

SALISBURY COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM REPORT

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Key Updates

Prevention is better than Cure.

Covid continues to dominate the Policing picture with patrols and enforcement continuing. We now have a Road-Map to exit Lockdown, thanks to an impressive delivery of vaccination by our partners, but wanted to reinforce the message that we currently remain in Lockdown and all the dates provided by the Government are preceded with 'AND NOT BEFORE'. As much as we welcome projected dates, we all must take responsibility to not book fixed dates for events or gatherings until we are clear that they can be fulfilled. It is vital that we continue to follow the advice from the Government, in line with the scientific advice they are receiving, in order to keep our communities safe and not extend or return to future Lockdown periods.

The impact of Covid on our crime figures is clear, evident and welcome. However, we must all be cautious in any expectation that the current trends continue as we approach a period where we will spend more time outside of our homes than we have over recent months. History tells us that during periods of economic crisis and rising unemployment, acquisitive crime (theft and burglary) will rise. Now is the time to be reviewing our own security and doing all that we can to prevent and deter future crime.

Community Messaging. This is an underused tool but I am encouraging greater use by my staff. One particular function is the ability to map private CCTV systems. The increase in numbers of security systems linked to doorbells is an opportunity that can support investigations. A database that provides the ability to email information that an offence has occurred in an area and we are looking for a person of a certain description, could be the vital link to locate an image nearby on such a camera. Please log in/sign up to Community Messenger and tick the CCTV box to help.

If you have one of these outside your home you could help Wiltshire Police by signing up to Community Messaging.

When we issue alerts and appeals in your area the CCTV you have may help us solve a crime or help find a missing person.

Community Messaging is free to join.
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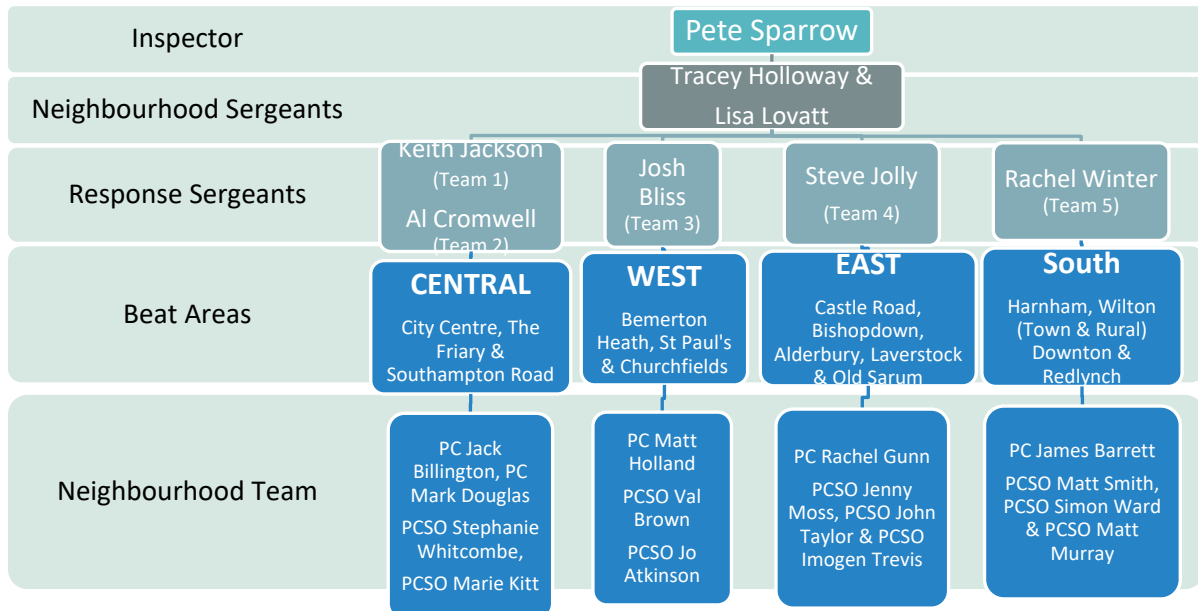
Community SpeedWatch is due to return on 29th March (subject to Government advice) – Welcome Back!

