

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Area Board Report- Devizes

Neighbourhood Policing Team

July and August 2024



Keeping Wiltshire Safe

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

Inspector: Simon Garrett – Starting October 2024

Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt Chris Wickham



Neighbourhood Officers:

PC Chris Rideout (Devizes Town)

PC Sarah Hardwidge (Devizes Town)

PC Jenny Groome (Devizes Rural)

PC Jason Steele (Marlborough)

PC Nicky Crabbe (Pewsey)



PCSOs:

Amy Jones, Andrew Maclachlan, Debbie Lowe

Kelly Watts, Paula Yarranton (Devizes Rural)

Emily Johnson, Melissa Camilleri (Marlborough Rural)

Mark Braithwaite (Marlborough Town)

Jonathan Mills (Pewsey)



Our Community Commitment

ENGAGE REGULARLY WITH COMMUNITIES BY HOLDING FACE TO FACE EVENTS

- We will hold at least one public meeting / surgery per month, giving you a chance to meet your local team and find out more information on local policing priorities, crime stats and engagement opportunities
- We will advertise our public meetings and surgeries on the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website, on local Neighbourhood Policing Team social media channels and Community Messaging
- Every engagement opportunity will be recorded so we can ensure we are meeting our commitment to you
- We will hold regular face to face meetings and events with a wide range of community groups such as businesses, faith groups, youth groups and residents' associations
- We will bring policing out to your community, through the proactive use of the Neighbourhood Engagement Vehicles.

ENGAGE REGULARLY THROUGH ONLINE CHANNELS

- We will actively use local Neighbourhood Policing Team social media channels to engage with our communities
- Every Neighbourhood Policing Team will host quarterly Facebook Live events
- We will exchange information with those signed up to our Community Messaging alert system via email, text or phone and continue to promote this free service to new members.

INCREASE AND BROADEN OUR ENGAGEMENT ACROSS NEED TO REACH COMMUNITIES

- We will build Community Beat Profiles for each of our Neighbourhood Policing Team to help us better understand the specific communities within our local areas
- We will engage with specific community groups and those living and working in particular geographical areas about those issues that are important or impacts most upon them
- We will work with young people and our partners in education settings to help improve safety, reduce reoffending and, along with relevant other agencies, offer support to those who need it.

PUBLISH INFORMATION ON YOUR LOCAL TEAM, LOCAL PRIORITIES AND UPDATE ON ACTIVITY

- We will provide you with information so you know who your local Neighbourhood Policing Team is by publishing this on the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website
- We will publish monthly local priorities on the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website and, through our regular engagement with you, we will consult you when we are setting them
- We will provide community updates on activity being carried out to help tackle local priorities
- We will ensure intelligence-led visible patrolling in local communities, at least once a week, responding to local policing issues and concerns
- We will publish local policing updates, wherever possible, in community magazines / newsletters or bulletins.

CONSULT AND ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITIES ON KEY DECISIONS

- We will ask the public to take part in questionnaires and surveys to build information and improve our policing service
- We will provide visibility at Parish Council meetings and, in the absence of physical attendance, will provide a written update. We will also support a programme of additional meeting attendance through Area Boards or Community Safety Groups
- We will action feedback, concerns or complaints – and tell you what action has been taken. If we cannot help, we will help signpost the public to who can
- We will work closely with our partners, such as local authorities and parish and town councils, and community representatives i.e. businesses, faith groups, schools to tackle community issues
- We will work closely alongside local watch schemes to enable strong partnerships between the police and communities
- We will consult regularly with our Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) to ensure they have a voice as a critical friend to help shape our policing service.

Our mission: Keeping Wiltshire Safe

Our priorities:

Safer public spaces

Violence

Burglary

July and August 24 stats- Devizes

	Last Year	Last 2 months
Violence Against The Person	112	137
Theft Offences	61	64
Arson And Criminal Damage	52	27
Public Order Offences	25	28
Miscellaneous Crimes Against So...	14	13
Vehicle Offences	13	19
Burglary	16	12
Drug Offences	6	5
Sexual Offences	16	16
Possession Of Weapons	3	6
Robbery	1	1

Number of Crimes

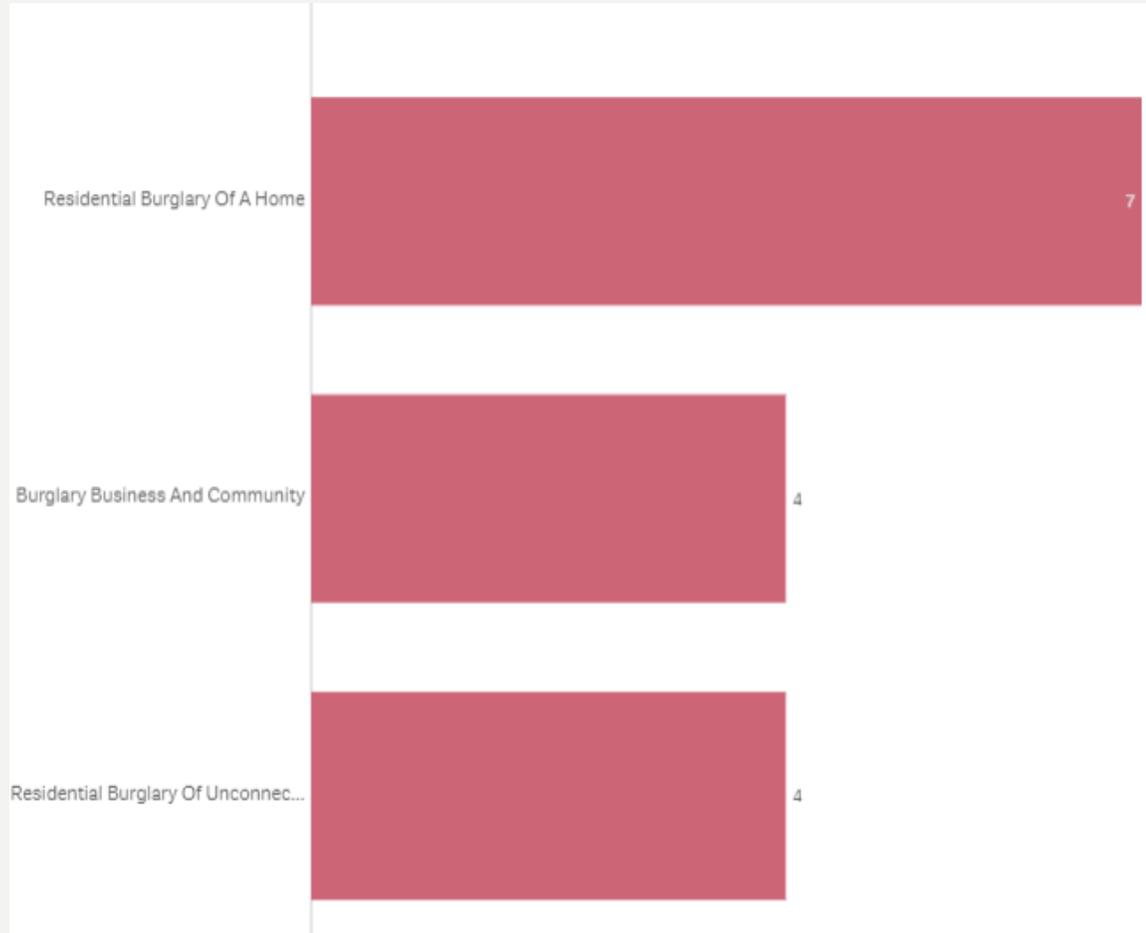
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Number of Incidents

350

- Crime picture is stable considering data from the last 2 months and same time in 2023.
- Slight drop in theft
- Drop in Sexual offences
- Increase of Drugs offences (mainly possession)
- Slight Increase in possession of weapons

January and February stats



Number of Crimes

15

- Attendance rate of burglaries at a home 100% in Aug, 99% in July
- FAT rate 8% July, 9.5% Aug. Over the average for similar forces.
- Series of garage breaks in Devizes Town where bikes have been stolen amongst others – Being locally investigated by NPT
- 2 males arrested and charged for a burglary to a Café in August. One of these males also charged for a further Burglary at another small business. Other matters under investigating with a further charge thought to follow.

Matters of note

- Attempted Murder, Sidmouth Street 29/06
- Murder, Easterton 03/07
- Motorcycle theft series June – August
- Business Crime
- Progress with PSPO

In the community



Fantasy 97FM RADIO

- Monthly appearance on Fantasy FM
- Mobile Police Station deployment
- Patrols with Street warden
- Facebook live
- Community consultations across the sector



Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Theft/ Burglary offences	From our data burglary remains at reasonably consistent but one burglary is too many so there will be an ongoing focus on patrols within the town, during the hours of darkness both in relation domestic burglaries of garages and houses along with our business premises. This will also serve to keep up the momentum around theft of motorbikes.
Street Drinking and ASB in the Market place	We continue to patrol and make use of powers, where appropriate, to disperse offending individual. Looking forward we are building evidence for the use of civil injunctions in order to deal with unintended consequences of our enforcement work.
Increase In police visibility	A core current priority is to increase police visibility within the community, through both physical and online presence. There has been a real drive and significant focus on high visibility policing in rural villages. Over the last 3 month period response and neighbourhood officers have recorded nearly 100 high visibility patrols in rural villages, including engaging with shops/premises and community events. This will continue
What do you want us to focus on	devizesareanpt@wiltshire.police.uk Subject – Devizes area Priorities.

Useful Links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Devizes Neighbourhood Policing Team area visit <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/area/your-area/>

Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our **Community Messaging service** – www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Follow your NPT on social media

- [Devizes Police Facebook](#)
- [Devizes Police Twitter](#)
- [Marlborough Police Facebook](#)
- [Marlborough Police Twitter](#)
- [Pewsey Police Facebook](#)
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Find out more information on your NPT area at:
www.wiltshire.police.uk/area/your-area/wiltshire/devizes/

