# Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board Community Safety Forum – Report to Area Board JUNE 2024

## **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 meets 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, or to join the Forum, please contact allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk

### **Recent Meetings**

## **MARCH 2024**

## Speaker – ANDY CORBETT, CHAIR – CRIMESTOPPERS WILTSHIRE

Andy has recently taken over as Chair of Wiltshire Crimestoppers. He explained how the service worked. For more information <u>https://crimestoppers-uk.org</u>

### **APRIL 2024**

## Speaker – Acting Sergeant LUCY WRIGHT

A discussion was held with the local NPT regarding local issues.

#### MAY 2024 Speaker - DS GARETH SNOAD, Wiltshire Police Burglary Unit

Gareth updated us on the work of the recently re-instated Burglary Unit .

### JUNE 2024 Speaker - PAUL CROFT, Wiltshire Police

Paul has developed a Dog Safety Course alongside the Blue Cross Charity. This is used as an Out of Court Disposal (similar to Speed Awareness Courses) for owners of dogs involved in dog bite incident, also KS1 and KS2 school assemblies to educate young children how to behave around dogs.

Report by **Cllr Allison Bucknell**, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024