

# Devizes Community Area Board

January 2014



## 1. Neighbourhood Policing

**Team Sgt:** Ronnie Lungu for Joanne Spencer

### **Town Centre Team**

Beat Manager – PC Chris Mead  
PCSO – Paula Yarranton  
PCSO – (vacant)  
PCSO – Luke Woodward  
PCSO – Kelly Watts

### **Rural North Team**

Beat Manager – PC Helen Clarke  
PCSO – Gareth Cole  
PCSO – Fiona Marno

### **Rural South Team**

Beat Manager – PC James Sheate  
PCSO – Oliver Nash

## 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 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. Local Issues

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 PC James Sheate joined the Devizes NPT team in replacement for PC Lawson. James has a history in Neighbourhood Policing but most recently was part of our Specialist Operations team based at Police Headquarters. James will quickly establish himself in the role and continue the hard work of the team in tackling issues on Devizes South rural area.

PCSO Stonestreet (Sainsbury) has left the area for pastures new in Salisbury. This was arranged to accommodate personal circumstances and her role is being covered by existing staff from the team at Devizes and from the wider organisation pending the posting of a replacement.

At the last Area Board a request was made for more detail of what is happening outside of Devizes town. Each beat manager therefore contributed to this report for their respective areas.

### **Devizes North Rural**

**Speed enforcement** – as a result of concerns raised by residents and drivers suspected of travelling at excess speeds through some villages PC Helen Clarke undertook UNIPAR training which will now enable her to conduct targeted speed checks. Results of checks will be shared with Parish Councils in the monthly updates from PCSO Cole.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - Coordinators have been receiving a monthly police report detailing crimes within the north villages, updates, our current priorities and an input from our Crime Reduction Officer. We are eager to continue information sharing to develop closer partnership working.

### **Bromham**

No incidents of note during December 2013

### **Rowde**

No incidents of note during December 2013

### **Bishop Cannings**

On 09/12/2013 unknown suspect(s) have attempted to gain access to out-buildings at MDN Shot blasting, Sheppard's Shore by damaging the framework around the door with unknown instrument. They have also attempted to 'jemmy' the window out but no entry gained damage TVO £150. On 31/12/2013 a Landrover Discovery 4 parked in The Crown PH car park had damage caused to the rear windscreen and all four wheels stolen.

### **Coate & Horton**

On 18/12/2013 a 4 x 4 vehicle had crashed through a hedge and when Police arrived, discovered driver not insured, vehicle was seized. The driver is currently being processed in relation to not having insurance.

### **All Cannings**

On 20/12/2013 unknown suspect/s have damaged crops at Cliff Farm, The Street by driving around in the field.

### **Stert & Etchilhampton**

No incidents of note during December 2013.

### **Devizes Town**

The team have been concentrating on acquisitive crime on the lead up to and during the festive period as well as antisocial behaviour. High profile foot patrols have been conducted in the town centre as well as a separately funded operation for undercover anti-shop-lifting patrols.

Working together with the antisocial behaviour officer from Wiltshire County Council and representatives from the Southern housing group, we have successfully disrupted the anti-social activity associated with 18A The Brittox. Further civil action is to be taken against the residents of the address by the housing group and a court date has been set for February.

In October November and December there were numerous reports of antisocial behaviour in the Brickley Lane area which have also been addressed working in partnership. The ringleaders of the group involved were identified and served with an ASBO warning letter in the presence of their parents. One specific offence of common assault was also resolved by a Local resolution. Since this time there have been no further reports of ASB in this area.

Crime and ASB have been a focus for the town especially where linked to the night time economy. Following a number of higher profile incidents within or in the proximity to The Crown public house we worked with the brewery and licensing authority to reduce the number of offences. This has been achieved through changes to entry times, door staff under a different contract and changes to the inside of the premises.

Overnight on 13-14 January report two males were arrested by Police following an attempted burglary to Cross Keys Jewellers in the Ginnel. The offenders are on bail pending completion of enquiries.

### **Devizes South Rural**

I recognise there has been a gap in a dedicated NPT Officer for this area and I am grateful to PC Mead and PC Clarke for continuing to provide effective cover as well as policing their own areas.

A significant amount of time continues to be spent on the reports of antisocial behaviour in St Mary's Close, Potterne with partnership involvement from Aster Housing, Wiltshire County Council and Victim Support. Legal action has been instigated by the housing association.

**Urchfont**

On 08/01/14 two burglaries were committed in a commercial garage. The suspects have now been identified and will be dealt with.

**Market Lavington and Easterton**

On 13/12/2013 three burglaries were committed in commercial premises. This appears to be part of a larger series across Wiltshire and enquiries continue.

**Market Lavington**

On 21/12/14 two vehicles had the tyres damaged

**Worton**

On 17/12/2013 a transport company reported the attempted theft of diesel.

**Erlstoke**

In November and December 6 violent offences were reported to Police from inside the prison

**CRIME & DETECTIONS (August 2012 – August 2013 compared to previous rolling 12 months)**

The below chart for the most significant crime areas demonstrates how fluctuations of offending over a rolling 12 months affect figures. January and February 2013 account for 31 of the increase in offences for non-domestic burglary, a matter I have previously reported on (suspect was caught and dealt with through the courts). Both categories for burglary remain a focus of our attention.

Of other significance is the increase in violence against the person. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013 39 incidents of violence have been recorded. 14 are reported to have been in a public place but only 3 of these 14 are linked to the night time economy of the town. The remaining 25 offences have happened behind closed doors, 5 being within Erlstoke Prison. Significant strides have been made with businesses in operating at night to reduce offending.

Vehicle crime: September 2013 saw a spike in offending over one night where 7 vehicles were broken into in the Newman Road area and an increase over the whole month by another 8 offences. Since this point there has been a continued reduction in this offence type.

EZ Devizes NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to December 2012	12 Months to December 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to December 2012	12 Months to December 2013
Victim Based Crime	1174	1263	+89	+7.6%	22%	21%
Domestic Burglary	45	44	-1	-2.2%	24%	23%
Non Domestic Burglary	120	158	+38	+31.7%	5%	19%
Vehicle Crime	87	100	+13	+14.9%	10%	0%
Criminal Damage & Arson	258	253	-5	-1.9%	19%	15%
Violence Against The Person	260	339	+79	+30.4%	35%	30%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	832	759	-73	-8.8%		

\* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

**Matthew Armstrong**

Sector Inspector, Devizes Melksham Pewsey

15<sup>th</sup> January 2014