

Pewsey Area Board

October 2016

1. East Community Policing Team

Sector Head: Inspector Nick Mawson

Sector Deputy: Sergeant Mark Andrews

Community Coordinator: PC Teresa Herbert

Pewsey PCSO: PCSO Jonathan Mills

The Community Policing Team (CPT) model commenced in this area on 17 October 2016 and will be followed by Swindon on 7 November 2016.

This follows a successful trial of the new model in Trowbridge, Warminster, Bradford on Avon, Westbury, Tisbury and Mere.

CPT combines Neighbourhood Policing, Response teams and Local Crime Investigators so there is a “one team” approach to community policing. It means there is a bigger team of officers and police staff available to attend incidents and improves communication between teams and departments. It gives the public a better service because issues can potentially be resolved at the first point of contact (101 and 999 call-takers) and provides them with a named officer/police staff member who they will be able to keep in touch with during the investigation. It also encourages officers and staff to take more “ownership” of cases.

There will be seven Community Policing Teams: Swindon North, Swindon West, Swindon South, Wiltshire North, Wiltshire West, Wiltshire East and Wiltshire South. Pewsey comes under Wiltshire East area.

Each Community Policing Team will be overseen by a Superintendent and will have an Inspector and a Deputy. The team will be made up of a mix of police officers, community co-ordinators, PCSOs, civilian local crime investigators and Specials.

We will be engaging with the public as the roll-out commences and will welcome feedback about the new model. Please speak to your local officers to find out more about how Community Policing will affect your local area. You can also find out more, including videos and infographics explaining the new model, on our website <http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/information/community-policing-pilot>

Our free Community Messaging service will also help keep you updated about policing and crime in your local area <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

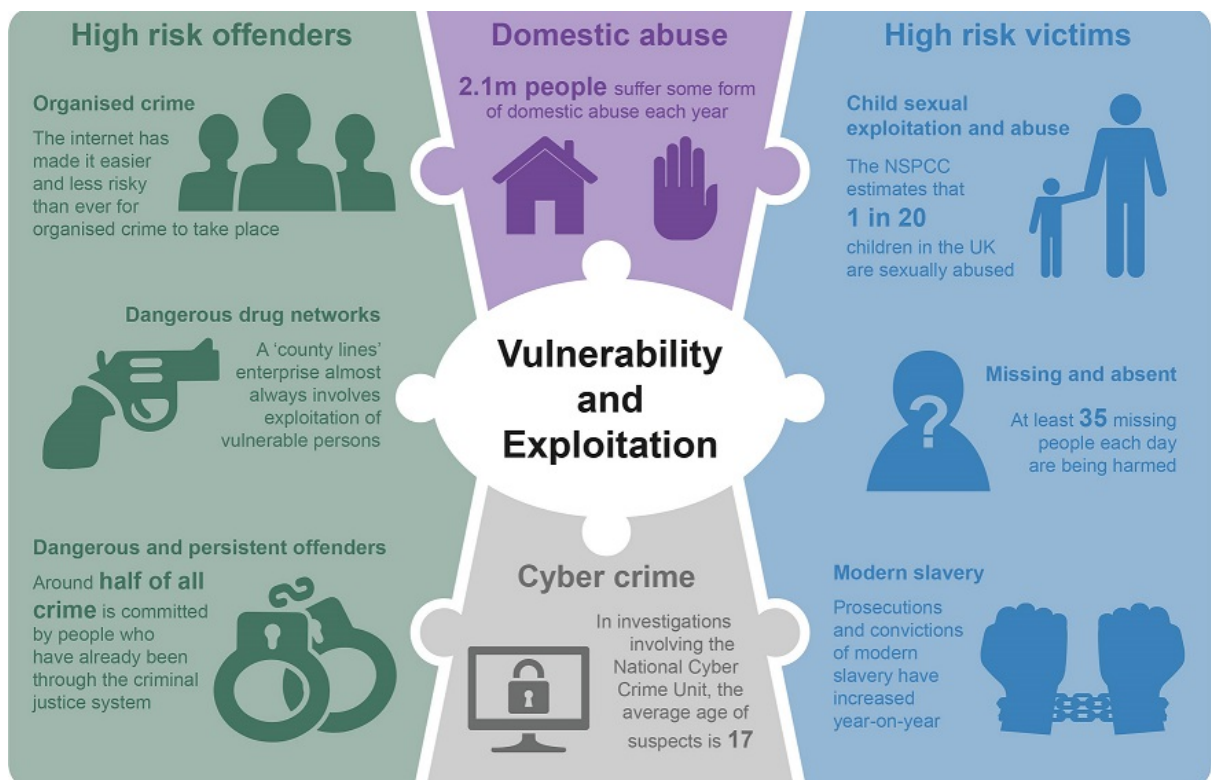
There is only one current priority for the Pewsey area: to focus on dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries, specifically in Pewsey, Burbage & Great Bedwyn. In response to the recent rise in the number of burglaries, we have increased targeted patrols and have also been working with a crime prevention officer to put target hardening measures in place at our most vulnerable locations. In the last month since the last Area Board meeting there have been five burglaries/attempted burglaries; one attempted distraction, two non-dwellings, one attempted non-dwelling and one theft from a narrowboat.

