

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Pewsey Community Area Board 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012



## 1. Neighbourhood Policing

**Team Sgt:** Vincent Logue

### **Pewsey West Team**

Beat Manager – PC Richard Barratt  
PCSO – Helen Ringstead

### **Pewsey East Team**

Beat Manager – PC Teresa Herbert  
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

Pewsey Neighbourhood Policing Team is back to full Strength! I am pleased to announce that PC Teresa Herbert and PCSO Joe Sadd are now in post. Teresa brings with her a wealth of knowledge of dealing with young people, a very positive attitude and an eagerness to serve the Pewsey Community. Joe is a brand new PCSO and is keen to get on with the job. You may see him cycling around the area. He will be happy to speak to you so feel free to flag him down.

The latest crime figures for Pewsey show a large reduction in the number of reported crimes and at the same time a significant increase in the detection rate.

Dwelling burglaries are down by a massive 56% while the detection rate for these offences is up by 26%. Also, offences of violence are down by 24% and the current detection rate is a very impressive 53%. In fact the only area that hasn't seen a fall in incidents is Criminal Damage but even here there is a significant increase in detections evidencing our determination to root out perpetrators and bring them to book.

Overall, crimes are down by 17% and detections are up by 7% and set against figures that were already among the best in the County, these figures are even more impressive.

While there has been a reduction in non-dwelling burglaries, this remains our key concern. These are difficult offences to detect due to the isolated locations where they generally occur and for this reason, I have to reiterate that property owners must make every effort to secure their premises and mark their valuables in order to make them less attractive to criminals and enhance opportunities to identify owners, if subsequently stolen and recovered.

The theft of Quad Bikes is a problem across the South of England and linked to the non-dwelling burglaries. Pewsey is one of the hot spots in Wiltshire. We are still actively targeting persons we believe to be behind these offences and have put in place a patrol strategy that includes the stop checking of flatbeds, pickups, boxed vans and of course Quads. To owners of quads bikes and other high value plant, I ask you to please consider fitting tracking devices, they cost from around £160 (with no running costs), are easily fitted and represent by far the best chance of apprehending the thieves and recovering your property should it be stolen.

Vehicles parked at beauty spots are still being broken into. The message seems to be getting out there not to leave valuables in cars but car owners are making the mistake of parking up, then placing handbags and valuables in the boot thinking they will be safe as they are out of sight. A sensible measure but the trouble is that criminals often sit nearby where they watch cars being parked before attacking them. The best advice is not to leave valuables in the car at all.

Pewsey	Crime				Detections	
	February 2010 - January 2011	February 2011 - January 2012	Volume Change	% Change	February 2010 - January 2011	February 2011 - January 2011
Violence Against the Person	70	53	-17	-24%	46%	53%
Dwelling Burglary	32	14	-18	-56%	3%	29%
Criminal Damage	70	83	13	19%	6%	13%
Non Dwelling Burglary	90	76	-14	-16%	0%	0%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	54	37	-17	-31%	0%	0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	10	8	-2	-20%	10%	13%
Total Crime	446	371	-75	-17%	12%	19%
Total ASB	201	258	57	28%		

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 (Jan 2011 - Dec 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 12/03/12  
 Area Commander