

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper

Calne Community Area Board

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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.

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

Performance and Other Local Issues:

This report comes during a busy period for Calne NPT, there have been several events over recent weeks, and still several events to come. So I wish to start by thanking my officers for their hard work and dedication in making these events safe and enjoyable for Calne community. Halloween is one such example of this; during the evening of 31st October all Calne officers worked an evening shift, including two Special Constables. The team conducted pro-active patrols on foot around the whole of Calne. As done in previous years, there was a 'Multi Agency' theme to the evening with colleagues from the Town Council offices and Wiltshire Council joining us on our patrols. Early engagement with those out and about 'Trick or Treating' meant that there were very few reports of problems or Anti Social Behaviour across the town. One male who was involved in minor ASB on a housing estate was spoken with by officers and as a result of his actions he is now subject to the initial stages of the Police and Council ASB reduction procedure. Other than that the Town remained peaceful and a pleasant place to be. My thanks, again, goes to those that joined us for the patrols in their own time – it is always reassuring to the NPT to see the dedication of others taking an interest in their town and community.

ASB in the Town has long been an issue, and whilst levels remain relatively consistent with statistics from other similar sized towns in the county, it is none the less a problem – and one

which is probably mentioned to me on the most regular basis when speaking with the public. To that end the NPT will be concentrating on tackling the issue over the next few months and in particular by targeting the ringleaders, or regular names and faces that we encounter on a daily basis. Calne NPT will be working in conjunction with ASB officers at Wiltshire Council, and with other agencies to ensure that those individuals identified feel the full force of our combined efforts. I will continue to keep you updated in future reports about how we are getting on.

On Friday 8th November Officers made a fantastic pro-active arrest in the town, a 21 year old male was arrested in Harrier Close after he was found to be in possession of a significant quantity of cannabis. He initially tried to run from officers, but sadly he slipped on the wet grass and didn't manage to escape. Neither did he manage to get rid of the cannabis when he tried to throw it onto the roof of the nearby Doctor's Surgery, it came back down and landed right next to his prone, and grass stained body just as officers were placing the cuffs on him! The resulting investigation unearthed more than £800 in cash, and a small quantity of Class A drugs (Believed to be cocaine) The arrested male has been interviewed and is currently on Police bail whilst further enquiries are made. Calne NPT are working in conjunction with other agencies, such as the relevant housing association, to look at long term solutions to the problems created by this kind of activity.

Still on the topic of drugs; Calne NPT carried out another Passive Drugs Dog Operation at Springfield's School, Calne on Tuesday 12th November. For those of you that have read previous reports you will recognise that this is a regular occurrence at the School. Griffin the drugs dog made five positive indications, and following searches there were no drugs found (it is likely that contact with drugs in the last 24hrs had resulted in the indications) It is extremely positive to see that since the Police and the School started working in partnership the number of indications has reduced, but more importantly the number of occasions where people have been found to be in possession of drugs on the School premises has reduced dramatically which suggests that the 'Zero Tolerance' approach to bringing drugs onto School premises is having the desired effect. We will continue to take the drugs dog into the School at random times in order to carry on this good work.

Calne NPT recently conducted a training day with Linda Walters and her Calne CCTV volunteers. The scenario based training proved to be a hit with the operators with some great feedback on how it all went. The training has already paid off with several reports from CCTV of various offences taking place in and around the Town Centre which have resulted in things such as Fixed Penalty Notices for urinating in the street, and an arrest for Drink Driving following a good spot by an eagle eyed operator on a Saturday evening.

Calne NPT will continue, as always, to work closely with the CCTV operatives in the coming months to target the problems facing the town. The work that the volunteers do is invaluable and I feel privileged to have such a fantastic asset available to help us in keeping Calne safe.

The next Blues and Zuz disco is on Friday 29th November and will be held at Beversbrook Sports facility. The last disco went fantastically with a large number of youths attending; numbers of well over 100 attendees has become the norm and this is great to see; it couldn't happen without the hard work and dedication of the NPT and in particular the PCSO's. PCSO Yates

organises the discos; if you wish to get involved to help out as a volunteer then please make contact with either me or Nicole as we are always looking for people to help.

Lastly, and further to my last report, PC Hans Monahan has now retired from Calne NPT. I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the best for the future. Hans' replacement has still not been confirmed at the time of writing this report, but it is in hand and may well have even been decided by the time the Council Meeting takes place. I will be sure to inform you all of the details in the next report.

As ever, if you wish to contact me I am always willing to talk and I can be contacted on the below phone number. Equally, I can be contacted via the e-mail address below.

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EN Calne NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to October 2012	12 Months to October 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to October 2012	12 Months to October 2013
Victim Based Crime	897	777	-120	● -13.4%	21%	17%
Domestic Burglary	42	38	-4	● -9.5%	17%	24%
Non Domestic Burglary	146	102	-44	● -30.1%	5%	6%
Vehicle Crime	92	67	-25	● -27.2%	5%	10%
Criminal Damage & Arson	172	160	-12	● -7.0%	11%	7%
Violence Against The Person	167	161	-6	● -3.6%	41%	29%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	487	539	+52	● +10.7%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions