



### Calne Town Council Community policing update



**Hello and welcome to the Area Board report for November 2018, I hope everyone is well and getting ready for the festive period coming soon.**

**The last couple of months have gone so quickly and have been very busy for Wiltshire Police .**

**I have highlighted the Wiltshire police website which the link included takes you to the crime maps in your area , even down to the street , which is very informative., on the last page Community messaging.**

**May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy New year.**

**Stay safe and please enjoy the festivities .**

## GOOD NEWS STORIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

14/10/2018 00:57hrs a Red Mini Copper was seized by officers for showing no tax in Abberd Way in Calne.

On 21/10/2018 at 18:26hrs a Grey Vauxhall Corsa was stopped on the A4 near to Derry Hill, after being witnessed driving at speed and overtaking vehicles whilst leaving Chippenham. Upon being stopped the Traffic Officer conferred with the driver and noticed he smelt strongly of intoxicants.

The Driver was breathalysed, then later arrested for providing a positive breath sample above the legal alcohol limit. The driver was also reported for the offence of careless driving.

The male has been charged for the offence of driving a vehicle with an excess alcohol limit. He will appear in Swindon Magistrates court on 07/11/2018 at 13:30hrs

On 03/08/2018 04:13hrs Officers were called to the location of The Pippin due to a member of the public reporting that they had seen a male with a large lockable knife.

Officers attended the scene and detained a male matching the description given. The detained male was then searched where a large knife was located in his pocket.

The male was arrested on suspicion of being in possession of a bladed article in a public place, and taken to Melksham custody.

Jordan Dance, 20 of Hercules Road, Calne was charged with the offence and later attend Swindon Court on 22/08/2018 09:30hrs.

DANCE was found guilty at court of the offence of being in possession of a blade article, and received the following - Fined £85, 70 unpaid work to be completed within 12 months and charged £85 court costs

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The knife (as pictured) has been sent for destruction.



On 25/09/2018 22:57, A red ford Fiesta was stopped in ISSI Close in Calne following an earlier report of careless driving. On speaking to the driver he smelt strongly of cannabis and appeared to be under the influence of the drug.

The driver then failed a roadside drug wipe and was arrested for this offence. The driver was also found with a quantity of personal cannabis in his vehicle, he has been given a fixed penalty ticket for this as he has previously been given a cannabis street warning.

The driver was also given a traffic offence report for a cut to his nearside front tyre and having no MOT. The driver has been Released pending investigation, pending the results of the Custody blood test.

