

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper

Calne Community Area Board

14th August 2012



1. Neighbourhood Policing Team

Sgt: Philip CONNOR

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Hans MONAHAN

PCSO Barry MUSSARD

PCSO Gaynor BENNETT

PCSO Nicole YATES

PCSO Mark COOK

PCSO Andrew WILLOX

PCSO Shelley Gray (currently on maternity leave)

Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC Alan BLAKE

PCSO – Sarah HARDWIDGE

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 the Wiltshire Police Website.

Criminal Damage in Honeymead - This priority runs from 28/05/2012 until 28/08/2012.

Anti-Social Behaviour in Back Road - This priority runs from 06/07/2012 until 06/10/2012.

Speeding on the A342 through Sandy Lane - This priority runs from 19/07/2012 until 19/10/2012.

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

3. Police Authority Representative: Chris Caswill

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

4. Performance and Other Local Issues:

We have decided to continue our patrol strategy from the **Castlefields Priority** due to receiving intelligence of drug use in the area. On Sunday 22nd July 2012 at 19:30 hours, whilst on footpatrols, PCSO's MUSSARD and HARDWIDGE located a 17 year old male at the picnic benches in Castlefields Park. He was found to be in possession of drugs paraphenalia and a quantity of Cannabis. He was arrested and taken to Melksham Custody for questioning. Patrols by the Neighbourhood Policing Team will continue in Castlefields Park to reduce Anti-social behaviour and to reassure other park users that we are being vigilant and taking robust action.

Blues and Zuz which is a monthly disco held at the John Bentley School for youths aged eleven to sixteen has proved a success again. In June over a hundred and twenty children attended a 'Olympic' themed disco where top sporting prizes were given away, footballs, cricket sets and scooters. The end of school Bluez n Zuz 'Big Bounce' was held on Friday 20th July where youngsters were able to have fun on a bouncy castle, bungee run, sumo suits and we even hired an ice cream van for them! One hundred and fifty youths attended the event and 13 golden ticket prizes (store vouchers) were handed out to lucky winners.

During July Calne suffered a series of **Night-time Creeper Burglaries** in the Curzon Park bungalows. This has effected elderly residents who were asleep inside their properties when the thefts of handbags and wallets took place. As a result of scientific examinations we have been able to forensically link a male to the scenes. The male has been identified and arrested. He is currently on bail which includes a strict curfew to present himself to police officers on his door step during the night.

Cultivation of Cannabis - On 26th June PC MONAHAN, PC BLAKE and PCSO YATES were conducting a joint visit with Green Square Housing Association at Pym House, The Knapp. Whilst in the building officers smelt cannabis coming from the top floor flat and went to make enquiries. A male answered the door and a search of the property located 42 Cannabis plants and a large amount of Hydroponics. During the search a number of weapons were also seized, knives, smoke grenades, air and gas pistols and a pistol. The male is currently on Bail until 7th August 2012 whilst further enquiries are made. The local Housing Association have begun proceedings to evict the male from the property.

CalneFest took place on Saturday 9th June, this is the second year the event has been held. Eleven uniformed officers (from NPT and Specials) along with a passive drug dog, patrolled the festival on the Recreational Ground, Anchor Road. The operation proved successful as the dog indicated 5 persons to be linked to drugs and it actually detected 2 persons with drugs on them. The three that were searched and found not to be in possession of drugs admitted that had been in contact with drugs the previous day. The team also arrested a young male for Common Assault, he was interviewed and charged with this offence; this enforces that we will not tolerate violent behaviour at these events. The operation received a good response from the local people of Calne and contributed to ensuring a safe environment for the festival to take place in.

Further to my previous report, we can update that **Jordan SWEETLOVE** attended North Wilts Magistrates court on 25th July and has been found guilty of the offence 'going equipped to steal' he will now be sentenced on 20th August 2012. In the meantime he will be monitored by electronic tag and he will have to abide by curfew.

Calne Neighbourhood Policing Team has been involved in a **County wide Drugs Operation (OP ATLANTIC)** assisting with executing warrants at addresses in Swindon, Chippenham, Melksham and Calne. The large scale operation took place to target and disrupt the activities and networks of drug dealers across the county. In total 26 people were arrested for a variety of offences including supplying, importing and possessing Class A and B drugs, money laundering and handling stolen goods. In addition, over £25,000 worth of drugs and £6000 on cash were seized and stolen property including mountain bikes, computer equipment and jewellery were recovered.

EN Calne	Crime				Detections	
	July 2010 - June 2011	July 2011 - June 2012	Volume Change	% Change	July 2010 - June 2011	July 2011 - June 2012
Victim Based Crime	941	928	-13	● -1%	19%	19%
Domestic Burglary	47	57	10	● 21%	23%	14%
Non Domestic Burglary	137	147	10	● 7%	4%	3%
Vehicle Crime	79	100	21	● 27%	5%	5%
Criminal Damage & Arson	232	187	-45	● -19%	10%	12%
Violence Against The Person	155	158	3	● 2%	51%	43%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	243	174	-69	● -28%		

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 (June 2011 - May 2012)

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution

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