

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper

## Pewsey Community Area Board

### 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012



#### 1. Neighbourhood Policing

**Team Sgt:** Vincent Logue

##### **Pewsey West Team**

Beat Manager – PC Richard Barratt  
PCSO – Helen Ringstead

##### **Pewsey East Team**

Beat Manager – Vacant  
PCSO – Joe Sadd

#### 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](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

#### 3. Police Authority Representative:

Mrs Gill Mortimer is a member of the Wiltshire Police Authority and has the responsibility for overseeing matters in the community area.

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

#### 4. Performance and Other Local Issues

Since the last Area Board meeting PCSO Coralie Nash has left Wiltshire Police for pastures new. We will miss her and wish her well in whatever she chooses to do next. A replacement for Coralie has already been identified, PCSO Joseph Sadd. Joe is currently being tutored by one of our most experienced Constables and PCSO's in Devizes. He will transfer to the Pewsey East NPT early in the New Year. The Pewsey East Beat Manager post remains vacant but we have a replacement in the wings and hope that she will be released from her current role to join us as soon as possible.

As predicted earlier in the year, crime spikes from last year have now worked their way through this year's figures giving a more accurate picture of current performance. You will see that in most crime categories there have been significant falls giving an overall total crime reduction of 7%.

This figure would have been even better but for an increased level of non-dwelling burglaries. I have mentioned before the problem of travelling criminals targeting farm buildings, garages, workshops and sheds, looking to steal scrap metal, plant or fuel. As

long as the price for these commodities remains high, criminals will continue to target these sorts of premises.

Linked to non-dwelling rural burglaries is the theft of Quad Bikes. This is a growing problem across the South of England. In Wiltshire, Warminster, Marlborough and Pewsey are the hot spots. We are actively targeting persons we believe likely to be behind these offences and have put in place a patrol strategy that includes the stop checking of flatbeds, pickups, boxed vans and not surprisingly Quads. So please, if you are stop checked be patient. We won't delay you any longer than is absolutely necessary.

Other offenders are currently targeting insecure vehicles left on people's drives. These criminals make a search of the vehicle looking for spare keys. If they find keys they will steal the car or van. Early in December three or four vehicles in Pewsey were targeted in this way. One pickup on a drive had the keys in the ignition and only wasn't stolen because it was blocked in by the family car. However, the keys were taken which caused all sorts of nuisance and expense.

So please, think security. Criminals are lazy. If you make your property hard to steal, or hard to sell on, they will go elsewhere. If you see anything or anyone that is suspicious report it straight away.

Pewsey	Crime				Detections	
	December 2009 - November 2010	December 2010 - November 2011	Volume Change	% Change	December 2009 - November 2010	December 2010 - November 2011
Violence Against the Person	71	56	-15	-21%	42%	57%
Dwelling Burglary	26	16	-10	-38%	12%	19%
Criminal Damage	71	78	7	10%	7%	13%
Non Dwelling Burglary	75	92	17	23%	0%	0%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	54	39	-15	-28%	0%	0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	11	7	-4	-36%	9%	14%
Total Crime	426	397	-29	-7%	14%	18%
Total ASB	210	240	30	14%		
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 (Nov 2010 - Oct 2011)						
*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences						
** Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution						

Inspector Ron Peach 22/12/11  
Area Commander