

# Pewsey Community Area Board

August 2013



## 1. Neighbourhood Policing

**Team Sgt:** Vincent Logue

### **Pewsey West Team**

Beat Manager – PC Richard Barratt

PCSO – Joe Sadd

### **Pewsey East Team**

Beat Manager – PC Teresa Herbert

PCSO - Melissa Camilleri

## 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](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

## 3. Police and Crime Commissioner: Mr Angus Macpherson

PCC website: [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)

## 4. Performance and Other Local Issues

The crime figures reported at the last meeting represented an excellent start to the year. Shortly after presenting these to you all Sector Inspectors were informed that an inaccuracy in the calculations had been detected and the figures were subsequently adjusted. The reason for mentioning this is to avoid alarm for the visible swing of figures from minus to plus in some categories.

A continued reduction in the number of instances of ASB, criminal damage and arson is positive against an overall County trend of seasonal increase.

The increases in domestic burglary and non-domestic burglary over a rolling twelve month period are small but these crime types remain a priority. Dedicated investigators are assigned and offender targeting is in place as part of an overall plan to stop these offences.

You will remember I reported on a series of burglaries to canal boats on the K and A canal earlier in the year. We suspected one offender was responsible for all of the offences and as a result of this PC Theresa Herbert set up Canal Watch. On the 27<sup>th</sup> August, Allan Campbell, aged 39, was arrested in Lincolnshire. He was brought to Wiltshire and was charged with a number of these offences and remanded to appear before magistrates.

Vehicle crime, mostly theft from motor vehicles, has seen a seasonal increase. Despite an extensive media campaign, placing of warnings signs, photographing property left on display in vehicles and appealing for owners to lock their vehicles, the message is not getting through. Do not leave valuables in

cars. There is police activity at known repeat locations as well as visible patrols to prevent offences taking place and identify the offenders.

Community intelligence supports a great deal of our daily activity and enables me to secure police resources to deal with crime and disorder. I am not afraid to admit that it is easier to gather intelligence in urban areas as opposed to more rural locations. I have requested my Sergeants and Beat Managers look at how we can strengthen our links to the community and volunteer groups such as NHW, Horse and Farmwatch to secure the continued flow of information. If you think something is wrong, out of place, suspicious please report it.

A good example of community intelligence happened on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2013 when a member of public spoke with a member of the NPT about drug misuse. The NPT team were able to develop the information and execute a warrant at an address, seizing drugs and paraphernalia indicating drug use and supply.

### Crime Statistics

EC Pewsey NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to July 2012	12 Months to July 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to July 2012	12 Months to July 2013
Victim Based Crime	397	433	+36	+9.1%	15%	16%
Domestic Burglary	18	22	+4	+22.2%	33%	32%
Non Domestic Burglary	80	90	+10	+12.5%	0%	2%
Vehicle Crime	57	87	+30	+52.6%	5%	2%
Criminal Damage & Arson	97	72	-25	-25.8%	18%	14%
Violence Against The Person	47	57	+10	+21.3%	47%	51%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	81	70	-11	-13.6%		

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 significantly better than peers for Domestic Burglary in the previous 12 month period (April 2012 - March 2013).

\* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

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