

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper

Calne Community Area Board

16th October 2012



1. Neighbourhood Policing Team

Sgt: Simon WRIGHT *

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

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.

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.

Criminal Damage in Honeymead - This priority has now been completed and marked a 'complete success'

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3. Police Authority Representative: Chris Caswill

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4. Performance and Other Local Issues:

As you can see above, the Priority for Honeymead has been closed and marked a 'complete success' Numerous patrols were made, and the issues of Criminal Damage have now stopped. We will continue to monitor on a routine basis. The Sandy Lane priority will remain, and the Back Road priority will be reviewed and assessed shortly, currently it seems that ASB is decreasing, it looks promising that this will be a successful resolution.

Joint Operation - Calne Officers and PCSO's took part in a joint operation in the town to engage with local youths. The event took place on Friday 21st September and involved people from other agencies such as the Town Council, Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue and CARP. Two marked Police van's were used to transport people around the town to speak with the local youths who were out and about. Around 100 or so youths were spoken to, and some very good feed back was obtained. Some of the youths actually stated this was the first time they had been approached and canvassed by anyone and asked for their opinions to see what they wanted in the town. Some put forward proposals as to how they could fund-raise in an effort to help pay for the amenities that they would like. All the feedback received has been extremely positive and we are currently looking at how this planned one-off event can actually become a regular occurrence. I look forward to reporting back to you with more positive news in the near future.

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. The September event saw 218 youths attending with 79 new faces turning up, the majority being new pupils to the School from year 7. This is really encouraging to see. As usual there were raffle prizes, an iPod shuffle for the boys and vouchers for the girls. The discos keep going from strength to strength. This latest event raised in excess of £500 in profit which will be fed back into the fund for future events.

Nuisance mini moto's - PC Blake and PCSO Yates were on patrol on Sunday 16th September Whilst driving up Sand Pit Lane towards the new housing estate they were met with a youth riding a 'pit bike' on the road coming towards them. He was not wearing a crash helmet, had no index plate, no driving licence and when the officers checked they also established he did not have insurance. The officers called in for assistance from colleagues in the Road Policing Unit and the youth was given a ticket giving him six points on his licence and a fine of several hundred pounds. The reality is that people engaging in this type of behaviour could easily kill themselves, or others. They are also not financially covered if they crash into another vehicle and cause damage. That is before you consider the noise nuisance and damage they cause to land which they should not be on.

Tractors - We are a rural county, and so perhaps it is only fitting that that I include a story about tractors. For some time Newcroft Road in Calne has been subject to parking and other traffic related issues, so when officers were called to the area on Saturday 28th August to a report of a potentially uninsured vehicle they were quick to make their way. On arrival they were a little surprised to see a tractor being driven around in the street! Again, officers called for assistance from their colleagues in the Roads Policing Unit, as a result the tractor was seized for being driven whilst uninsured, and a 47 year old local man was reported for summons in relation to it.

Drugs - PCSO's YATES and MUSSARD were on patrol when they located a group of Youths in the Newbury Avenue area of Calne. Some of the youths were found to be in possession of a small

amount of cannabis. Some good work from the PCSO's meant that the youths admitted to having drug paraphernalia and further bags of cannabis within the group. PC Monahan attended the scene and dealt with the young offenders in the company of their parents by giving reprimands. All the drugs were seized and disposed of by destruction.

Criminal Damage - Calne Police received a report of criminal damage from the Town Council. The offenders had decided they would vandalise an item of property, and for some reason chose one of the town CCTV camera's as their target. The irony will probably not be lost on you that it was the same CCTV camera that they chose to damage that actually provided the footage to allow local officers the chance to identify them! Two offenders have now been formally identified and are in the process of being dealt with within the criminal justice system. Perhaps they will think twice next time before engaging in this type of activity?

EN Calne	Crime				Detections	
	September 2010 August 2011	September 2011 August 2012	Volume Change	% Change	September 2010 August 2011	September 2011 August 2012
Victim Based Crime	911	895	-16	● -2%	19%	22%
Domestic Burglary	40	59	19	● 48%	5%	15%
Non Domestic Burglary	127	147	20	● 16%	3%	5%
Vehicle Crime	84	92	8	● 10%	2%	7%
Criminal Damage & Arson	228	174	-54	● -24%	12%	13%
Violence Against The Person	154	159	5	● 3%	52%	45%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	451	326	-125	● -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 Total Crime & Violence Against the Person in the previous 12 month period (August 2011 - July 2012)

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution

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