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Salisbury CPT Structure



Change is constant in Policing and although there has been no change to my Team since the last report; there will be change before the next. A review of our Policing model will see the reintroduction of the Chief Inspector rank, and the replacement of Community Policing Inspectors with Duty Response Inspectors and Neighbourhood Inspectors. Although at the time of writing I am unable to identify who will be in these roles, the plan is for Salisbury and Amesbury Neighbourhoods to fall to the command of one Inspector, who will not manage the Response Teams.

Leaving Salisbury Neighbourhood Team is PC James Barrett, who has secured a post on our Roads Policing Team. James has been a key officer in the disruption of crime in the South Wiltshire and as sad as it is to see him leave Salisbury, he assures me he will continue his efforts, although in a more comfortable car!

Also leaving, after 30 years service to the Salisbury area is PC Matt Holland. He has spent his entire career in this one area. His knowledge of partnership working and understanding of rural communities is outstanding and I can only thank him for what he has quietly achieved over time.

We are currently running a selection process to identify the next Neighbourhood Officers.

Police Constable recruitment continues. Salisbury are due to receive 3 new student officers from the next intake arriving in April.

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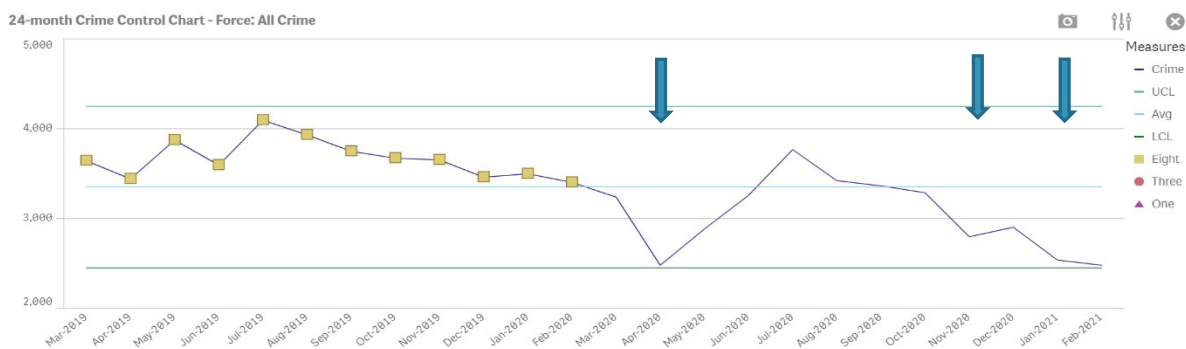


Exception Reporting (Crime Trends)

This is an opportunity to understand crime trends over a 2-year period. This reporting method helps to assess crime trends based on seasonal trends and can assist identifying emerging trends. The central blue line is the 2-year average with the green lines representing the Upper and Lower Control Limits. For the statistically minded the One/Three/Eight markers are where we have consecutive data points that are above or below 1 standard deviation from the mean.

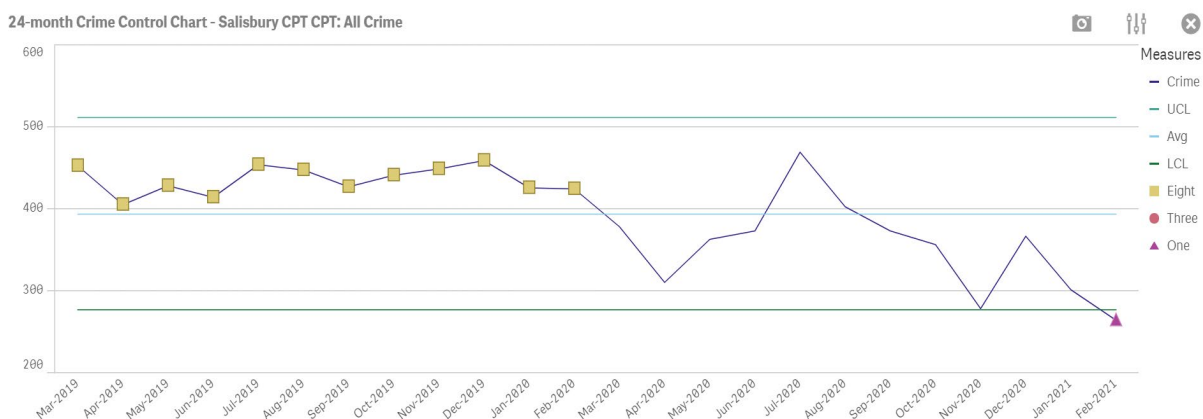
Wiltshire Police:

