

Calne Community Area Board

May 2016



1. Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).

Sgt: PS Ronnie Lungu

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Stuart Welch

PCSO – Nicole Yates

PCSO – Mark Cook

PCSO – Michael Ramselaar

Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC Sonya Stockhill

PCSO – Shelley Gray

2. Performance and other local issues

- In Early April reports came in of a male acting suspiciously in Buzzard Road, Calne and allegations that this person had been tampering with vehicles and had entered a house. Units were quickly dispatched and an off duty Wiltshire Police dog handler was travelling through the area and was made aware of the incident. The police officer and her dog, Tyke, stopped and assisted with a search for the male who was promptly located and arrested on suspicion of Burglary and Possession of a Class A drug. Enquiries are ongoing – good work by all officers involved, both those on and off duty.
(http://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/towns/calneheadlines/14427060.Off_duty_dog_handler_tracks_down_Calne_burglary_suspect/)
- Calne police have received 3 reports of small barn fires in the Calne Rural areas, there is nothing to suggest at this stage that they are linked and enquiries are still ongoing in identifying suspects for these offences.
- Calne Police have received reports of Anti Social Behaviour in the park area of King Edward Close, there have been several reports made and members of Calne NPT have worked closely with Calne Town Council who supplied the use of a mobile CCTV camera in the area. Work is now ongoing to view the footage and identify what the nature of the Anti Social Behaviour is and which agencies are best placed to help deal with the problems raised by the residents. Calne NPT officers continue to patrol the area to help combat further problems.
- A Distraction Burglary has taken place in Calne on 20th April. Unknown suspects have called at an elderly gentleman's address, claiming to have travelled down from up North and received some bad news from relatives in Australia. The suspects have asked the victim if they could borrow his laptop to transfer some money. The victim has allowed the suspects into an upstairs study to use the laptop and left them unattended. Suspects have left a short time later. The victim has later noticed his Hewlett Packard laptop has been stolen.

- A Melksham man has been sentenced to 18 years imprisonment after pleading guilty to 43 serious child sex offences.

Joseph Lee, aged 31, formerly of Ogilvie Square in Calne, appeared at Swindon Crown Court where he pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- Rape of a child under 13 years old x 2
- Sexual activity with a child under 13 x 14
- Causing/inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity x 3
- Production/taking of indecent images of children x 23
- Making indecent images of children x 1

Lee was arrested on 9 September 2014 at his former home in Calne, where a search warrant was executed and computers and mobile phones were seized for analysis.

Further enquiries were carried out by officers and in total, 1,548 images were found on his computer software, including 75 category A images and 35 category A videos of child sexual abuse.

DC Simon Guerri-Fear said: "The images and videos found on Lee's memory cards were some of the most vile depictions of child abuse I have ever witnessed.

"These appalling offences were committed over a period of two years between 2012 and 2014.

"During this time, Lee has put his young victim through an ordeal that nobody should ever have to go through. I am in no doubt that his actions will have a long lasting effect on his victim.

"I am satisfied with the sentence handed out and I hope this enables the young victim to move forward with his life, knowing justice has been served.

"I also hope this case highlights how seriously Wiltshire Police and the Crown Prosecution Service takes child sexual abuse, whether it is recent or non-recent and we will take every action available to bring offenders to justice."

- A RECOVERING alcohol and heroin addict obsessed with Nazis has been fined for shouting racial abuse in the street and biting his mum because she was 'living a Jewish lifestyle'.

University drop-out William Field, formerly of Edreds Court, Calne, Maple Close, came before magistrates sitting in Swindon on Monday, charged with assault and three counts of racially and religiously aggravated harassment. The court heard how the 25-year-old, who suffers from mental health problems, had been drinking alcohol when he shouted remarks in Calne and Chippenham.

Keith Ballinger, prosecuting, told the hearing: "On the 25th of January it was reported to the police that Field is in the town centre in Calne. He is described as being drunk and started shouting 'Kill black people. All the black people in Britain are going to die.'

"At that time he was arrested and issued with a notice to stay out of Calne town centre. The following morning a witness again describes seeing him as being in the town centre and drunk.

"That witness was walking his six-year-old daughter to school and was with his 18-month-old child. "He says Mr Field was holding a Nazi salute and shouted 'All the Jews must die and I will slit their throats. I will slit your throat and your children's throats. The pure race will take over the earth. I will slit the throat of all those who oppose me.'

