

AREA BOARD MEETING: PEWSEY

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NEWLY APPOINTED COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR

We are fortunate enough to be able to welcome a new Community Co-ordinator who will be covering the Wiltshire East area. You may have already seen her at community enagements however, for those who haven't PC Beth BUTWELL is looking forward to meeting and getting to know everyone.

Beth served as a Special Constable within Gloucestershire Constabulary for five years before joining Wiltshire Police as a Police Community Support Officer based in Swindon Town Centre. Beth remained as a PCSO for two years and became a Police Officer covering Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey in 2016.

CURRENT PRIORITIES WITHIN YOUR AREA:

- **Anti-Social Behaviour: PEWSEY Co-op and Leisure Centre**

It is essential that we tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) within our community.

ASB is defined as, “Acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household.”

There has been an increase in alleged incidents within the Pewsey area. This includes both ASB from vehicles and persons. However, the majority of these have not been formally reported to us via any means. Unfortunately without a formal record of an incident taking place, we are unable to take action.

ADVICE:

Please report any behaviour as defined above to 101 so that we can effectively manage and deal with the perpetrators responsible.

- **Rural Crime – Hare-coursing and Beauty Spot Thefts**

It is imperative that we maintain a high visible presence within our rural county. Wiltshire as a whole is a rural county with numerous beauty spots/sights for tourists and visitors to explore. The isolation of these areas makes thefts from cars quite common, especially in the summer months. In PEWSEY and MARLBOROUGH we have experienced an increase in vehicle crime/theft related issues at both our local beauty spots and other rural locations.

ADVICE:

- Before you leave home, think about what you need and leave any unnecessary items of value at home
- Make sure you do not leave documents which have your personal details on in your vehicle.
- Try to park in sign-posted parking areas
- Be cautious about parking your car in isolation. Thieves can be put off when other people are around
- Do not leave anything in your vehicle. A jacket or coat left behind may be of very little value to you, but a thief may think it has been used to hide a laptop or handbag and will break into your vehicle to find out
- Take items with you rather than locking them in the boot, you can't be sure who has seen you
- Do not leave your sat-nav in your vehicle and don't forget to remove the cradle and wipe the sucker marks from your windscreen
- Remember to shut all windows and sunroofs and lock all doors. Activate the alarm and immobiliser
- Make use of any security products you might have such as steering locks
- Whilst enjoying the sights make sure you keep your bag and possessions with you
- Register all your valuables on [the Immobilise website](#)

To report a theft to us call 101 our non-emergency number. If a crime is in progress call 999.

- **Vehicle Crime– Community Speed Watch/Drink Driving**

Keeping our roads safe is extremely important within our area as we have several A Roads that pass through PEWSEY. We receive fortnightly updates from our Community Speed Watch Teams with specific areas to target. It is important that we work with the general public to identify unsafe road users within our county.

ADVICE:

Please report any driving that you consider to be unsafe directly to 101 with the vehicle registration details. We may not be able to prosecute these individuals however, words of advice can certainly be given as a deterrent.