This chart is provided as a base line to provide context to the performance of Salisbury CPT. It is worth comment on the impact Lockdown 1, 2 & 3 have had upon crime figures. Also of note is that there are seasonal trends where crime is generally highest during the Summer and the Christmas/New Year period. The wider impact of Covid on these charts will have seen that central blue line average lower making the darker blue crime line appear higher. I hope this openness will provide some clarity over perception of crime.



Salisbury CPT:

Considering the entire Salisbury CPT area (Salisbury, Southern & Wilton), all reported Crime in February is currently at a 2 year low, There are clear comparators between the first 2 charts (Salisbury and Wiltshire), particularly the impact of the Covid Lockdown.



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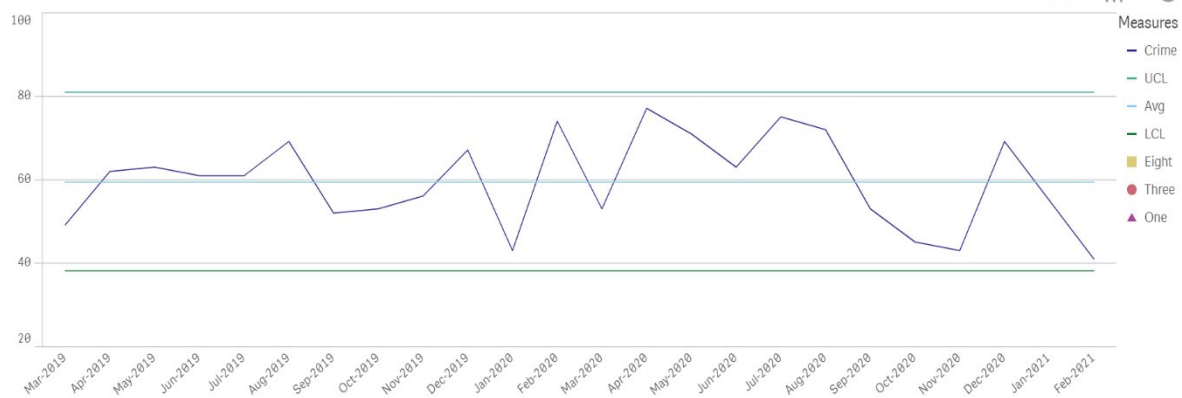
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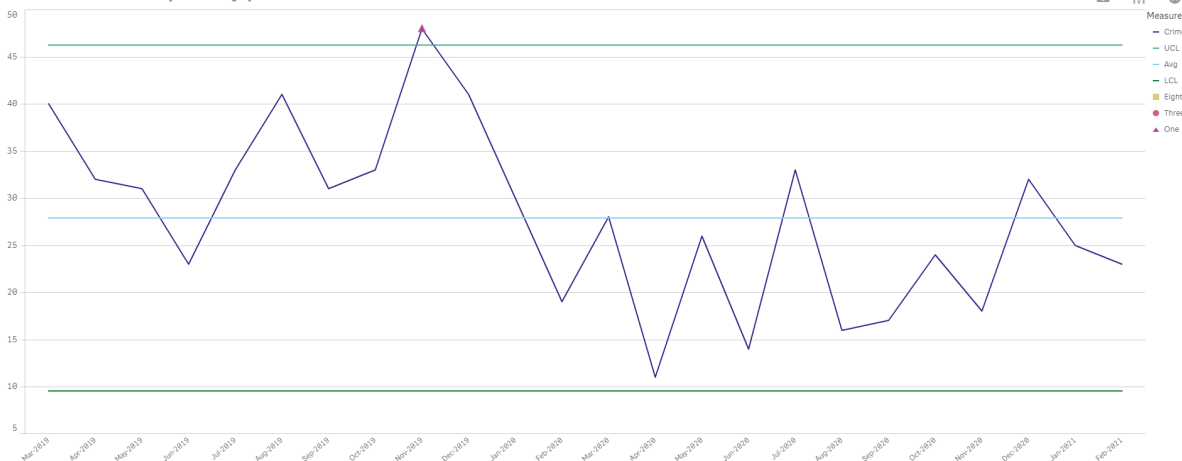
Domestic Abuse has been widely spoken with the clear message that you should not stay at home if it is not safe to do so. For Salisbury, although we have witnessed some peaks and troughs of reporting, crime appears to be low. This is always a difficult area to interpret as we try to encourage reporting and the blunt figures could be interpreted in many ways, including a safer community or a lack of confidence in reporting. January is a seasonally low reporting month.