The court also heard how Field bit his mother Sally on the right bicep at her home in Maple Close on February 18, while he was being restrained by his parents after he started throwing items around in the kitchen. "It caused a bruise," Mr Ballinger said. "She doesn't wish to make a complaint.

"She told the police he was drinking heavily, had not slept for days and has bipolar and undiagnosed manic depression and was Nazi obsessed.

"Mr Field said the argument was because his mum is living a Jewish lifestyle that he doesn't like."

While on bail on March 30, and attending the Wiltshire Substance Abuse Centre in Chippenham, Mr Field also started shouting in the waiting room. "He was agitated and started shouting... He was asked to leave and outside he was met by his mother and continued shouting to the extent members of the public were asking if she was ok. He was located a short while later and arrested," Mr Ballinger added.

Defending, Oliver Willmott said: "It raises the question how on earth he came to express these views? How he got to a point he bit his mother?"

"He had a good upbringing and started with promise, intellect and a good family. His mental health difficulties only started to be uncovered and was manifesting when he was at university and he suffered from drug and drink abuse.

- On 10th May in Calne, an elderly lady had a cold caller knock on her door, who told her that her roof was damaged and needed repair. As the lady was worried, they agreed a price of £850 for the caller to repair the roof. Having started working on the roof, the callers then asked for another £1000. This was refused and the self-styled roofers stated that they would return. When a genuine qualified roofer then went onto the roof he discovered a large hole in the roof where the roof tiles had merely been removed.

This is not an uncommon type of fraud. Many residents fall foul of these callous fraudsters, and I would advise never to give work in this way to doorstep callers. Any people employed to do work for you should be properly checked and researched before agreement and parting with any hard earned cash. Please keep an eye on elderly neighbours if they do start having work completed. If you are concerned, give us a call.

- One of our residents was driving at Hilmarton last week and witnessed a piece of dangerous driving by another motorist who did several overtakes on solid white lines and was seen to tailgate another vehicle whilst again trying to overtake. Fortunately, our witness had a Dash Cam fitted into his vehicle and recorded the incident. He kindly passed the recording to us. The offending driver is shortly to be invited into the Police Station for a formal interview. Thank you to the witness - Dash Cams are great.
- Several traffic matters have been dealt with by Officers at Calne.
- On 18th April, at Oxford Road a vehicle was served with a prohibition notice for defective tyres.

- On the same day a vehicle carrying straw bales overturned on the A4 due to an insecure/unsafe load. The driver has been reported for the offence.
- Four vehicles have been stopped in April where the occupants have been dealt with for drug offences. Drivers have been drug swiped and arrested for Class A (cocaine) and Class B (cannabis) and others have had street cautions.
- We have seen a small number of burglaries, with Porte Marsh Industrial Estate being hit by offenders accessing by way of the roof resulting in high value thefts. These are currently under investigation. A second attempt by offenders on another building, saw them disturbed and hence made off.
- A shed at Quemerford has been forced and a large quantity of fishing equipment stolen.
- A trailer has been stolen from Derry Hill and a vehicle from Goatacre which was subsequently recovered by Police in Reading 3 days later.

3. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Calne NPT priorities are based on calls/reports made to the police, trends due to the time of year or intelligence received, Calne NPT's current priorities are –

- Speeding in the Calne rural areas.
- ASB in various locations including Castlefields Park and King Edward Close.

As we are now faced with lighter evenings we understand that there is likely to be increased usage of parks and open spaces, the majority of people using these areas do so for the purpose they are designed for however it is recognised that we may experience more reports of ASB linked to these areas, Calne NPT are dedicated to patrolling these areas to help combat any issues and do so by a variety of methods including use of vehicles/CCTV Van, foot patrol and bike patrol.

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

Community Engagement :

In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Calne NPT also regularly update a Facebook Page at facebook.com/CalnePolice – this page is often used to share reports, witness appeals, good news stories and notices of community consultations.

Should you wish to contact a member of the Calne NPT with regards to any questions/concerns then this can be done by emailing the team at calnenpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk, contacting us through our facebook site or attending one of the consultation meetings.

To report a crime then please call 101 for non urgent matters or in an emergency then 999.