

WILTSHIRE POLICE



# Community Report

Trowbridge Community Policing Team

March 2023



# Your CPT – Trowbridge

**Inspector:** Andy Lemon

**Neighbourhood Sergeants:**

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**Neighbourhood Officers:**

PC Rach Jackson (Bradford on Avon)

PC Jennifer Miller / PC Ben Coombs (Melksham)

PC Eleanor Porter / PC Al Paterson / PC Robert Dentry (Trowbridge)

**PCSOs:**

Laura Wallace / Ella-Maria Badder (Bradford on Avon)

Luke Hosken / Melissa Culliford / Vic Rolph (Melksham)

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Thomas (Trowbridge)

# This Months Focus

## Project Zero

Led by our ever-proactive Roads Policing Unit and supported by the Neighbourhood Teams; we are taking some time to focus on Road Safety.

**Project Zero** is born from a National Initiative and ambition, to reduce the number of Road Deaths to zero. 1760 people died on Britain's Roads in the 12 months to June 2022, with a further 28044 people seriously injured. It is the leading cause of death amongst 15-19 year olds and it disproportionately affects young men at a rate of 3:1. Excess Speed is a factor in 25% of Fatal Collisions.

We have heavily invested in preventative Road Safety functions; with dedicated Road Safety Officers to look at the holistic picture, alongside Speed Enforcement Officers, who target this area in particular.

**Project Zero** looks to target what's known as the "Fatal Five": Drink Driving, Drug Driving, Careless Driving, Failing to Wear a Seatbelt and Using a Mobile Phone whilst Driving. Roads Policing Officers rotate around the County, targeting these offences one Town at a time.

This is also supported by our Community Speedwatch Teams and the Neighbourhood Teams.

# Crime Exceptions

*Crime Exceptions are described as a volume of offences outside of the normal range expected, based on the last two years' worth of data.*

## All Crime – Trowbridge

February 2023 saw 262 reported crimes across the town of Trowbridge compared to 272 reported crimes in February 2022, a reduction of 10 crimes.

Across February 2023 offences of Burglary – residential are showing as a crime exception, with 11 reported incidents across the town.

3 of the burglaries relate to Attempted Burglaries, whereby attempts have been made, unsuccessfully, to gain entry to a property.

8 of the burglaries relate to offences that have occurred predominantly across ET12, ET13 and ET14. These offences range from insecurities to windows being smashed in order to gain entry.

# Crime Exceptions Continued ...

## ET11 – Trowbridge Central

Theft – This is showing as an exception, with 28 offences having been reported in the month of February compared to 20 offences in the previous month.

When broken down further ;

16 shopliftings - 7 of these incidents the store are yet to return CCTV and proforma statements

3 incidents have a suspect identified, and awaiting interview.

2 incidents were not captured on CCTV

3 vehicle related incidents

3 theft of bicycles

3 theft from dwelling / gardens.

## ET12 – Adcroft and Seymour

There are no crime exceptions for the month of February.

# Crime Exceptions Continued ...

## ET13 – Trowbridge Park (Longfield)

Burglary – This is an exception, with three offences having been reported in the month of February.

Robbery – This is an exception, with two offences having been reported in the month of February.

When broken down ;

1. Incident that was reported on 16<sup>th</sup> February in Barn Glebe area of Trowbridge. Unknown male has been asked to put his dog on a lead by the victim, and has responded by punching her and stealing her mobile phone. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the suspect.
2. Incident that was reported on 26<sup>th</sup> February in Broadcloth Lane. A 12 year old was assaulted by a large group of youths and his mobile phone was stolen. All of the youths have been identified. Two were arrested on the day of the incident, with others having been interviewed several days later once identified.

## ET14 – Drynham and Grove

Burglary – This is an exception, with three offences having been reported in the month of February.

# Crime Exceptions Continued ...

## ET15 – Lambrok (Studley Green and Broadmead)

There are no crime exceptions for the month of February.

## ET16 – Trowbridge Rural

There are no crime exceptions for the month of February.

# Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Closure Order	<p>A Partial Closure Order was granted for a property in Ferris Way, Trowbridge, following a number of complaints from local residents relating to Antisocial Behaviour, Disorderly Behaviour and Drug use from the address.</p> <p>The order prohibits anybody other than the tenant from accessing the property for a period of three months.</p>
Closure Order	<p>A Partial Closure Order was granted for a property in Park Road, Trowbridge, following concerns relating to the occupant of the address being exploited. Officers visited the resident's address and found a male present who was believed to be using the address to deal Class A drugs.</p> <p>The order prohibits anybody other than the tenant from accessing the property for a period of three months and allows the police and partner agencies a period of time to ensure that sufficient safeguarding is in place moving forward.</p>
Section 35 Dispersal Order	<p>A Dispersal Order was authorised for a period of 48 hours, following a spate of incidents of antisocial behaviour, theft and drug use by a small group of people.</p>



# Local Priorities & Updates Continued

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Project Zero	<p>A man was arrested on suspicion of drug driving during Project Zero patrols in February. Officers arrested the man in his 30's due to a strong smell of Cannabis emanating from his vehicle. He has since been released under investigation whilst enquiries are ongoing.</p> <p>As well as the arrest, 14 Traffic Offence Reports (TOR's) were issued for offences including defective tyres and mobile phone use, and 11 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) were issued for various offences including failure to wear a seatbelt.</p> <p>Speed checks were also carried out at 12 locations the community had raised concerns about.</p> <p>A/Insp Will Ayres said ; "During these speed checks, speed enforcement caught 97 drivers speeding. Roads were clearly signposted with 30mph speed limits and were all in regular use by pedestrians. One driver was caught reaching speeds of 52mph. This is completely unacceptable and the work we are doing is about the importance of driving within the speed limit in a bid to keep our roads as safe as possible".</p>

# Useful Links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Trowbridge Community Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

# Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our **Community Messaging service** –

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Follow your CPT on social media

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- [Trowbridge Police Twitter](#)
- [Melksham Police Facebook](#)
- [Bradford on Avon Facebook](#)

Find out more information on your CPT area at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) and here [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Wiltshire Police website. It includes the Wiltshire Police logo, a search bar with the text "How can we help you?", and a menu with options: "Report", "Tell us about", "Apply or register", "Request", and "Feedback". Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > About us > CPTs". The main heading is "Trowbridge CPT". The content area contains the following text:

CPT Trowbridge covers the areas of Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon and surrounding areas

To contact your CPT about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email [TrowbridgeAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:TrowbridgeAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk). Please note that this mailbox is not monitored 24/7.

You are unable to report crimes of any type via email and please do not report any situations that require an urgent response. In the case of an emergency please contact 999 and for non-urgent crimes and incidents, please call 101 or [Report a crime here](#)

You see a map of [crimes in the Trowbridge area](#) by visiting [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)