24-month Crime Control Chart - Salisbury CPT CPT: All Crime



The Burglary offences are being suppressed by Lockdown. People at home will deter houses from being targeted with attention to sheds and outbuildings more prominent. I anticipate burglary figures to rise this year if preventative measures are not adopted.

24-month Crime Control Chart - Salisbury CPT CPT: Burglary



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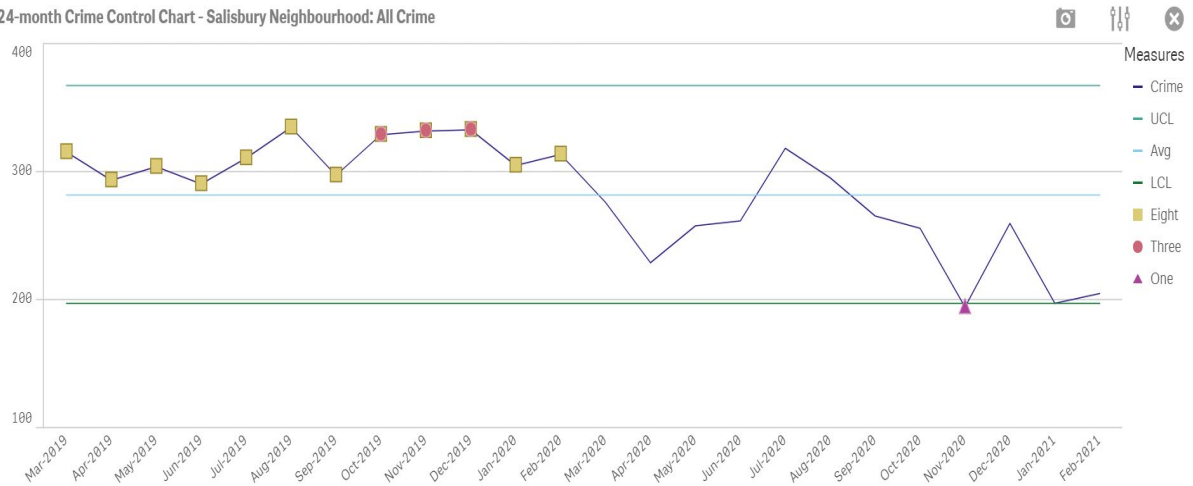


I have divided the next section into the Salisbury CPT data for the three Area Boards it serves.

Salisbury Area Board

All Crime reports remain low during the last 2 months.

24-month Crime Control Chart - Salisbury Neighbourhood: All Crime



What appears to be significant is the Violence Against the Person data which appear to mark the loss of the Night-time Economy with lower violent offences. It is important that as measures are released that we work closely with licenced premises in order to keep communities safe in a partnership approach.

24-month Crime Control Chart - Salisbury Neighbourhood: Violence Against The Person



