

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper

Devizes Community Area Board

Date of Meeting 28th November 2011



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: 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 – PC Emma Reed
PCSO – Wendy Leat
PCSO - Fiona Marno

Rural South Team

Beat Manager – PC Gareth Milnes
PCSO – Nina Marsh
PCSO - Fiona Marno

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.

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3. Police Authority Representative: Mr Christopher Humphries

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

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

You will have been aware of a previous increase in reported offences of criminal damage in the Devizes area in past months. This is against a low number of reports last year. I am pleased to report that following a number of police initiatives the number of offences has now stabilised to levels that now reflect that of last year. However this will take time to work its way out of the statistics and provide a true reflection of performance. Within this there have been a number of offences of damage to motor vehicles in Longcroft Road where wing mirrors have been knocked off cars. Police have increased patrols in this area to combat this.

In order to address criminal damage in the town, local officers, supported by members of the Special Constabulary, have increased patrols on weekends to address instances of damage associated with the night time economy. I am acutely aware of the impact

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that offences such as the recent damage to shop windows and cash points in Devizes over night 29th- 30th October have on our community. Investigations into these offences continue and one individual has handed themselves in, admitting damage to one of the windows. I am pleased to report that there were no reported incidents the following weekend, when extra patrols were in place.

I would also like to reassure the community of action that we are taking to combat the issue of people drinking and causing anti-social behaviour in the churchyard at St John's Church in the town. Working with partners at Wiltshire Council we are taking an enforcement approach towards certain individuals, combined with a more long-term solution. I would urge residents to report incidents to Wiltshire Police using the new 101 number. This way we have an accurate picture of events and can respond to reports at the time.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to welcome PC Emma Reed to the team. Emma joins us from Chippenham. She has previously been a Community Beat Manager in Calne. Emma will have responsibility for the Devizes North rural area, allowing PC Gareth Milnes to concentrate on the South Rural area. This will be welcome news for the North as they have been sharing a Beat Manager for some time now, a situation I have been anxious to resolve. I would like to thank Gareth for his work on the North and I am sure you would join me in wishing Emma all the best in her new role.

CRIME & DETECTIONS (November 2010 – October 2011 compared to previous year)

Devizes	Crime				Detections	
	November 2009 - October 2010	November 2010 - October 2011	Volume Change	% Change	November 2009 - October 2010	November 2010 - October 2011
Violence Against the Person	353	282	-71	-20%	45%	59%
Dwelling Burglary	43	69	26	60%	7%	13%
Criminal Damage	277	328	51	18%	12%	15%
Non Dwelling Burglary	108	155	47	44%	3%	3%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	60	117	57	95%	2%	2%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	16	26	10	63%	19%	12%
Total Crime	1332	1518	186	14%	25%	26%
Total ASB	1202	1341	139	12%		
<p>Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers for All Crime and for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Oct 2010 - Sep 2011)</p> <p>*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences</p> <p>** Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution</p>						

Inspector Ron Peach 28th November 2011
Area Commander