



### Calne Community policing update



### **Hello and welcome to the Area Board report for March 2019.**

This report 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>

**Our CPT priority:** Persistent offenders and ongoing issues affecting the Community in line with our Force Control Strategy. Priority Offenders are established at a weekly Sector meeting; as a result priorities and tasking's are raised as a way to effectively manage live intelligence and priorities that are developing in the northern hub.

"I have been asked at some recent Town Council and Area Board meetings to provide a breakdown of incidents and crime that is reported within a specific town or area. In these days of reduced resource and trying to work smarter I am going to decline this request. All of the information that has been requested can be found through the links that are provided below. The information is that detailed that you are able to search on date, crime type and locality down to street level. Given this, I do not want our community coordinators to spend their valuable time updating data sheets and researching what has already happened, I would rather they focus their efforts in partnership working and problem solving to make our communities safer.

Thank you for your continued support – Insp Mark Luffman"

## **Police dogs Tyke and Max retire after successful careers at Wiltshire Police**



Two of our most popular police dogs bid a fond farewell to Wiltshire Police last month and are now settling into retirement having devoted years to fighting criminals and protecting our communities.

Having clocked up almost 15 years of service between them, police dogs Tyke and Max have now stepped aside for the new pups in town. PD Tyke has worked alongside PC Cindy Hargreave since he was licenced back in 2013. Now he has retired, he will continue living with PC Hargreave, who has just started training with a new puppy called Betty.

"My first shift with Tyke was an evening shift, and you always worry if the dogs will perform for real, like they do in training," she said. "We were lucky to get an early result as we attended a report of a burglary in progress at a pub in Swindon, where two men had been seen leaving the back of the pub and into woodland. I deployed Tyke for a straight chase and he secured one man some distance away.

The man was arrested by officers and while we headed back to the pub for a search, Tyke dragged me into the undergrowth and started growling. He'd found the second offender."

Not only has he had positive results when it comes to locating offenders, PC Hargreave describes Tyke as her life saver, after he protected her when a man charged at her with a petrol barrel while she was dealing with another man armed with an iron bar during an illegal rave.

"Tyke had seen the danger before I did, and he deployed onto the man's arm, bringing him to the ground and holding him there until a support team arrived," said PC Hargreave.

"He really did prevent me from receiving a very serious injury.

"Tyke is full of character. He's goofy as well as being tenacious; he has the ability to be sociable but always switched nicely to being a Police Dog when required. He was a driven, determined and strong willed police dog, but most of all just wanted to please and work. Something which, now he's retired, is not sitting well with him, especially when he has to stay at home when I go to work, but the welcome I get when I return home is the best.

"Tyke was the best team mate and partner I could ever have wished for."

Also hanging up his harness for a well-earned rest is Police Dog Max, who worked alongside PC Tracy Doughty. She became his handler when he reached the age of four.

PC Doughty said: "During my first shift with Max we had a report of two men decamping from a car in Swindon. We attended and Max got on the scent straight away. Both men ran and Max chased one who sensibly gave up! The second man evaded us for a while but we found all the property he had dumped and then eventually found him."

One of Max's proudest moments as a police dog was locating offenders involved in a series of burglaries in Swindon, as well as receiving two awards where Max's skills were pivotal to locating a suspect.

"Max has a very strong presence," said PC Doughty.

"He's a big boy with a few battle scars and a very big mouth. His bark is felt deep in your stomach. He has been challenging to work with but he's a big softy really, and I'll miss his 'verbal opinion'.

"He will remain living with me, and he is already loving being inside on the sofa. He's looked after me, so it's up to me now to do the same for him."

Tyke's replacement is PPD Betty, while Max will be replaced by PPD Rudi.

They are currently in training with PC Hargreave and PC Doughty and once they gain their licences, they will be out and about protecting the people of Wiltshire.



## Clamping down on rogue traders - partnership operation a success

A week-long operation to clamp down on rogue traders in Wiltshire took place this week, to prevent Wiltshire residents, particularly those who are vulnerable, from becoming victims of crime.