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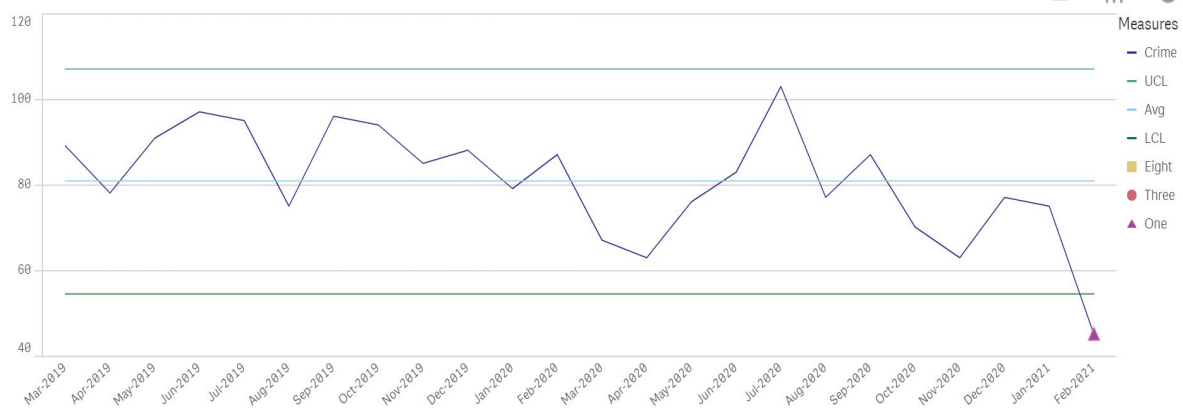
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Southern Area Board

At the last Area Board there was comment made regarding unacceptable offences of burglary, criminal damage and ASB, particularly around Downton. The images of a trail of damage through this area as well as burglary offences created a feeling of being unsafe. We have worked closely with both Redlynch and Downton Parish Council to rebalance this matter and am pleased to report that the comments were based largely based on perceptions rather than facts, as can be seen by the next chart where all crime is at a significant low. Policing can sometimes be about simply winning ‘hearts and minds’ and absence of reported activity can be interpreted as the absence of policing. We have prioritised this area publishing regular updates of activity. We continue to have joint meetings with Hampshire and Dorset Police to share activity and intelligence around our border areas.

24-month Crime Control Chart - Southern Wiltshire Neighbourhood: All Crime



The picture of burglary and criminal damage demonstrate below average figures. However, the map suggests clusters of offences along the Hampshire border. We know that Hampshire are also experiencing similar offences and we continue to work with them on solutions.

