

Pewsey Community Area Board

March 2014



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

3. Police and Crime Commissioner: Mr Angus Macpherson

PCC website: www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

Current Policing Priorities:

West: Drug use / dealing in Wilcot

Concern has been raised by some local residents about possible drug use / dealing in the Wilcot area.

Consequently, this has been made an area priority.

We have already carried out several high visibility patrols in the area and through close liaison with the community we are building the intelligence on particular areas, vehicles, and people involved. Specific operations to target this are planned in the coming weeks by Pewsey NPT.

Other drug related work has been carried out recently, including acting on information provided by members of the community which led to the search of premises in Upavon where a quantity of cannabis was found.

East: Community safety and traffic matters

In response to a range of concerns reported by members of the community and a number of road traffic collisions in the east villages we are focusing upon a priority to help keep our communities safe on our roads during this winter period. Traffic operations involving speed enforcement, dealing with seatbelt and mobile phone offences will remain our priority over the coming weeks.

There has been a reduction in burglaries in Pewsey West recently: In the last 6 weeks, there have only been 3 burglaries, 2 of them to commercial premises where low value items have been taken. All three burglaries have been in Pewsey village itself. We have been working hard to reduce the number of burglaries in the area and this has included high visibility patrols and regular contact and security advice given to the most vulnerable properties.

There have been some thefts from motor vehicles from beauty spot locations in Pewsey West villages (Stanton St Bernard, Oare, & Alton Barnes), which is unusual for this time of the year. Work to tackle this has included setting up consultations in some of the car parks to offer security advice to motorists, and other ongoing work around detection of offences.

There has only been one shoplifting offence in Pewsey West in the last 6 weeks, which is great news as we had started to see a specific increase. I believe the increase is linked to two individuals, both of whom are known to local officers. Pewsey NPT has recently detected a theft from a shop involving one of these offenders and the other has recently been arrested and remanded following a number of shoplifting offences elsewhere in the county.

We are continuing to patrol the CO-OP in Pewsey regarding the nuisance behaviour of boy racers. An arrangement has been made to fit a camera to the side of the building closest to where the boy racers congregate.

In the last few weeks we have had two reports from members of the community regarding ‘boy racers’, both related to poor driving standards of motorists. These reports are in the process of being followed up and it is likely that one will be interviewed for careless driving and the other will be given words of advice.

Crime statistics;

Since mid November 2013 there has been a significant reduction in crimes throughout in the area. Policing operations, targeted patrols and target hardening measures in partnership with our farming community in particular has assisted in reducing the volume of criminal damage reports to farmland, gates and fencing.

The tabled figures represent the 12 month rolling comparison and although there are small fluctuations in the figures the overall trend is positive.

Crime Statistics

EC Pewsey NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to January 2013	12 Months to January 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to January 2013	12 Months to January 2014
Victim Based Crime	432	432	+0	+0.0%	18%	13%
Domestic Burglary	19	17	-2	-10.5%	42%	18%
Non Domestic Burglary	80	94	+14	+17.5%	1%	1%
Vehicle Crime	75	87	+12	+16.0%	5%	1%
Criminal Damage & Arson	96	67	-29	-30.2%	22%	6%
Violence Against The Person	52	62	+10	+19.2%	44%	58%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	183	164	-19	-10.4%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

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