Wiltshire Council officers from trading standards and environmental services launched national campaign Operation Rogue Trader locally, a national campaign, with Wiltshire Police and other partner agencies.

Activities included roadside stop checks and conducting intelligence-led patrols in areas where older or vulnerable people live.

During the operation enforcement officers carried out checks on 64 businesses, who were stopped by Wiltshire Police. Trading standards issued advice to 22 businesses, environmental enforcement officers identified 10 businesses carrying waste without a waste carrier's licence or waste transfer documentation. These offences will be followed up by officers which could result in fixed penalty notices being issued to offenders if documentation cannot be provided. In addition, officers were looking at all manner of businesses who deal with commercial waste, garden/tree works and construction vehicles. These checks were conducted to reduce the amount of illegal deposits or fly-tipping of waste throughout Wiltshire.

Rogue traders often offer gardening, roofing or driveway work or maintenance services at initially cheap rates but the quality of work is substandard or unnecessary and the final price extortionate. They regularly use aggressive sales techniques to pressurise often vulnerable consumers into making hasty decisions.

Jerry Wickham, cabinet member for public protection, said: "A rogue trader on TV or in movies is often portrayed as a cheeky wheeler-dealer type, but the reality couldn't be further away from that. These doorstep criminals target often vulnerable members of our communities to part with their hard earned money for unnecessary, overpriced and low-quality work - and the effects can be devastating.

"The vast majority of businesses in Wiltshire are good, honest and hardworking, and it's a real shame that there are criminals out there that can damage their reputation.

"I am pleased with the action we've seen this week and I hope it sends out a clear message that this type of activity will not be tolerated, and we'll do everything in our power to stop it from happening."

Detective Sergeant Anthony King from the Wiltshire Police Community Tasking Team said: "Operation Rogue Trader is an important reminder to us all that there are people out there who are trying to take advantage of those most vulnerable in our county.

"We all need to be vigilant to this type of crime, which can have a long lasting financial and emotional impact for its victims.

"As a Force we want to send a clear message out to the perpetrators of this crime, it will not be tolerated in Wiltshire. Together with our partners we will work to educate the public and prosecute those who carry out this crime.

"We ask that the community follow advice from Trading Standards, look out for any vulnerable or elderly friends and relatives who might be particularly at risk and do your homework before engaging anyone to carry out work on your property."

Householders are advised:

'If in doubt, keep them out!'

Never work with cold-callers and don't be rushed into home repairs

Consumers are legally entitled to a 14-day cooling off period in most home improvement contracts formed at their home

Check the identity of the caller by phoning the company they claim to be from. Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider

Check whether traders are members of the Consumer Codes Approval Scheme, the local Authority Assured Trader Schemes or the Government Trust Mark scheme.

Ask a neighbour or friend nearby to check out the caller before you open the door to them or agree to have work done. Some areas in the country have 'nominated neighbour schemes' you can sign up to. Check with your local police to find out if there is one in your area

Never pay cash up front

Always get at least three quotes before agreeing to have work done

Use the Trading Standards approved "Buy with Confidence" traders. These businesses are vetted and audited by Trading Standards Officers. To find a Buy with Confidence trader visit [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk) or alternately a list of approved traders can be obtained from Wiltshire Council's Trading Standards service.

If anyone suspects a rogue trader is at the door, they should contact the police by dialling 101. In an emergency, call 999. People can also report rogue traders to local trading standards by calling the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506.

# Crimes that have impacted the community

## LOCAL CRIMES

### Criminal Damage.

This happened between 30/01/2019 12:40hrs and 30/01/2019 15:10hrs in Nightingale Way, Calne.

Unknown suspect(s) have caused a long deep scratch along all panels of a black Kia Rio.

On 05/02/2019 at 12:38hrs we received a report of a male detained at the Tesco's store on Beversbrook Road after he had left the store without paying for goods to the value of £400.

Officers were quickly on the scene where the male was arrested. A 25-year-old from Bristol was conveyed to Melksham custody and later charged with the offence of theft.

Male attended Court on 06/02/2019 and received an £80 fine, courts cost of £85 and ordered to pay £30 to the victim services.

