



Bradford on Avon Community Area Board September 2012

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Current Priorities:

Up-to-date details of the current news about Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) including profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website.

📄 Visit the website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

Team News:

The NPT comprises of Sergeant Chris Hams, PC Jamie Darvill, PC Martin Annetts, PCSO Joe Leeds, PC Martin Barrett and PCSO Andrew MacLachlan.

Cllr. Paul Sample is Member of the Wiltshire Police Authority and has the responsibility for overseeing policing matters in the Community Area.

Cllr Sample can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority:

☎ 01380 734022 📄 <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

2. Performance

Non-Dwelling Burglary is on the increase. Tools, bikes, Quad bikes and machinery have been stolen. This is mainly over the weekend in and around the town and some rural spots. Offenders have gained entry through insecurities or forcing shed doors or even cutting through fencing to gain entry.

There are some local suspects however no evidence as yet to link offences. These crimes are intolerable as many impact on people's livelihoods. The police want information and calls in respect of suspicious vehicles & people. The community needs to play its part in gaining intelligence so that the police can take action.

The Wiltshire Police Farm Watch reports of the 79 rural crimes recorded in August, 48 offences were on farms. There were 17 Metal thefts reported, 9 of these from farms. Electric fence and batteries being the main items stolen.

Report these vehicles that are poking around on farms, on either 101 or the rural team as below. We will put out text alerts, and in many cases, the intelligence value is useful for future occasions. At the end of August a male was arrested in the Calne area for stealing water troughs, and another male arrested for stealing power tools from a farm in the Bradford On Avon area. These arrests were only made as you had passed us the registration numbers of involved vehicles.

There were 10 recorded burglaries or thefts in which tools and power tools were taken. 4 of these were on farms. As a reminder you can record serial numbers of these items onto "Immobilise". This database is checked by police forces nationally, against items that we come across when dealing with the sort of person who steal them.

<http://www.immobilise.com>

We have a further 4 incidents which have damage only, be it fences cut, gates smashed, or padlocks cut and nothing believed stolen. Please report these offences to us, as in many cases it can be a precursor to a burglary. In most cases where a quad bike or landrover is stolen, there has usually been a suspicious event in the days prior, be it fences cut, visits or whatever.

For July and August, we have had twelve quad bikes/ATV's, ten 4x4's (6 of them Landrovers), and one piece of plant (Manitou) stolen. Thirteen of these were from farms.

These are the "high value" items for which you really need to consider your security. Wiltshire Police has two Crime Prevention Officers who will come out to your farms/premises and provide free security advice should you so wish.

You can contact:

North Wilts-Robert Walton, 01793507866 robert.walton@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk
South Wilts-Amanda Clarke, 01722435318,
amanda.clarke@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Please consider purchasing GPS Tracking devices for these vehicles. They are no longer as expensive as they were several years ago (the GPS device that is!) and offset against the cost of the item you are looking to protect....

Red Diesel theft is a growing issue at the moment, particularly central to NE wilts. In some cases the fuel is being taken from combines as they are left overnight in the fields.

We also had some game bird thefts down the east of the county. In our case it was pheasants, but speaking with surrounding forces it has been English Partridge this year.

Over the last two months, now that the crops are coming down, we have had 40 calls relating to hare coursing and poaching. This is occurring all over County at the moment. Ten of these incidents have been at night. We have made eleven arrests in relation to this type of offence in this time. A few registration numbers to look out for:

S8**AEC	White Subaru Forrester
S6**FTA	Silver Subaru Forrester
M**6CLW	Green Suzuki Vitara
V1**DCU	Maroon Subaru Forester
P**3TDG	Black Landrover Discovery
Y**7XBN	Yellow Subaru Forrester

We now have over 2000 on our Farmwatch and Horsecatch schemes across the county, but still have areas where we could do with more – so if you know of neighbours who are not yet on, please have them get in touch with us and we will add them to the schemes’.

Violence Against the Person (VAP) is a key focus for the NPT at this time, especially within the town area at weekends. The incidents are mainly between those who know each other and are often have been or are in some form of relationship. This is a concerning issue for police and one that increases fear and uncertainty amongst the community. The problems are not directly linked to the night time economy but such acts impact on those who are law abiding and enjoying a night out.

The focus on reducing violent crime will remain and is under constant review by the police. The problem though does require cooperation and support from the community. The message is clear - *perpetrators who push, punch and threaten others committing acts of violence will not be tolerated.*

The police will take action. Anyone subject to or a witness to assaults (physical or non-physical) need to report what's happening as this is unacceptable behaviour and will be addressed either by the police or by, and with, other agencies.

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) is reducing (as indicated in the table below). It does however remain as a NPT priority.

The local NPT is working with partners to target with those who make other people lives difficult and open to abuse. This work is continuing.

EA Bradford-on-Avon	Crime				Detections	
	September 2010 - August 2011	September 2011 - August 2012	Volume Change	% Change	September 2010 - August 2011	September 2011 - August 2012
Victim Based Crime	510	561	51	10%	12%	13%
Domestic Burglary	28	45	17	61%	4%	27%
Non Domestic Burglary	77	62	-15	-19%	1%	5%
Vehicle Crime	71	98	27	38%	1%	2%
Criminal Damage & Arson	137	120	-17	-12%	13%	3%
Violence Against The Person	65	93	28	43%	38%	38%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	204	185	-19	-9%		
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 Total Crime & Violence Against the Person in the previous 12 month period (August 2011 - July 2012)						
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution						

Lisette Harvey
Sector Commander
6 September 2012