Police Report – Calne

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3. Performance and Other Local Issues

The Neighbourhood Policing Team at Calne remain committed to working on our 3 NPT priorities surrounding Speeding issues within Calne and its rural villages, theft from residential properties and anti-social behaviour across Calne Town Centre, Castlefields and Kind Edward Close.

Several speedchecks have taken place during May and June in the Calne town and rural areas. A total of 12 x £100 speeding tickets which also carry 3 points on the drivers' licenses have been issued by the NPT with 7 verbal warnings given. We publicise these checks on Facebook to make people aware that we are working to cut speed.

A recent car crash in School Road saw 3 local males arrested in connection with the incident which saw a moving vehicle being driven into several parked cars.

The NPT continue to patrol the town where anti-social behaviour is reported and any underage youths caught using alcohol are returned to their parents and referrals made to appropriate agencies.

Paul Fisher 25 of Harrier Close, has been sentenced to four years and four months imprisonment at Swindon Crown Court, after pleading guilty to being concerned in the supply of class A drugs, possessing a firearm and money laundering. A financial investigation followed and identified that Fisher had been paid in excess of £59,000 in a 9 month period that was unexplained income. A financial restraint order directed by

the Crown Court Judge was ignored by Fisher and he later sold one of his cars, a Mercedes for £13300 cash. Our Dedicated Crime Team Officers who said "Paul FISHER led a comfortable and expensive lifestyle with high value cars, holidays in the Caribbean and had all the latest gadgets and mobile phones. He has been leading a lifestyle which honest, hardworking people within our community work hard to achieve. His lifestyle was funded from Class A drug dealing and defrauding the public purse"

A confiscation hearing will be held in September where he will be deprived of the assets that he has gained through his persistent criminality.

This case was an excellent example of community led policing where local intelligence has been provided to the local Neighbourhood Policing Team that has helped remove a class A drug dealer from the streets of Wiltshire.

PCSO's Cook and Byrne spent the day at Fynamore Primary School on 24 July today teaching children about what the police do. The children were told about all the different police teams and had a short lesson on Stranger danger awareness. After the lesson they were all allowed to dress up in police uniforms and see a police riot bus. It was also great to see the children learning how to save a stranded horse with Wiltshire fire service.

The CCTV van has been put to good use over the past few weeks. Beneficial deployment has been made at Calnefest where it was manned all day by Officers from the Special Constabulary and it has also been used at Hazeland Mill car park where Drug use and ASB has been reported as a concern. There are plans to further deploy the van at Castlefields and the Skatepark in the coming weeks.

There has been a dramatic reduction in reports of urinating in the town. We have changed our approach in the way in which we now deal with offenders, in that we put offenders forward for Community Work with CARP. Two offenders have so far completed clearing work within Castlefields and the town centre. The same two males had also been caught on CCTV removing the defibrillator from its box outside Iceland and this Community work was as a direct result of this incident.

The Calne Defibrillator has been used twice in recent months. On 13 June an 84 yr old male collapsed at home and Officers deployed the defibrillator. Earlier in June the defibrillator was used on a 40yr old male who had suffered a heart attack. Sadly neither male could be resuscitated, but were given the best possible chance, thanks to the use of the defibrillator.

A presentation with slides was given to the residents of Compton Bassett on 8 May by the NPT to make the community aware of the extensive work covered by the team. Another presentation is planned at Cherhill.

PCSO Mark Cook was recommended to the Management Team at Wiltshire Police by PS Ben Huggins for the good work he does within the Community at Calne. At the Civic Hall in Trowbridge PCSO Cook was pleased to receive a Divisional Commanders Certificate of Merit for his continual exceptional hard work and outstanding performance in the community.

And finally we say goodbye to PCSO Andy Willox, who has now become a Police Officer in the lovely Exeter area of Devon. We all wish Andy Good luck in his new career.