

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper

Devizes Community Area Board

Date of Meeting 23rd July 2012



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 – Gareth Cole
PCSO - Fiona Marno

Rural South Team

Beat Manager – PC Emma Reed
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.

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

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

Firstly, I wish to make a plea around crime prevention. As we enter the summer months and the weather improves it can be easy to forget that there are some unscrupulous people who will take advantage of any opportunity to commit crime. It is very tempting to leave windows open on a hot day, to not fully secure garden sheds after an afternoon in the garden or to not take valuables from your car when you park up and go for a walk in our beautiful local countryside. These make easy pickings for thieves. I have noticed an increase in these types of offences in recent weeks. We are doing all that we can to prevent and detect these crimes but I ask that we all take a few minutes to think about securing our possessions. This way we do not have to become victims and suffer the upset, distress and inconvenience that often accompanies it. We have arrested a local male who has been charged with a number of offences but there are no doubt others who continue to commit these crimes.

You will all be aware of the recent shooting incident in Devizes on 2nd July. I want to take this opportunity to reassure everyone that this incident is extremely unusual in Devizes and Wiltshire as a whole. Wiltshire

Police acted quickly to identify, locate and arrest a male, recovering a weapon in the process. This was not a random act of violence and the general public were not targeted. I appreciate that some disruption was caused to local residents and those travelling through the town on that day but this was necessary to ensure that all of the necessary evidence was gathered. Local NPT officers have been showing a high visibility presence to provide community reassurance and worked with partners to return the town to normality as quickly as possible. This was a horrible incident and our thoughts go out to the family and friends of the victim.

PCSO Wendy Leat, who serves the Devizes North Rural area, leaves us on 16th July to take on a role at Amesbury. I know that she has undertaken excellent work on her area is much valued on her area. We all wish her well. She will be replaced by PCSO Gareth Cole who joins us from Amesbury. I am confident that he will continue the good work that Wendy has started. Gareth is in addition to the 2 new PCSOs who are due to start at Devizes at the end of July. They are supplementary to our allocated establishment and will be great additions to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Finally, the next quarter's local NPT priorities were agreed at a recent meeting of the Devizes Community Area Safety Committee in June. These priorities can be viewed on the Neighbourhood Policing pages of the Wiltshire Police website www.wiltshire.pnn.police.uk/. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the team. They can be contacted through the website, by email at devizesnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk or via the 101 non-emergency number.

EZ11 Devizes Town	Crime				Detections*	
	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012	Volume Change	% Change	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012
Victim Based Crime	895	888	-7	-1%	26%	22%
Domestic Burglary	33	25	-8	-24%	6%	16%
Non Domestic Burglary	48	53	5	10%	4%	2%
Vehicle Crime	76	69	-7	-9%	3%	4%
Criminal Damage & Arson	185	226	41	22%	16%	16%
Violence Against The Person	212	193	-19	-9%	48%	36%
ASB Incidents	188	181	-7	-4%		

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed in line with peers and better than average for Victim Based Crime and Violence Against the Person in the previous 12 month period (April 2011 - March 2012)

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution

EZ13 Devizes North Rural	Crime				Detections*	
	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012	Volume Change	% Change	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012
Victim Based Crime	108	104	-4	-4%	18%	7%
Domestic Burglary	6	10	4	67%	33%	20%
Non Domestic Burglary	25	18	-7	-28%	4%	0%
Vehicle Crime	12	20	8	67%	8%	0%
Criminal Damage & Arson	14	11	-3	-21%	14%	18%
Violence Against The Person	16	13	-3	-19%	63%	15%
ASB Incidents	16	14	-2	-13%		

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EZ14 Devizes South Rural	Crime				Detections*	
	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012	Volume Change	% Change	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012
Victim Based Crime	352	340	-12	-3%	12%	10%
Domestic Burglary	15	17	2	13%	7%	12%
Non Domestic Burglary	58	91	33	57%	3%	3%
Vehicle Crime	45	37	-8	-18%	2%	8%
Criminal Damage & Arson	111	95	-16	-14%	12%	6%
Violence Against The Person	49	18	-31	-63%	51%	78%
ASB Incidents	58	28	-30	-52%		
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Inspector Ron Peach 12 July 2012
Area Commander