# Wiltshire Police Devizes



## Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Devizes Community Area Board July 2011

#### 1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Ian Thomas

#### **Town Centre Team**

Beat Manager – PC Adam Hall PCSO – Paula Yarranton PCSO – Lucy Sainsbury PCSO – Kelly Watts

#### **Rural North Team**

Beat Manager – vacant (PC Gareth Milnes covering) PCSO – Wendy Leat

#### **Rural South Team**

Beat Manager – PC Gareth Milnes PCSO Nina Marsh

#### 2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

#### 3. Police Authority Representative: Councillor Christopher Humphries

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or <a href="http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp">http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp</a>

### 4. Performance and Other Local Issues

October will see a large scale restructure of the Wiltshire Police especially in respect of Response Teams. After detailed study, response policing has been realigned to match maximum resources to peak times, this should enhance the service that we can offer to the public. Devizes Neighbour Policing Team will be unaffected by the changes and will still be responsible to the East Wiltshire Sector Commander.

A new police non-emergency telephone number will be introduced in Wiltshire along with other South West forces on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The 101 non-emergency number is being launched as a part of a national roll-out. Our current non emergency number 0845 408 7000 will be phased out from this date. While 999 is a well recognised number to report emergencies, the 2010 British Crime Survey found that

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only 54 per cent of the public knew which telephone number to call if they wanted to speak to their local police about policing, non urgent crime and anti-social behaviour issues. To help publicise the launch of this number and to encourage people to use it, local officers will be in Devizes Market Place during the morning of 22<sup>nd</sup> September with the Police display vehicle. Please do not use the 101 number until the 19<sup>th</sup> of September as it will not be in place until then. As technology changes so we must keep up, you can also now follow Devizes Police on Twitter at @DevizesPolice for updates and information.

On the subject of crime levels, we have recently been experiencing a mini wave of non-dwelling burglaries, predominantly to sheds, across the South Rural area. We have made a number of arrests and the numbers of offences reported is falling. However we must remain vigilant. I would urge you all to make sure that your valuable garden machinery and tools are kept secure and that any outbuildings are secured with a good quality padlock or similar.

### **Crime Performance - Devizes Community Area**

|                                   |                                    |                                    |                  |          | • |                                    |                                    |  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|----------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
|                                   | Crime                              |                                    |                  |          |   | Detections                         |                                    |  |
| Devizes                           | September<br>2009 -<br>August 2010 | September<br>2010 -<br>August 2011 | Volume<br>Change | % Change |   | September<br>2009 - August<br>2010 | September<br>2010 - August<br>2011 |  |
| Violence Against the Person       | 357                                | 290                                | -67              | -19%     |   | 46%                                | 56%                                |  |
| Dwelling<br>Burglary              | 42                                 | 67                                 | 25               | 60%      |   | 10%                                | 13%                                |  |
| Criminal Damage                   | 265                                | 326                                | 61               | 23%      |   | 14%                                | 14%                                |  |
| Non<br>Dwelling<br>Burglary       | 97                                 | 160                                | 63               | 65%      |   | 3%                                 | 3%                                 |  |
| Theft<br>from<br>Motor<br>Vehicle | 57                                 | 112                                | 55               | 96%      |   | 2%                                 | 2%                                 |  |
| Theft of<br>Motor<br>Vehicle      | 18                                 | 23                                 | 5                | 28%      |   | 17%                                | 13%                                |  |
| Total<br>Crime                    | 1278                               | 1515                               | 237              | 19%      |   | 27%                                | 27%                                |  |
| Total<br>ASB                      | 1439                               | 1477                               | 38               | 3%       |   |                                    |                                    |  |

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers in All Recorded Crime and Violent Crime for the most recently reported 3 month (May - Aug 2011) and 12 month period (Aug-Jul 2011)

Ron Peach Sector Inspector September 2011

<sup>\*</sup>Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences

<sup>\*\*</sup> Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution