

**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper  
Calne Community Area Board  
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**1. Neighbourhood Policing Team**

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**2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:**

1) A new priority for the Quemerford area, speeding vehicles has been identified as an issue on the A4.

2) A new priority has been implemented at Calne Football Club. Reports have been received that persons are congregating under the spectator stand at the Calne Football Club and causing damage to the seats and littering.

3) Reports have been received that there is problematic drinking by a group of 30yr olds and younger drinkers who are smashing bottles and leaving litter. The area of concern is the Skatebowl and surrounds in the Castle Park area.

Calne NPT Consultation Surgeries take place every Wednesday between 1400-1445hrs. They take place at the Community Hub, High Street, Calne.

- Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

## **Performance and Other Local Issues:**

### **WARRANT**

Calne Neighbourhood Policing team recently executed a warrant at an address in Foreman Street, Calne. During the search Class B drugs were found. One male was arrested from the property for supplying Class B drugs. He is currently on Police bail, it is anticipated that he will be charged with offences relating to drug misuse on his return to Melksham Police Station.

### **BURGLARY**

There was a report of a dwelling burglary in Studley during July, a neighbour had seen the offender trying to climb in through a downstairs window and telephoned the Police. The offender made off from the address, but a quick Police response meant that the offender was located a short time later and arrested. He has since been charged and was remanded to court. Dwelling burglaries in the town are thankfully rare, it was a really positive result to have detected this incident in such a manner to demonstrate the zero tolerance approach that we take to this type of offence.

### **WHEELIE BIN THEFTS AND ASB IN CASTLE FIELDS**

During June and early July Calne experienced a series of Wheelie Bin thefts which were linked to ASB in the Castlefields Park area of the town. Youths were taking the bins and setting alight to them in the park, often in dens that they had made in the bushes. Coupled with this there was noise from the youths, and litter being left behind. Some good work by PC Monahan led to the arrest of two individuals one Saturday evening. Sadly there was not enough evidence to prosecute the two, but on the positive side – the thefts have now stopped. As you will see from the priorities above, the area remains top of our list for patrols to tackle the ASB. Whilst there has been some success so far, there is further work needed to bring the matter to a successful resolution.

### **CALNEFEST**

The Calne music festival was held at the beginning of June, and with it came a pre-planned Police operation with the passive drugs dog. 'Griffin' and his handler, PC Poole, worked alongside Calne NPT officers during a busy shift which saw 66 people stopped and searched following positive indications of drugs. Of those 66 people 3 were issued with a street warning. 56 admitted they had been in contact with drugs within the last 24 hours which explained the positive indication. Which leaves 7 individuals who denied any contact with drugs, and were not found to be in possession when searched. All in all this was a successful operation, and sends out a positive message to the public when it comes to taking drugs to such an event.

## **SUMMARY**

In summary, this has been a busy few months for Calne NPT with a lot going on. All of the team have been working hard, and by way of a thank you I organised a joint visit to a lake at the Cotswold Water Park with some of the pupils and staff from Springfields School in Calne. The whole team, including Inspector Staynings and myself, attended. We teamed up with pupils from the School into three groups and took part in a raft building exercise which culminated in us having to row out to the middle of the lake to collect an empty water butt and bring it back to shore. The teachers also decided it would be a good idea to turn us around when we were half way back to shore and return the barrel to the island, they seemed to find that bit quite funny – the rest of us didn't quite see the funny side...

All in all it was an excellent day, and I am 100% confident that it was a worthwhile way to spend the day. The pupils had an excellent time, and got to see a side of the local officers that they don't normally see (a wet and exhausted side!) Bonds were made that would not normally have been forged, and I genuinely believe that this will have a positive effect for future relations between the pupils and ourselves.

Calne NPT continue to work towards making the town a better place to live, we are constantly trying to ascertain where the problems are in the town and surrounding villages, and to find out what matters to you, the public. Please feel free to make contact with any member of the team if you feel we have missed, or are unaware of an issue that we should be dealing with. Someone will always be willing to speak with you.

Regards-Simon Wright

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