In relation to the large recent series of burglaries centred on Pewsey, enquiries continue into all those burglaries and we are making very good progress.

Please revisit your security features on your property, such as chains and locks, CCTV, and lighting. Also consider:

- Security marking items
- Recording Serial numbers
- Photographing items
- Locking away and securing valuable items when not in use
- Having secured access point into yards/premises.

3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy



Cybercrime

There have been no reported instances of cybercrime since the last meeting.

Domestic Abuse

Pewsey NPT continue to be involved in pro-active engagement with a recently released prisoner for violent domestic abuse offences.

High Risk Victims

Sadly, elderly people are often the victims of rogue trader type offences and distraction burglaries. PC Herbert has been working with her communities to spread awareness of these type of offences and to offer security and advice in 'Safety at Home' presentations.

Teresa made a presentation to Burbage Good Companions which was attended by more than sixty people and was very well received. As a result many referrals were made to the Bobby Van to increase safety and security.

We have recently had reports of people selling door to door in the Pewsey Community Area. They do require a Pedlars Certificate to do so, which are rarely held, instead they will produce a laminated piece of card entitled Hawkers Licence - these are invalid. We report for summons all those we deal with. Intelligence has linked these individuals to organised crime groups.

Pewsey NPT have also been dealing with reports of scam phone calls, particularly targeting vulnerable and elderly people. Callers are stating they are police officers, and have a person detained who is in possession of bank and credit cards in their name. These callers then proceed to ask for details of their bank accounts and PIN numbers. They can be very convincing. Please share this information with friends, relatives and relevant people to reduce their risk of becoming victims of these crimes. Advice and guidance can be found at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

High Risk Offenders

The NPT continue to work closely with the Public Protection Department to identify persistent or dangerous offenders, to engage with them and to take positive action where required.

Other local issues

- **Theft of a dog:** On 29/09/2016 at 15:30hrs, an initial report was taken of a lost dog. After police officer has spoken to the RP it has been crimed as a theft. Whilst out walking with her 2 dogs one of them ran off. Shortly after IP noticed a small white car with a female stood next to it. IP walked towards the car and

the female saw IP, got into the car and drove off. Dog recovered 2 days later, due in no small part to swift use of social media and Community Messaging.

- **Damage to motor vehicles** : Between 29/09/2016 and 13/10/2016, several cars have been damaged in High Street, Burbage in a series of incidents. Enquiries are ongoing into the problem.
- **Theft**: Between 10/06/2016 09:00 and 24/09/2016 09:15 in Wilton, the suspect has disconnected electrical lead from CCTV Camera's to CCTV monitor but has been captured on Camera stealing £140 cash from a Cigarette Vending Machine at location and to previously helping himself to the Contents of Spirit Bottles and Watering down their remaining contents.

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