



## **Bradford on Avon Area Board Report**

### **March 2019**

Hello and welcome to this Community policing report.

#### **OP SCEPTRE – Response to Knife Crime**

This March (Monday 11 - Sunday 17 March) we will be supporting the national week of action, Op Sceptre.

Launched by Metropolitan Police in 2015 in response to knife crime, Op Sceptre aims to raise awareness of the growing trends, with the overall aim of reducing knife crime and the harm it causes to individuals, their families and the wider community.

Any incident where a knife is involved with the intention to threaten or harm another person is a concern to us. Recent statistics from the Office of National Statistics show that knife crime has fallen by 18 per cent across Wiltshire since September 2017 but we are not complacent and recent events in Trowbridge show how important it is that we continue to educate all members of our community about knife crime.

During this week of action West Wiltshire CPT will be working with a number of partner agencies, including the Youth Offending Team (YOT) and Children's Services to target antisocial behaviour and knife related incidents within our policing area.

#### **Wiltshire Police – Yearly crime figures**

Wiltshire Police is bucking the national trend of increasing crime figures by seeing a reduction of 1%.

At a time when violent crime continues to increase, dominate national media and rightly concern local communities a decrease in knife crime of 18% since September 2017, has been recorded in Wiltshire.

Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, said: "The impact of knife crime can be devastating, not only for the victim and perpetrator, but also their families and friends.

"We are not seeing the same problems in Wiltshire that there are nationally because of the work being done by Wiltshire Police alongside the local authorities and other partners to tackle knife

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crime. This year I want to be able to allocate funding for a renewed focus on crime prevention using a range of tactics to target those who may commit crime in future.

"But the reality is that the police cannot tackle this alone and need to draw upon the strength of communities to play an equal part.

"Parents and schools can play their part 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.

"I am determined that we will continue to do as much as we can to eradicate knife crime in Wiltshire. Just one knife-related incident is one too many and I am acutely aware of this."

T/ Assistant Chief Constable Deborah Smith, the Force lead for crime, justice and vulnerability said  
"Wiltshire still remains one of the safest counties to live and work in, and the crime statistics released today show us as one of only four UK forces reporting an overall reduction in crime.

"Due to national media coverage of knife crime problems across the UK, we know this is an area that people have particular concerns about. However, here in Wiltshire, we have seen an 18 per cent reduction in knife crime since September 2017.

"There is still a lot of crime prevention work to do around people carrying knives, as incidents of weapon possession are up 3 per cent, but overall we are making very good progress. In September the Force held a county-wide knife amnesty which resulted in 427 knives being taken off our streets.

"It is concerning that society seems to be becoming more violent and dealing with this problem is just one of the many challenges facing a modern day police force. We'd like to reassure our communities that despite the crime statistics released today showing a 3 per cent increase in violent crimes in Wiltshire, these incidents are often linked to wider issues such as drug and alcohol abuse or mental health episodes. We continue to work closely with our partners to tackle these wider issues.

"It is also important to note that serious violent crimes such as the recent incidents we have seen in Swindon are very rarely random attacks. The people involved in these sorts of crimes are often known to each other and are usually linked to wider issues such as gangs and drug dealing including dangerous drug networks and county lines.

"Wiltshire Police continues to work closely with our partners to focus on early intervention and prevention in relation to violent crime. This is being driven through the Swindon and Wiltshire community safety partnerships and includes new initiatives to tackle violence across the county.

"If you suspect someone of illegally carrying a knife, I'd urge you to report it to the police immediately by calling 101, or 999 in an emergency. Alternatively information can be passed to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111."

This relates to today's crime statistics report by ONS. You can see full statistics here - <https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/crimeinenglandandwalesyearendingseptember2018>

## Staffing

Inspector Andy Fee has taken up a temporary Superintendent role in another area of Police business for a few months. As a consequence Sergeant James Williams has stepped up to A/Insp to be the lead for West Wiltshire CPT. PS Neil DUFFIN has come from CPT North to act as deputy Sergeant for James.

