



Melksham Area Board Report

April 2019

Hello and welcome to this month's Community policing report.

Launch Of On The Beat - Campaign To Highlight Local Policing In Wiltshire

The importance of local policing is being highlighted as part of an awareness-raising campaign launched by Wiltshire Police.

On the Beat is a month-long campaign which will run throughout April and will primarily be focused on social media.

It aims to educate and inform the public about what their local police service looks like – introducing people to their local police officers and staff, highlighting the important work they do and raising awareness about the demands facing modern day policing.

Superintendent Chris Chamings, who is the local policing commander for the County, said: "Throughout April we will be shining a spotlight on our six Community Policing Teams and showing the public what day-to-day life looks like for those policing on the frontline in our communities.

"We know how much importance the public places on visibility and we hope On the Beat will allow people to learn more about those officers and staff who are out patrolling your neighbourhoods, engaging with your communities and responding to emergencies.

"We are incredibly proud of our frontline teams and I hope this campaign will really highlight the vital work they do serving the public of Swindon and Wiltshire."

Superintendent Adrian Burt, local policing commander for Swindon, added: "Over the course of the next four weeks we want to introduce people to their local Community Policing Teams and make sure you all know how to contact them, how to engage with them and how to find out more about the work they are doing in your neighbourhoods.

"We will also be explaining more about the huge demands on our police service, how the public can help and support us, and how we are working to modernise our police force and respond to the realities of increasing demands but tightening budgets.

"Please make sure you are following us on social media – both the Wiltshire Police main accounts but also your localised team accounts – as well as signing up for Community Messaging, so you are

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up to date with all the relevant information about local policing in your area.”

On the Beat follows the successful Beyond the Beat campaign, which ran throughout last summer and aimed to raise awareness of the hidden demands on policing, ie mental health, child sexual exploitation and cybercrime.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Swindon and Wiltshire Angus Macpherson will also be involved, speaking honestly and openly about the challenges facing policing and some of his plans to tackle this, including shared estates and the civilianisation of the workforce.

He said: “Modernising our police force has been paramount to ensure that, in the face of decreasing budgets, our communities are kept safe.

“Difficult decisions continue to be made about how best to allocate resources and prioritise issues, it’s difficult to manage public expectations when we are limited by funding and the Force has to put those with the most serious; threat, harm and risk at the top of the list.

“Community Policing Teams are at the forefront of this by responding to 999 calls, investigating crimes and building relationships with the communities they protect.

“On the Beat is a wonderful way of showcasing the hard work police staff, officers and volunteers do, but at the same time highlighting the day-to-day challenges they face and how the public can help the police help them.”

To find out more about our Community Policing Teams, including which area you live in and who your local officers and staff are, then please go to our website

[https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/1067/Community-Policing-Teams.](https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/1067/Community-Policing-Teams)

There you will also find out more about how to follow our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts, as well as how to sign-up to social media.

CHANGES TO THE WEST WILTSHIRE COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM **(CPT)**

On the 15th April we welcome back Inspector Andy Fee, who has been seconded to the Public Protection Department (PPD).

A/Inspector James Williams has recently been promoted to substantive Inspector, and so will be leaving the post of Sector Deputy Sergeant. We would like to take this opportunity to thank James for all of his work and support over the last 12 months, and wish him luck in his new post.

On the 1st April, we welcomed four new Police Community Support Officers to West Wiltshire CPT.

PCSO James Briant will join ET11 – Trowbridge Town Centre

PCSO Oliver Gilmour will join ET14 – Drynham and College

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PCSO Leigh Holcombe will join ED11 – Melksham Town Centre

PCSO Josh Fish will join EG11 – Westbury Town

April will also see three new Community Coordinators join West Wiltshire CPT.

CRIME EXCEPTIONS DATA

These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.

ED11 – Melksham Town

March showed 86 reported crimes for the beat area, against the average of 88.4 offences for this same month over the last two years. The four largest crime groups that accounted for 91% of ED11 crime are as follows :

Violence against the Person showed 32 reported crimes, compared to an average of 31.1 offences.

Theft showed 28 reported crimes, compared to an average of 25.3 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 14 reported crimes, compared to an average of 14.2 offences.

Burglary showed 4 reported crimes, compared to an average of 4 offences.

ED12 – Shaw, Whitley, Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Beanacre and Berryfields

March showed 32 reported crimes for the beat area, against the average of 34 offences for this same month over the last two years. The four largest crime groups that accounted for 84% of ED12 crime are as follows:

Violence against the Person showed 13 reported crimes, compared to an average of 12.7 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 9 reported crimes, compared to an average of 7.2 offences.

Drugs showed 3 reported crimes, compared to an average of 2.1 offences.

Public Order offences showed 2 reported crimes, compared to an average of 2.6 offences.

ED13 – Seend, Bulkington, Poulshot, Keevil, Semington, Great Hinton and Steeple Ashton

March showed 16 reported crimes for the beat area, against the average of 11.9 offences for this same month over the last two years. All crime is showing as a crime exception as the number of incidents is higher than we would expect to see. The four largest crime groups that accounted for 100% of ED13 crime are as follows:

Violence against the person showed 9 reported crimes, compared to an average of 4.7 offences.

Theft showed 4 reported crimes, compared to an average of 1.9 offences. This crime type is showing as an exception. Having reviewed the offences, none of them are linked by location or MO.

Criminal Damage showed 2 reported crimes, compared to an average of 1.7 offences.

Vehicle Offences showed 1 reported crimes, compared to an average of 1.8

COMMUNITY POLICING PRIORITIES WITHIN YOUR AREA

WEEKLY TASKING MEETING

Inspector Andy FEE chairs a weekly internal “tasking meeting” where emerging community issues and concerns are raised and discussed for the whole West Wiltshire CPT area. From this meeting, priorities and actions are set and a tasking document produced. This involves developing strategies and the targeting of resources (including partner agencies) into tackling the issue or concern.

Op Artemis – Rural Crime patrols continue across the West Wiltshire Community Policing area in order to prevent or disrupt rural crime.

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>