24-month Crime Control Chart - Southern Wiltshire Neighbourhood: Burglary



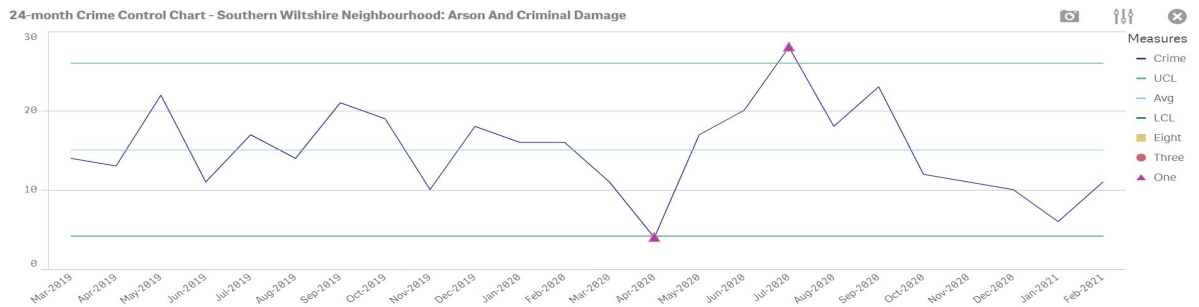
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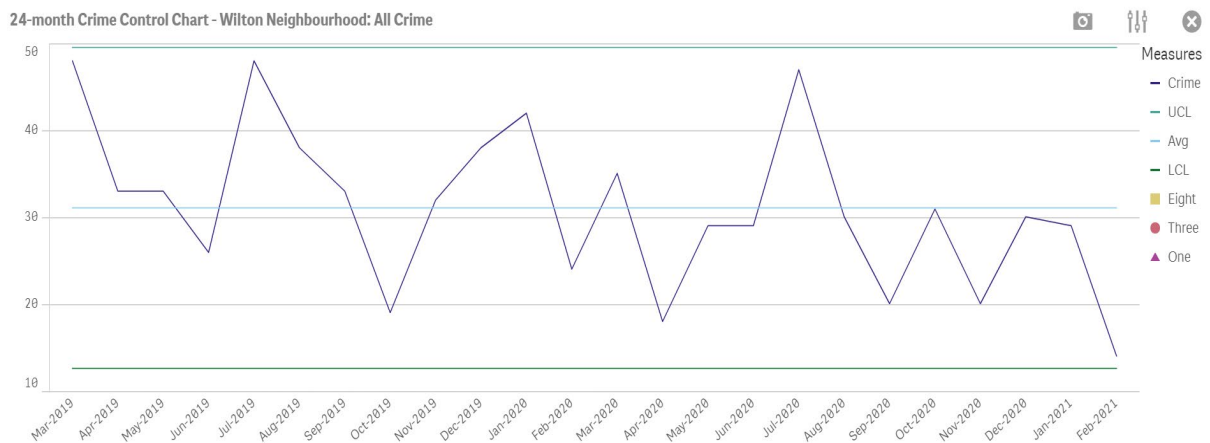
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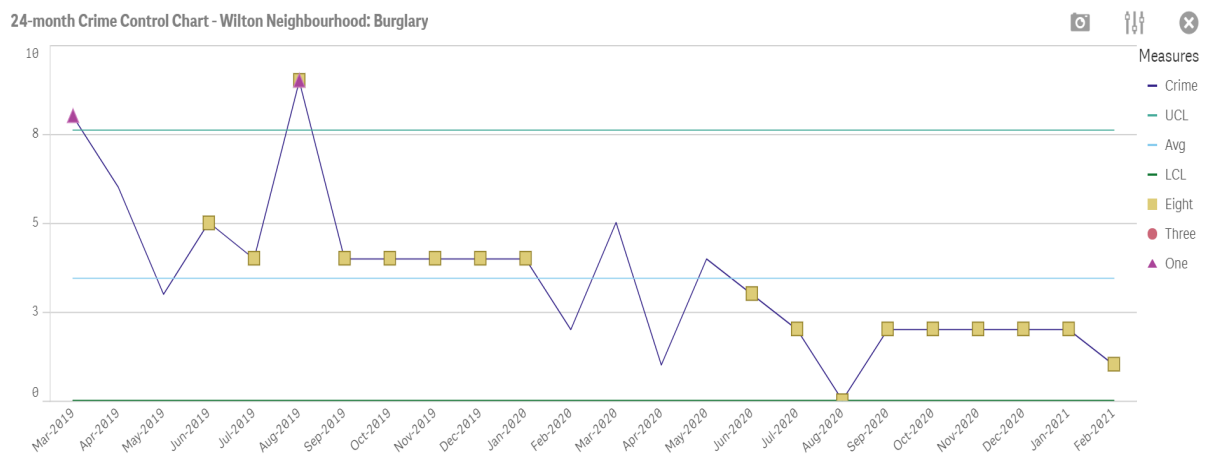
There remains a strong link between criminal damage and the use of catapults. This is difficult area to police under current laws and we will continue to work with Wiltshire Council on the creation of a Public Space Protection Order that addresses this matter as well as representations to change the law to allow communities to be protected from these unregulated and dangerous weapons.



South West Wiltshire Area Board (Wilton)



Wilton continues to enjoy low crime rates and attention should be drawn to the offence of burglary which has now experienced 9 continual months below average. As previously highlighted, we need to do all we can to prevent crime as we come out of Lockdown.



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Priorities – Some of what are we doing to keep you safe?

