Thieves aren't picky, so don't leave even low-value items in your car. Often thieves will smash and grab first and look later to see if what they've stolen is valuable.
- Don't hide it – if you hide items under the seat or in the glove box, chances are someone will have watched you. If you cannot avoid leaving something in your car, put it in your boot before you begin your journey.
- Don't leave valuables in your car even for a minute – it only takes a thief a few seconds to smash a window and get what they want, so don't take the chance.
- Don't leave your house keys or anything with your address on it in your vehicle – someone could steal your keys and then let themselves into your home.

Securing Cars

- Always secure your car.
- Always lock your car and wind your windows up, even if you are just posting a letter or going into a petrol station.
- Get a car alarm – they not only deter a thief from stealing the car, but also from stealing items from inside it.
- Immobilisers stop the engine from starting if the car is being stolen .

Beauty Spot Vehicle Advice

- Try to park in sign-posted parking areas.
- Be cautious about parking your car in isolation, thieves can be put off when other people are around.

- Do not leave anything in your vehicle. A jacket or coat left behind may be of very little value to you, but a thief may think it has been used to hide a laptop or handbag, and will break into your vehicle to find out.
- Before you leave home, think about what you need and leave any unnecessary items of value at home.
- Whilst enjoying the sights make sure you keep your bag and possessions with you.

CRIME EXCEPTIONS DATA

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 *****

Trowbridge Town and Villages combined (Area Board)

Trowbridge Area board includes 6 Beat areas, 5 for the Town,(ET11, ET12, ET13, ET14 ET15) and one for Rural and Villages (ET16). The Data is as Follows;

APRIL 2018 DATA

April 2018 showed a total of 214 crimes for the whole Trowbridge Area Board region against the average of 265 for this same month over the last 2 years. This is around 20% less recorded crime than we would reasonably expect for the month. There are no exceptions within the data.

The 5 largest crime groups accounted for 90% of this recorded crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 96 crimes compared to the average of 93.9
 Theft showed 56 crimes compared to the average of 67.5
 Public order showed 20 crimes compared to the average of 16.5
 Vehicle crime showed 13 crimes compared to the average of 18
 Burglary showed 7 crimes compared to the average of 24

ET11 (Trowbridge Town Centre Beat)

April 2018 showed a total of 72 crimes for the ET11 area against the average of 80.4 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

The 3 largest crime groups accounted for 88% of this recorded crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 34 crimes compared to the average of 29
 Theft showed 23 crimes compared to the average of 22.8
 Public Order showed 6 crimes compared to the average of 6.8

ET12 (Seymour and Paxcroft)

April 2018 showed a total of 37 crimes for the ET12 area against the average of 54.2 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

The 3 largest crime groups accounted for 84% of this recorded crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 14 crimes compared to the average of 16.7

Theft showed 13 crimes compared to the average of 14.8

Public Order showed 4 crimes compared to the average of 2.8

ET13 (Longfield, also includes Tesco Extra, Eastbourne Road, Ashton Street, Paxcroft Way, Green Lane)

April 2018 showed a total of 34 crimes for the ET13 area against the average of 43.3 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

The 3 largest crime groups accounted for 88% of this recorded crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 13 crimes compared to the average of 13.8

Theft showed 11 crimes compared to the average of 14.6

Public order showed 6 crimes compared to the average of 2.5

ET14 (Drynham and College)

April 2018 showed a total of 36 crimes for the ET14 area against the average of 35.2 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

The four largest crime groups accounted for 83% of this recorded crime as follows;

Violence Against the person offences showed 18 crimes compared to the average of 11.8

Theft offences showed 7 crimes compared to the average of 9.3

Drug offences showed 3 crimes compared to the average of 1.6

Public order offences showed 6 crimes compared to the average of 2.5

ET15 (Broadmead and Studley)

April 2018 showed a total of 9 crimes for the ET15 area against the average of 19.8 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

The 3 largest crime groups accounted for 100% of this recorded crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 6 crimes compared to the average of 9.6

Sex offences showed 2 crimes compared to the average of 1.4

Burglary showed 1 crimes compared to the average of 2.1

ET16 - Trowbridge Rural Beat (Hilperton, West Ashton, Yarnbrook, North Bradley and Southwick)

April 2018 showed a total of 26 crimes for the whole ET16 Area against the average of 32.2 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

The 4 largest crime groups accounted for 85% of ET16 crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 11 crimes compared to the average of 12.8
Vehicle crime showed 7 crimes compared to the average of 3.3
Theft showed 2 crimes compared to the average of 4.5
Burglary showed 2 crimes compared to the average of 5

Crime Update

On the 17th April Police were successful on getting a "Closure Order" on a property in British Row. On the 22nd March 2018 2 females and a male were arrested at the property for being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs. On investigation, the court has found that the address had been associated with the occurrence of serious nuisance, criminal behaviour or disorder and that an order to prevent such occurrences is necessary, for a period of 3 months. The closure order prohibits any person who does not live on the premises, or those not authorised by Wiltshire Council, Selwood Housing, or Emergency Services, on entering the premises. To do so, would render them liable to arrest and on summary conviction to a term of imprisonment for a period not exceeding 51 weeks or to a fine, or both. The order will last until 15/07/2018.