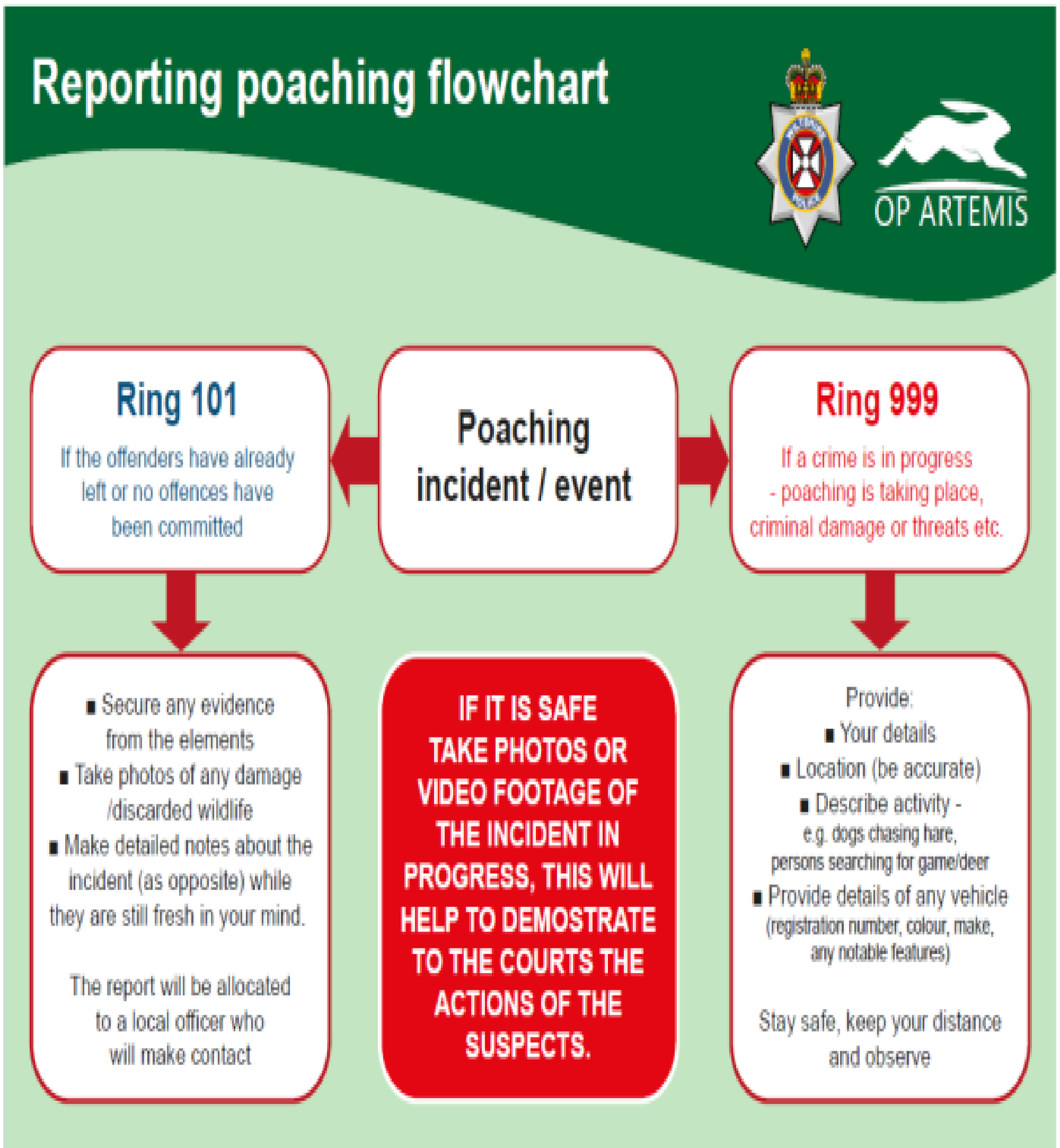
During this vehicle stop

A drug search was conducted of the vehicle where the passenger of the vehicle advised that he was in possession of tablets believed to be Ecstasy. The passenger, a 24 year old male from Calne was given an adult caution for being found in possession of a Class A drug.

The case involving the driver is ongoing.

The Rural Crime Team is noticing a rise in activity by poachers / hare coursers around the A4 corridor close to Yatesbury and Avebury. A number of farms have been effected, which has included abandoned vehicles, threats and damage and the RCT will continue to support those effected.

Since August, Operation ARTEMIS has been running which is the forces response to poaching across the county. We are asking members of the public to report any incidents of poaching via 101 or 999





## Public confidence in hate crime reporting growing

### **Wiltshire Police welcomes the increase in hate crime reporting in Wiltshire and Swindon, as the Home Office publishes the latest hate crime statistics during Hate Crime Awareness Week (13 to 20 October 2018)**

A total of 580 hate crimes were reported in Wiltshire and Swindon between April 2017 and March 2018; a four per cent increase on the previous year.

Hate crime reporting has seen a significant 86 per cent increase in the county in the last five years - up from 314 in 2012/13 to 580 in 2017/18 - as a result of increased public awareness and better identification and recording of hate crime offences.

Wiltshire is also performing well when hate crime prosecutions reach court - the county is the highest performing area nationally for successful hate crime convictions brought by the Crown Prosecution Service. The county also performs higher than the national average in sentence uplifts - cases where the defendant has been given an increased sentence in recognition that the behaviour was motivated by hate.

However many hate crimes go unreported and Wiltshire Police wants to hear from more victims of hate incidents or hate crimes, especially during Hate Crime Awareness Week and the national #No2Hate campaign. In Wiltshire racial hate crime accounts for the vast majority of all reported hate crimes (76 per cent), but slight increases in disability, religious and transgender hate crimes have been noted in the last 12 months. Five strands are currently monitored for offences which the victim considers to be driven by hostility towards their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner Angus Macpherson said: "I'm very encouraged by today's Home Office figures for Wiltshire. They show a steady rise in reporting and that tells me there is greater confidence to come forward.

"The excellent results being achieved in our courts will, I hope, encourage even more victims to report offences, whether directly to the police or via our partner agencies.