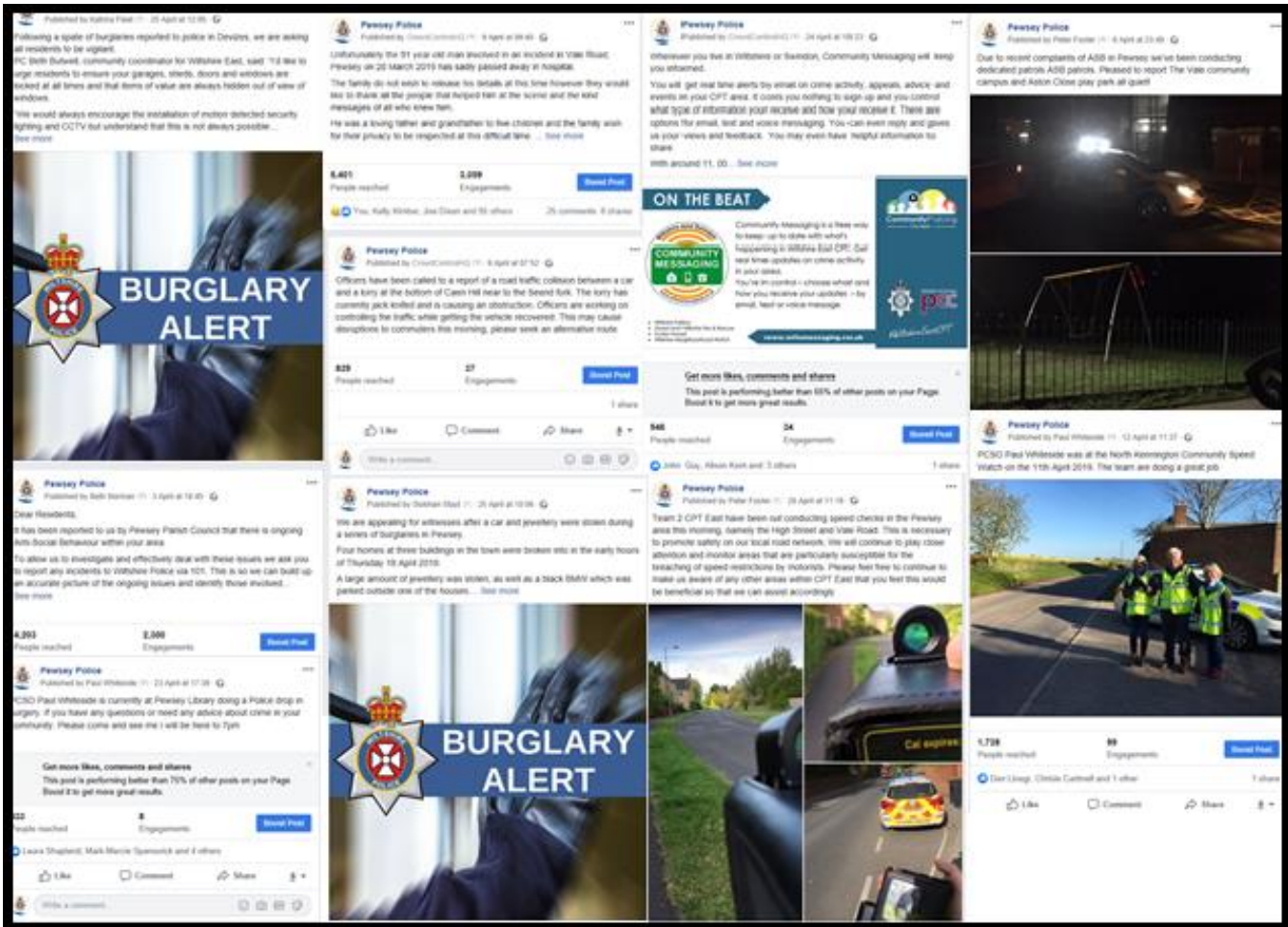
Burglaries:

Although burglaries is not a current priority for your area, we are still receiving reports of burglaries occurring. In some cases the suspects are breaking into the houses in order to steal jewellery, money and vehicle keys. We encourage everyone to be vigilant and report any ongoing suspicious activity to 999. To improve the security in and around your home we are asking residents to remember the following advice:

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even if you're in the garden, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox - a thief knows all the hiding places
- Keep all keys, purses and wallets out of sight and away from the letterbox
- Consider installing a burglar alarm, and only use a company that is registered or certified with the NSI or the SSIAB
- Do not open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting. Always check by using a spy-hole or look through a window
- Make sure that you have up to date contents insurance
- Register all serial numbers from electrical items, tools and garden equipment with Immobilise.com (the free national property register). Mark items without serial numbers with an artificial DNA property marker such as Smartwater or SelectaDNA
- Do not keep large amounts of cash at home - it is much safer in a bank or building society
- Trim back any plants and hedges at the front of your property to no higher than 1 metre to remove hiding places
- Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel
- Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not at home
- Take photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks and keep them safe. Also consider using an artificial DNA property marker on jewellery or other valuable items
- Make sure any bolts are low enough so they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate.

OUR MEDIA COMMUNICATION WITH YOU:

As you may have seen over the last month both our PC's and PCSO's have been active on all forms of Social Media. Our PC's and PCSO's have been keeping you updated of their patrols and community engagements. PC 2802 Beth BUTWELL has also been updating you on a weekly basis of the ongoing reported crimes occurring with your area.



If you wish to receive the updates please visit Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>
Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

CRIME STATISTICS WITHIN PEWSEY:

Since April 1st 2019 we have had the following reported to us regarding crime within your area:

- DRUGS

We have had one reported drug related offences within PEWSEY.

- VEHICLE CRIME

We have had twenty one reported vehicle related offences within PEWSEY.

- CRIMINAL DAMAGE:

We have had four reported criminal damage related offences within PEWSEY.

- THEFT/BURGLARIES:

We have had twelve reported theft related offences including burglary within PEWSEY.

- ASB

We have had five reported vehicle related offences within PEWSEY.