AREA	PRIORITY	UPDATE
All Areas	COVID 19 Patrols	Engage, Explain, Encourage & Enforce the regulations. Police will respond when possible to reports of breaches of the regulations and have allocated staff to this role each day to proactively patrol populated areas based on intelligence to encourage social distancing, the wearing of masks and to discourage unnecessary travel away from the home.
Central	Library Walk	Patrols of the area during the provision of food to those in need. There has been reports of ASB and lack of Social Distancing. We have worked closely with Wiltshire Council and the Charity to find a more suitable location and pleased to report that this will move to the Coach Park.
	Wyndham Road	Repeated reports of ASB. We will work with Partners to find a solution.
	Street Drinkers and the Maltings	Ongoing effort to work with the City Security Officers in addressing the street drinking issues. A Partnership approach is reviewing how we are recording and tackling ASB with the Street Drinking issues a focal point of the discussions. Many of these issues are not specifically Police matters, but the resulting behaviour can be and so it is important that we all work together to improve this problem.
	Market Square	Skateboarders using the Guildhall steps and pedestrian areas. This is being accompanied with loud music and swearing. We are working on understanding their needs – why are they not using the designed skatepark and what can we do to find a resolution.
West	Closure Order	A Closure Order is in place on a residential car park, prohibiting the use of the area for car repairs and sales. Neighbourhood Problem Solving with Partners.
	St Peter's Place	Reports of ASB. Patrols to better understand and address the issues.
	Drugs	Intelligence gathering and patrols in order to address the issues around drug supply and use. This also includes opportunities to engage and safeguard vulnerable youths susceptible to being drawn into County Lines issues.
East	Vulnerability Patrols	Officers conduct regular visits to our identified vulnerable people in an effort to both reassure them following reported concerns and also to deter visits by criminals who wish to exploit them. We are also working with Wiltshire Council Housing on evidence to support an injunction to protect a vulnerable person.

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	Theft from Motor Vehicles	These offences appear to be targeting vehicle parts from garage forecourts. Please pay attention to people acting suspiciously in these areas if seen.
	Burglary	Burglaries of outbuildings in village locations close to the Hampshire border. We have moved 2 PCSOs to the East Area (PCSO John Taylor and Imogen Trevis) who are working on community engagement and visibility.
South	Closure Orders & Injunctions	Working in partnership with Wiltshire Council we have secured two Closure Orders and an injunction. One in Downton (closure order and injection) and the other in Harnham. Regular checks of the addresses are being conducted to ensure that only those persons permitted are within the address. Anyone present who is not named commits a criminal offence and can be arrested. These are powerful tools that we can use to address ASB originating from an address or location.
	Speeding Vehicles	Community Speed Watch (CSW) have sadly been suspended during the Lockdown period, although plan to return on the 29 th March if permitted. Staff are being encouraged to conduct speed checks where possible, some of which are highlighted on Social Media.
	Non Dwelling Burglaries, Thefts & Criminal Damage	This work is focusing on the Downton, Lover, Redlynch, Landford and Nomansland areas where clusters of offences have been seen. PCSO Matt Murray has focused his efforts on Community Engagement in this area and working hard to restore confidence in local Policing. It is worth noting that cycles are hard to purchase and we have seen some high value thefts in this area. Crime Prevention is important and we will work with the local community on this aspect.

Highlights around Salisbury

False Report

A couple have been sentenced to just over two years in prison each after pleading guilty to fraud following a staged burglary.

Graham Mundy, 52, of Old Blandford Road, Salisbury, and Joanna Beames, 34, of the same address, have each been jailed for 26 months after pleading guilty to fraud by false representation and perverting the course of justice at Salisbury Crown Court in December.

Probation Office Assault

Police work closely with Probation Officers in Offender Management. During one such meeting mention was made of possession of a knife. The Officer prevented the offender from leaving the meeting with the knife resulting in physically detaining him, despite being repeatedly punched.

Mark Parker, aged 24, from Cherry Close, Salisbury pleaded guilty at Salisbury Magistrates Court the following day to assaulting an emergency work and possessing a knife in a public place and was sentenced to six months in prison.

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Drink Driver

Russell McBride, 40, of Silver Street, Wilton, pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle when alcohol level was above the limit at Salisbury Magistrate's Court. He was disqualified from driving for 29 months, given a community order to undertake rehabilitation activity requirement and 150 hours unpaid work and made to pay a victim support surcharge and costs.

The disqualification will be reduced by 220 days if McBride completes a driving course.

Chiko Time

A suspected drunk driver, who had abandoned her crashed vehicle on the A338 near Britford, was tracked down thanks to Police Dog Chiko and his handler. A search was carried out by local officers, supported by specialist firearms and dog units which were patrolling in the area. PD Chiko, who is trained to follow human scent, was set by his handler to track the occupants of the vehicle, following the trail over a field. The team quickly located the driver beside a road and a passenger who was hiding in a nearby garden.

Sadly, Chiko, who was due to retire in June, died 2 weeks later from a lengthy medical condition. He was a much-loved dog who loved his work.



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Salisbury Community Policing Team