

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Trowbridge Community Area Board 17th March 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

Team News:

PCSO James Bates has joined the team after successfully completing his basic training and will replace PCSO William Taylor who has been posted to a Safer Schools Partnership post in Chippenham.

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:

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or <a>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. The public consultation phase has been completed. Details of any changes to local policing delivery in Trowbridge will be reported to the Area Board as soon as they become known.

3. Performance

There continues to be a small reduction in overall crime in the Community Area.

Following the introduction of Local Resolution there will be a decrease in offences that are recorded as sanctioned detections or in other words offences that are finalised with a Criminal Justice outcome. Local Resolution brings back a common-sense approach to dealing with minor crimes and anti-social behaviour by putting the victim's wishes first. In many cases victims only want an offender to apologise to them or agree to reparation. This approach fits well with the use of Restorative Justice Practices where offenders are made to understand the impact of their behaviour and in many cases undertake work within their community.

The overall detection rate is the highest in the county.

Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures 1st Feb 2010 – 31st Jan 2011

TROWBRIDGE SECTOR											
TROWBRIDGE	CRIME					DETECTIONS					
	2009/10	2010/11	+/-	% Change		2009/10	2010/11				
Violence Against the Person	669	677	8	1.2%		51.7%	54.5%				
Dwelling Burglary	125	169	44	35.2%		9.6%	19.5%				
Criminal Damage	730	567	-163	-22.3%		16.7%	12.7%				
Non Dwelling Burglary	183	157	-26	-14.2%		11.5%	3.2%				
Theft from Motor Vehicle	125	184	59	47.2%		1.6%	21.7%				
Theft of Motor Vehicle	58	65	7	12.1%		22.4%	21.5%				
Total Crime	3020	2965	-55	-1.8%		33.2%	31.9%				

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

1st Jan 2010 – 31st Dec 2010

JAN-MAR	APL-JUNE	JULY-SEPT	OCT – DEC	
2010	2010	2010	2010	YEARLY
	(2009)	(2009)	(2009)	AVE (10/11)
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