### Robbery.

We are investigating a robbery and theft which happened in Calne on Friday evening (08/02/2019).

At around 8.50pm a man was withdrawing money from the cashpoint outside Sainsbury's, when he was approached by an unknown man, who pulled him over from behind and stole the £20 note he had withdrawn.

The victim was not seriously hurt, so stood up and followed the suspect into the nearby Co-op to confront him and try to get his money back.

The suspect then took a bottle of alcohol from a shelf inside the Co-op and left the store without paying.

Suspect arrested for 2 robberies on the 26/02/19 and charged with robbery, two attempted robberies and possession of a bladed article.

### Theft.

This happened at 09/02/2019 10:00hrs to 09/02/2019 16:00hrs to Braemor Road Calne.

Unknown suspects have stolen a gas cooker valued between £60 and £80 from the driveway property.

### Attempted Burglary.

This happened between 10/02/2019 01:35hrs and 10/02/2019 01:35hrs, Braemor Road Calne.

2 x unknown male suspects have rolled car down the drive and tried to gain access to garage. No entry gained and nothing has been stolen.

### Attempted Theft of a vehicle.

This happened at 10/02/2019 01:35hrs Braemor Road Calne.

2 x unknown male suspects have entered a vehicle and tried to steal it.

### Criminal Damage.

This happened between 11/02/2019 15:00hrs and 13/02/2019 08:00hrs in Peregrine Court, Calne.

Unknown suspect(s) have scratched a deep scratch from the passenger side handle all the way to the front wing of a red Kia Picanto. The scratch was described as an upside down letter "J" across the driver side door. A large scratch around 3-4cm's long has also been scratched in the windscreen.

Enquiries on going.

On 12/02/2019 at 12:33hrs, a local 40 year old male was issued a Cannabis street after being stopped in Wyvern Avenue in Calne and found to be in possession of Cannabis.

Enquiries on going.

This happened between 15/02/2019 07:00hrs and 15/02/2019 17:10hrs in Forman Street, Calne.

Unknown person(s) have caused damage to a balcony window of a third floor flat.

No suspects identified.

### Burglary.

This happened at 17/02/2019 07:11hrs in Woodhill Rise, Calne.

Unknown suspect(s) have entered a property, and stolen cigarettes and an Ipad.

No suspects have been identified and the case will be closed.

### Burglary

This happened at 17/02/2019 15:53hrs in Isis close, Calne

Unknown suspect(s) have climbed over a school gate in order to get onto school grounds, they have then entered some sheds that are situated on the playground and have made a messy search. Unknown at this time if anything has been stolen.

### Criminal Damage.

This happened at 17/02/2019 00:00hrs and 24/02/2019 19:30hrs in Horsebrook Park, Calne.

Unknown suspect(s) have caused damage to two flood lights in a garden.

## **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

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**

The Community Policing Teams continue to be busy attending Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's) especially due to the snow recently. The demand on resources increase and we have therefore encouraged drivers using social media to drive in accordance to the current weather conditions.



**Warrants** – We continue to develop intelligence to assist with the preparation of further warrants in the future, so they may be executed in line with the Force Control Strategy.

In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Please join us either on Facebook or Community Messaging.

**Police Cadets** who are aged 13-16 years of age can attend local events and assisted with community engagement, they are very keen to get involved in future events, please e-mail [CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Events** - If you are planning any event and require assistance from the Police to assist, please e-mail [CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) in advance as you may be required to complete an 'Events Form' and there may also be a cost incurred to ensure that you have dedicated officers throughout. If you would like the Cadets to assist with community engagement at events please E-mail the address above, there is no charge for this.

EVENTS... Don't forget that a toolkit is available from Wiltshire Council which gives fantastic guidance and advice for organizing most types of events, including topics ranging from traffic management to toilets, and gives contact details for which agencies and departments need to be contacted when applying for various license's or road closures. It can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf>. In essence, all organisers must be responsible for identifying any risks and putting in measures to remove or reduce them.

The e-mail address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing Team is [cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.police.uk)

Please phone 101 (non emergency) or 999 (emergency) to report any incidents or crimes, reports cannot be taken via the above e-mail address.

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**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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