

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Chippenham Community Area Board September 2013



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## 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.

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

## 2. Performance and Other Local Issues:

### Day of action

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August Neighbourhood Policing Teams in partnership with Housing Associations Greensquare and Jefferson, conducted warrants on four addresses in Chippenham. The operation involved more than 30 members of the Police including dog handlers, firearms officers from the armed response in Devizes. The operation was a fantastic success with 3 arrests made in relation to drug possession and drug supply. As well as cannabis, officers also seized weighing scales, mobile phones, a laptop and 2 Xboxs, which are believed to have been used to communicate with dealers.

### **Thefts from motor vehicles**

Following a spate of crimes between end of June and beginning of July 2013, within the village of Hullavington the Chippenham Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team are pleased to report that through proactive and prompt cross border liaison, investigations into these crimes resulted in two persons from the Bristol being arrested in connection with these offences. Clearly a strong message has been sent out to these criminals that they are not welcome within our County. The Chippenham, Calne & Corsham areas have seen vehicle crime drop by 8.1% in the last 12 months however the police would like to drive these figures down further by promoting awareness. Crime prevention initiatives have been undertaken advising the public accordingly.

### **Cheese and Crime night**

As a result of the above, the Rural Neighborhood Policing Team have delivered an initiative to raise crime prevention awareness within Hullavington by holding a Cheese and Crime evening, driving up standards of customer service offered by Wiltshire Police. The successful event was held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2013, at Hullavington Village Hall, which brought several partner agencies together to deliver valuable advice on crime prevention in various formats. There was a Crime Prevention twist incorporated into a game of bingo. This event will also be rolled out within the coming months to cascade out crime prevention advice to all village communities within the rural areas of Chippenham. The strong message being delivered to the rural areas is working with the local communities and is a key tactic in reducing crime .

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

The rural representative for Chippenham reported to the Neighbourhood Policing team that she had recently purchased an item from a local boot sale that appeared to have a postcode embossed into the side of the casing which she had not noticed when she bought the goods. As a result of bringing this to the rural teams attention, extensive enquiries were carried out and the item was found to have been stolen in a burglary some months previously. The intelligence gleaned from this investigation has been valuable & will assist to help trace the vendor from the boot sale. This incident highlights the strength of having effective communication & best working practices within the rural communities.

### **Cycling in the High Street**

Wiltshire Police Neighbourhood Policing Team will be patrolling Chippenham throughout August in an initiative to reduce the number of riders cycling on the pavement. Unless designated a cycle path, it is an offence under the Highways Act 1835 to cycle on a footpath or causeway, and anyone contravening this legislation could be issued with a £30 fixed penalty notice.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team will be speaking with cyclists and pedestrians alike to highlight the dangers of riding a pedal cycle on a footpath; risking the safety of others around them. Particular problems have arisen recently in the mornings and at the end of the working day where there is greater foot fall and therefore a greater risk of causing injury. We ask for all drivers, cyclists and pedestrians to give consideration to everyone when sharing the roads and footpaths and for anyone experiencing problems to speak with your local officer at a designated consultation, which can be found on our website through [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk).

### **Partner Agencies**

Chippenham Neighbourhood Policing Team and Guinness Trust Housing association have recently been working closely together in relation to a property in Chippenham that has had drug related issues. This has caused a considerable amount of alarm, harassment and distress to local residents. By working together NPT and Guinness Trust were successful in gaining a possession order on the property and the male resident now has 2 months to leave the property.

### **Police and Parish Meetings**

All rural parish council's have been invited to a joint meeting at Monkton Park with Police and partner agencies which will be held three times per annum, with an aim to encourage parishes to share information, reinforce smart working practices that would benefit all. It will also be a valuable opportunity to ensure that parishes are aware of all joint services available within their communities, reinforcing which agency that they need to be signposting their communities to when dealing with their enquiries. The first meeting was held on Tuesday 3rd of September & provided a tailored service for the rural communities. The partner agencies imparted informative specialised knowledge which will now be disseminated to the community. These meeting will assist with forging good working practices for the Chippenham rural area.

EP Chippenham NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to August 2012	12 Months to August 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to August 2012	12 Months to August 2013
Victim Based Crime	1975	1795	-180	● -9.1%	22%	26%
Domestic Burglary	71	75	+4	● +5.6%	8%	11%
Non Domestic Burglary	174	127	-47	● -27.0%	3%	9%
Vehicle Crime	203	175	-28	● -13.8%	9%	7%
Criminal Damage & Arson	398	302	-96	● -24.1%	16%	15%
Violence Against The Person	353	353	+0	● +0.0%	41%	41%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	861	664	-197	● -22.9%		
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 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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