"We are saying #No2Hate and urging people in all our communities to challenge hate crime and report it to Wiltshire Police."

"Public education to prevent hate crime is key," said Superintendent Dave Minty, Force lead for hate crime. "For those affected, hate crime is a hugely distressing experience and is completely unacceptable.

"We have 42 hate crime advisors offering local support to hate crime victims. We also want to understand what stops some people coming forward to report to us and are launching a new hate crime victim survey to be better informed.

"There are many ways people can report hate incidents or hate crime to us on 101 or 999 in an emergency, or to third party agencies like True Vision, Victim Support or Crimestoppers."

### **\*\*\*COUNTY LINES UPDATE\*\*\***

**Police action to disrupt drug gang activity in Wiltshire known as county lines has led to a number of arrests.**

With full results still to be collated, the week-long period of intensive law enforcement activity has so far delivered:

- Four males arrested in Swindon.
- 64 wraps of crack cocaine recovered
- Three weapons seized
- £1,000 seized
- At least 70 addresses identified which have vulnerable occupants (also known as cuckooing addresses)



Gangs move their drug dealing from big cities to small towns in order to make more money.



They look young or vulnerable people to act as their runners.



These people will be threatened with violence and weapons if they go to the police.

We need your help to put an end to the threat from county lines.  
**Report any concerns via 101.**

Also, the operations found a number of young and vulnerable people at risk of being exploited by drugs gangs. These are now being safeguarded through on-going multi-agency work.

Head of Crime Prevention for Wiltshire Police Sonja Leith said: "County lines is everyone's responsibility and I would urge members of the public to be vigilant and look out for some of the most visible signs that county lines drugs gangs are operating in neighbourhoods and to report this to police.

"Together with our partner agencies across Swindon and Wiltshire, we work hard to identify where county lines are exploiting vulnerable children and adults, to proactively disrupt these networks and to safeguard and protect those at risk of harm. The intelligence we receive from our communities is crucial in helping us, our partner agencies and neighbouring forces tackle county lines.

"By raising awareness of the issue, I hope more people will be able to spot the signs and feel comfortable in reporting information to the police. Your call could save lives."

## OP SEPTRE Update

As part of **Op Sceptre** - the national knife crime prevention initiative was launched, bringing together police forces co-ordinating ways to tackle knife crime, appealing for people to hand in unwanted or illegal knives and bladed weapons during the period of the amnesty: Monday 17 - Sunday 30 September. Our two week campaign featured case studies from people whose lives have been affected by knife crime - from the victim of knife crime to the police officer who had to deal with a serious stabbing. Knives are used as an everyday tool in the home and in industry, but when placed in the wrong hands or adapted for the wrong purpose can have devastating consequences.

**A fine example of this was on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at approximately 14:00 hours a report was received from a member of public regarding a possible drink driver on Easton Lane. Police were on scene in minutes following a short pursuit and the male ran from his vehicle, the suspect was detained and arrested. On searching his vehicle a sword was found. The 29 year old male from Thingley has been charged with fail to stop, dangerous driving, drink driving and possession bladed article. Sgt Mark SIMPSON wanted to thank the member of public who called this in. Thank you**



Special amnesty bins were available at six locations across the county: Swindon's Gablecross Police Station, Marlborough Police Station, Melksham Police Station, Chippenham's Monkton Park, Trowbridge Police Station and the Temporary Police Station at the rear of Five Rivers Leisure Centre in Salisbury. The knife amnesty gave people the chance to dispose of knives and weapons by simply taking them to one of the specified police stations and dropping them in to an amnesty bin. During the period of the amnesty those handing in knives and weapons will not face prosecution for possession of a knife or weapon and can remain anonymous.

Of the 43 forces across England & Wales, Wiltshire had the 29th highest number of serious knife crimes reported. However, for possession offences Wiltshire ranked 34th of 43 - only Gloucestershire was ranked lower within the South West.\*

Between August 2017 and July 2018, there was a total of 800 offences in Wiltshire, where a knife or blade was used, a reduction of 3% on the previous year. \*\*

However, any incidents of knife crime are a major concern but the public should be reassured that we will continue to vigorously investigate offences linked to any knives or weapons recovered.