Crime Update

On the 15th April in BRADFORD ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, following a report of a street robbery where a male had his bag stolen, a male in his late teens was arrested on suspicion of robbery and later released under Police Investigation (RUI). A second male in his 30's was arrested on suspicion of possession of class A drug and an offensive weapon (pepper spray) and later released under Police Investigation (RUI). Enquiries are ongoing.

Crime Update

On the 26th March at the APPLE GREEN GARAGE, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, male has entered a petrol station and threatened staff with a knife. The male has left with an unknown amount of money and cigarettes. Following Police enquiries, 2 males were arrested in connection to the crime. One of the males from Westbury was charged with robbery and possession of a bladed article, and remanded to court. The second male in his late teens from Trowbridge was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to Rob, and was later released RUI (Under Investigation)

Crime Update

On the 25th March, on the footbridge over COUNTY WAY, TROWBRIDGE, A teenager was arrested and later charged with assault by beating and grievous bodily harm following a serious attack where a 47-year-old local man and a 44-year-old local woman were assaulted. In the investigation, 2 further males were arrested.

The male victim required hospital treatment for facial injuries and suspected broken ribs. The assault happened at around 2.45am on the footbridge over County Way, near the Tesco Extra superstore.

The 18 year old male from Trowbridge that was charged was remanded to Court and is currently in prison awaiting trial

A 19-year-old local man, and a 20 year old local man were also arrested on suspicion of grievous bodily harm and have been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

COMMUNITY POLICING PRIORITIES WITHIN YOUR AREA

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.

In April the focus was on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the Town Centre, the Town Park and the Longfield Estate due to an increased number of calls from the public reporting such incidents to us. One weekend saw 21 logs relating to antisocial behaviour. As a result Operation Albatross which was created

On two occasions a section 35 dispersal notices were authorised by the Inspector. This gives Police Officers a power for an authorised period of 48 hours to disperse anyone from a location over the age of 10 involved in, or likely to be involved in ASB. This dispersal notice given to an individual is for a maximum of 24 hours. Failure to disperse can result in arrest, and/or report for summons to attend court for breaching the order.

CPT staff had identified through research a group of approximately 20 young people who had been involved which had a small core of individuals who were involved in the majority of the criminality and Antisocial behaviour. The rest of the group were on the periphery.

Operation Albatross had two strands.

- 1 Dedicated Foot patrols by PCSO's and PC's to deter antisocial behaviour and take positive action when necessary.
- 2 Identifying Young people involved informing parents, including follow up work and intervention with YOT (Youth Offending Team).

The key to the operation was to ensuring that parents of the young people involved were made aware of their children's behaviour. The parents and young people were then offered support from our partner agency the Youth Offending Team.

The results were positive and include;

During the two week period that Operation Albatross was running we had only three reports of antisocial behaviour.

Arrested two young persons.

10 young people were visited at home and parents spoken to.

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Officers conducted 28 recorded patrols including with the PCC Angus McPherson.

Issued one section 35 dispersal order notice and took the child home to parents.

8 Individuals surrendered alcohol having breached the Public Space Protection Order (P.S.P.O).

We are currently at the stage where the Youth Offending Team and the local PCSO's to engaging with the young people identified, to work with them and their parents/guardians to divert them away from ASB and to engage in more positive activity. This is part of the medium to long term prevention work vital to tackling future escalation of such behaviour.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)

Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speedwatch Schemes across West Wiltshire are selected by Leanne Homewood for CPT support (additional targeting, enforcement and patrols) to supplement the CSW team planned sessions. These are included in our weekly tasking document for action and update. All the results from the supplementary speed checks conducted are fed back to the relevant town and parish Councils in their individual Police Reports. The current Speedwatch Schemes being supported are as follows;

Between the 4th and 18th April the CSW locations selected were A350 Beanacre, Snowberry Lane Melksham, Atworth village and new Terrace, Staverton. The locations selected on the 18th April until the 2nd May are:

LOCATION	ACTION REQUIRED
Dilton Marsh	Near to the Prince of Wales.
Snowberry Lane, Melksham	30 mph - Late evening time mainly.
Hindon	30 mph - Stopps Hill.
Bradford on Avon	30mph - Winsley Road.

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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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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