We welcome new PCSO Roland REVERS and PCSO Luke GEORGE to the West Wiltshire CPT Team. Luke has transferred into the sector and will look after the Bradford on Avon Rural Beat (EA12). Roland will be joining PCSO Mary MOORE on the Warminster Town Centre Beat known as ER11.

## **CRIME EXCEPTIONS DATA**

**These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.**

### FEBRUARY 2019 DATA

#### Bradford on Avon Town – EA11

February showed 36 crimes for this beat area, against the average of 39.5 offences for this same month over the last two years. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 86% of EA11 crime are as follows:

Violence against the Person showed 12 reported crimes, compared to an average of 9.2 offences.

Theft showed 11 reported crimes, compared to an average of 10.5 offences.

Public Order showed 3 reported crimes, compared to an average of 3.3 offences.

Burglary showed 4 reported crimes, compared to an average of 5.3 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 2 reported crimes, compared to an average of 6.2 offences

#### Bradford on Avon Rural – EA12

February showed 23 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 25 offences for this same month over the last two years. There are no exceptions within the data. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 83% of EA12 crime are as follows:

Violence against the Person showed 9 reported crimes, compared to an average of 7.6 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 4 reported crimes, compared to an average of 4 offences.

Theft showed 4 reported crimes, compared to an average of 3.9 offences.

Public Order showed 2 reported crimes, compared to an average of 1.5 offences.

\*Crime Updates of note\*

For a regular update of Community Impactive crimes please refer to the regular Community Messaging updates

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>

## **COMMUNITY POLICING PRIORITIES WITHIN YOUR AREA**

### **WEEKLY TASKING MEETING**

**Inspector Andy FEE chairs a weekly internal “tasking meeting” where emerging community issues and concerns are raised and discussed for the whole West Wiltshire CPT area. From this meeting, priorities and actions are set and a tasking document produced. This involves developing strategies and the targeting of resources (including partner agencies) into tackling the issue or concern.**

The Bradford on Avon Area currently has the following matters;

OP ARTEMIS - Poaching and Hare Coursing. Rural and remote locations and farms around Bradford on Avon and surrounding villages are at risk from Poachers damaging fences and gates to access land to Hare Course and Poach. This sometimes leads to cattle and sheep escaping out onto the roads causing issues for motorists and for the farmers. Crops and fields are also being damaged. We are conducting pro-active patrols to reduce this type of crime and other rural related crime such as burglary.

## **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)**

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**Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speedwatch Schemes across West Wiltshire are selected by Leanne Homewood for CPT support (additional targeting, enforcement and patrols) to supplement the CSW team planned sessions. These are included in our weekly tasking document for action and update. All the results from the supplementary speed checks conducted are fed back to the relevant town and parish Councils in their individual Police Reports. The current Speedwatch Schemes being supported are as follows;**

The current locations selected for supplementary speed checks until 13<sup>th</sup> March are:

LOCATION	ACTION REQUIRED
Chapmanslade High Street/Hunterhill	30mph zone - High Street/Hunterhill
Westwood Bradford on Avon	Near to The Croft
Beanacre, A350, Melksham	30mph section of A350
Frome Rd, Bradford on Avon	30 mph - South of Moulton Drive

### **COMMUNITY MESSAGING**

**PLEASE SIGN UP!** Community messaging to receive regular emails regarding crime updates, crime prevention advice and public appeals specific for your area. - <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

### **EVENTS**

For those looking to organize an even within the community, please have a look at the toolkit available from Wiltshire Council, which gives guidance and advice with regards to most types of events, including information about traffic management and which agencies / departments need to be contacted when applying for various licenses / road closures.

It can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf>.

Please email out Operations Planning team with details;

[opsplanning@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:opsplanning@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

### **CONTACT US**

Please use 999 in an emergency or crime in progress. Use 101 for all past or non-urgent crimes/incidents and issues or visit Wiltshire Police's new website at;

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