Assistant Chief Constable Gavin Williams said: "We want to raise the awareness of the dangers of carrying a knife or owning an illegal weapon. As a county Wiltshire cannot be compared to what is happening in cities like London or Manchester but we cannot be complacent; we must take action to educate the public and do what we can to remove knives from our streets.

"Most people in Wiltshire or even in the country don't carry a knife; it should not be considered the 'norm'. A very small minority choose to leave the house with a knife or blade, but the reality is they themselves are more likely to get injured.

"I would also like to appeal to parents across the county to talk to their children. We know that some young people carry knives for what they consider to be protection, but it is placing them and those around them in danger.

Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, said: "Knife crime wrecks lives - not only the life of the victim but their families and friends. There are many people directly and indirectly linked to just one incident - not just the victim and perpetrator.

"The amnesty is great way to encourage people to do the right thing and hand in any illegal weapons.

"Parents and schools can do their bit by checking what their children are carrying in their bags; it's a good way to educate youngsters too that being caught with a knife could mean they end up in serious trouble as well as risking being injured themselves.

"Long term - good education and prevention means the wider community becomes a safer one."

## Your Local PCSO's

Below area list of the Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) that cover Calne and their specific area's of responsibility. If you need to make contact then you can use the email address,

[northwiltshirecpt@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:northwiltshirecpt@wiltshire.police.uk)

This is monitored by a number of officers who may be able to answer your query if your local PCSO isn't on duty.



**PCSO Mark COOK**



**PCSO NICOLE SHEPPARD**



**PCSO Abbie OBORNE**

# Crimes that have impacted the community

One of our persistent offenders and drug dealer in Calne has been arrested on a prison recall.

Known suspect has entered Sainsbury's store Calne on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and removed from an open display a selection of steaks. He has then left the store without making any payment. Suspect arrested and further arrested on a fail to appear warrant. Case ongoing

On 09/09/2018 21:00 an unknown suspect(s) has removed a catalytic converter from the owners vehicle. Enquiries have been made but no suspects have been identified.

On the 10/09/2018 10:15 unknown person/s have stolen items from a trailer which was hitched to a minibus. They have opened a padlock to gain entry. Once inside the trailer they have taken suitcases full of personal belongings. The suitcases contained various items including cash, Ipads, a diamond ring, men's suits and car keys. Unfortunately no suspects have been identified

On 17/09/2018 13:02 a housing engineer working at a block of flats in Calne has discovered 6 cannabis plants being grown in a communal shed.

A local man was identified as a suspect and has been interviewed which resulted in an Adult caution being given.

On 21/09/2018 18:59 a known male has stolen items including energy drinks, medicines and cider from a local store on two visits and has then sat in a car opposite the shop drinking the stolen cider. This male was located interviewed and given an Adult caution for theft.

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The case involving the driver is ongoing.

On the 15/10/2018 at 20:15 unknown Suspect(s) have gained entry to injured parties van by unknown means, no damage caused. Once inside they have stolen a large quantity of power tools mainly Makita TVO £2500.

Investigation was completed but no suspects have been identified.

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The male has been charged for the offence of driving a vehicle with an excess alcohol limit. He will appear in Swindon Magistrates court on 07/11/2018 at 13:30.

On the 24/10/2018 00:30 officers attended an address to arrest a known male following a domestic dispute, whilst at the address a number of cannabis plants and hydroponics were located. The male was arrested for cultivation of cannabis and assault. The male has been interviewed and charged to court.





**The link below is for Community Messaging. The Community Coordinator for this area sends out a daily message, if there has been any crime that will benefit the community to be aware of. This includes thefts, scams and burglaries, the aim is to inform you of what is happening in your area, help you take any actions to avoid becoming a victim of crime and to alert you as a potential witness to any crime. Its easy to sign up and only messages, relevant to your area, are sent to your email inbox.**

**<https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>**

The email address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing team is  
northwiltshirecpt@wiltshire.police.uk  
Please phone 101, or 999 in an emergency to report any incidents or  
crimes

We hope you find these updates useful, for the latest news, crime prevention advice and appeals please follow us on:

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Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>

Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

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Whilst the report below gives a summary of Key Impact Crimes in your area such as Burglaries, the interactive element will allow you to see the statistics of the reports for your area and your local Police contacts. The website address remains unchanged and the interactive map can be found by following the below link.

<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/832/Your-Area>

Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police

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