

**Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board**  
**Community Safety Forum – Report to Area Board JUNE 2022**

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**Overview**

The Community Safety Forum was set up during the height of the Covid-19 Lockdown to bring together appointed representatives of the Towns and Parishes and the Area Board Members with the local Wiltshire Police Inspector and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Station Manager (Swindon West & North East Wiltshire – Westlea, RWB & Cricklade).

The group continues to meet virtually on the second Friday of the month.

Police and Fire priorities and issues are discussed, along with any general concerns arising from the parishes.

There will generally also be a main topic of interest with a presentation and speaker.

Notes of the meetings are sent to those present to be shared as they wish within their own parishes/organisations. If anybody would like a copy of the notes or presentations, please contact [allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Recent Meetings**

**MARCH 2022**

<b>Key Topic</b>	<b>SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES – ADRIAN TURNBULL</b> Adrian is leading a project to identify which SIDs are installed across the county, together with what data is collected with a view to collating this information along with Community Speed Watch data and traffic surveys to put together a “heat map” of the county which can then be used by the police to work out how they can effectively deploy their speed enforcement team to tackle speeding motorists.
<b>Police update</b>	Focus on Speeding in Latton Lyneham Banks related issues Operation Scorpion - safeguard exploited children and vulnerable adults from the dangers of County Lines
<b>DWFRS</b>	
<b>Parish/Town issues</b>	101 response issues continue Parking Hook St e-scooters Cricklade

**APRIL 2022**

<b>Key Topic</b>	<b>LOCAL POLICING – INSPECTOR JAMES BRAIN</b> Inspector Brain talked through the Force PCC crime plan which can be found via the video link <a href="https://youtu.be/7YuSxeKMX8w">https://youtu.be/7YuSxeKMX8w</a> <i>A copy of the slides is available on request</i> <b>Priority 1: A police service that meets the needs of its communities</b> I am prioritising:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing public confidence, trust and our policing engagement with communities</li> <li>• Provide a quality of police service to all our communities</li> <li>• Giving the Police the right tools for the job</li> </ul> <p><b>Priority 2: Reduce violence and serious harm</b></p> <p>I am prioritising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence reduction and domestic abuse</li> <li>• Violence Against Women and Girls</li> <li>• Child abuse and Child Exploitation</li> <li>• County Lines and Serious Organised Crime and exploitation</li> </ul> <p><b>Priority 3: Tackle crimes that matter most to local communities</b></p> <p>Local priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-social Behaviour</li> <li>• Road safety</li> <li>• Rural crime and heritage crime</li> <li>• Fraud, cyber crime and hate crime</li> </ul> <p><b>Priority 4: Improve the experience of victims and deliver justice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am prioritising:</li> <li>• Victim care and support</li> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• The criminal justice system</li> <li>• Restorative Wiltshire</li> <li>• Reduce re-offending</li> </ul>
<b>Police update</b>	<p>Violent crime/criminality on the increase due to financial situation/cost of living</p> <p>Hate crime is back to pre-covid figures.</p> <p>Another Cannabis factory has been located.</p>
<b>DWFRS</b>	<p>Mainly focussing on co-responding which is very busy – not many fires</p> <p>RWB on call availability about 70%</p> <p>Cricklade has 2 or 3 new recruits going through training.</p> <p>There is a review of water carriers across the County, currently only at RWB and Wilton.</p>
<b>Parish/Town issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Menacing agricultural contractor vehicles (referred to rural crime and traffic teams)</li> <li>• Bradenstoke traffic</li> <li>• Allotment breakins - RWB</li> </ul>

**MAY 2022**

<b>Key Topic</b>	<p><b>NICOLA CROKER, OPCC – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE</b></p> <p>Nicola outlined the work being done via the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to offer Restorative Justice to the people of Wiltshire.</p> <p><a href="https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/Horizon/restorative-justice/">https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/Horizon/restorative-justice/</a></p>
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	<p>Restorative justice (RJ) is a voluntary process and, to be most successful, it is necessary for those who have done wrong to admit what they have done. It can help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair some of the harm that has been caused.</li> <li>• Give those who have been harmed a chance to express how they feel and to ask questions.</li> <li>• People who have caused harm to appreciate how they have affected others and to reflect on their behaviour.</li> <li>• All those involved to move on from the experience.</li> </ul> <p>Newly trained officers are receiving training on RJ and the programme is now being extended to other officers.  <i>A slide presentation is available on request</i></p>
<b>Police update</b>	<p>Sgt Jamie Bell is joining the team from 18<sup>th</sup> May until Jan 23 whilst Sgt Kate Smith is off on maternity leave.</p> <p>PC Lucy Wright has joined the Neighbourhood Team as PC for RWB/Lyneham/Purton and has started attending parish meetings.</p> <p>Local problems still include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speeding (encouraging CSW and SIDs)</li> <li>ASB – particularly in RWB with low level damage and thefts, and the night time economy in partnership with local councils and licensing.</li> </ul>
<b>DWFRS</b>	<p>Dave Adamson has moved into another post, Service Improvement, and he is being replaced by GM Neil Tidball, who will manage SM Dean Hoskins</p>
<b>Parish/Town issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns over road safety threats posed by large agricultural vehicles particularly contractors</li> <li>• Managing traffic through Bradenstoke during the B4069 closure</li> <li>• Parking in and around Hook Street</li> <li>• Speeding - Latton</li> </ul>

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 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022