



SOUTH WILTSHIRE COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM – JUNE 2019

Sector Head: Insp Pete Sparrow
Sector Deputy: Sgt John Hutchings

A very warm welcome to the seventh edition of the South Wiltshire Community Policing Team Area Board report.

Once again this report encompasses the entire South Wiltshire CPT within its pages with the idea being that it will give a much greater understanding of the issues facing South Wiltshire as a whole community, rather than in isolation by single area.

My policing team operate on the basis of 'One Team' and as such, resources are moved around on a daily basis according to demand. Whilst each Police Officer and our PCSO's will still retain ownership of a given area in terms of longer term problem solving approaches, the very nature of policing and answering calls for service often dictate that officers are brought together from the wider area to respond to given circumstances. This has always been and will continue to be the case.

Once again and moving forward, I will continue to report on the efforts of our Special Constabulary without whom our job would be very much more difficult and as such we are so incredibly proud of our Special Constabulary Officers.

The time they give, the effort they make, the results they produce, the confidence and support they provide to both colleagues and our communities is nothing short of incredible.

The document is broken down in to 6 parts:

1. Introduction
2. Staffing – listed are the Community Coordinators and PCSO's for your given area.
3. Community Engagement – How to contact us and where we are due to be.
4. Particular Issues and Crime Series
5. Specials Update
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New CPT Inspector and Deputy

I am very pleased to confirm the transition of the split between Amesbury and Salisbury from an Inspector and Deputy perspective at the very least. Liz and Lucy started on the area on 3rd June and are now settling in to understanding the issues and demands of their part of the southern area.

This does of course mean that you now have in the Salisbury Area, Insp Sparrow and Sgt Hutchings undivided attention from a strategic perspective, overseeing issues in the South.

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Certainly, this has already seen positive benefits for those respective areas, especially given our local commitment to National Armed Forces Day, which has been all consuming for a great many of us!

This is testament to the whole team effort that goes in to creating an event such as this, as even though it is not a Police led event, our contribution to keeping South Wiltshire Safe, is significant as a force.

We are both available to be contacted directly through our respective e-mails as always, but initial CPT related enquiries should ideally be channeled through the CPT inbox.

New Community Coordinator - Salisbury

We have recently run a selection process for a new coordinator for the Salisbury Area and I am very pleased to announce that PC 2729 Jack Billington was successful in securing the position.

Jack will bring much enthusiasm, as well as experience to the post and I know he will make a fantastic addition to the local problem solving team, whose role locally is critical to an efficient CPT.

Jack's recruitment is part of the PCC's initiative to increase Community Coordinators through the increase in the precept this year, so locally, this is a positive step for South Wiltshire.

DS Nick Bailey - Update

I reported last month that DS Nick Bailey is undertaking the Salisbury Marathon in August 2019 on behalf of Salisbury Stars Appeal. This was a decision that he made following the fantastic care he received as a result of being his being contaminated by Novichok following the initial incident in Salisbury last year.

Thus far, Nick has raised £11,829 against his target of £15,000.

If you would like to support him in this, he has set up a Just Giving page for donations to the Stars Appeal, which can be found using the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nickbailey1772?utm_id=124

Staffing

Since the split from Amesbury has now occurred, I am now currently responsible for the 5 Community Policing Teams across the Southern Area. These are based at Salisbury Police Station at Bournehill, covering a 24/7 365 day duty pattern.

Whilst now a smaller area, Salisbury benefits from having the largest teams across the force, with each individual Sgt responsible for up to 18 officers and staff. This is a very challenging post for a Sgt and one which happily, our current cohort are more than capable of rising too, although there are times where demand is so significant, that resources are called upon from across the area and as such the

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demand on the individuals command increases. Again, this is testament to the resilience and dedication of each and every officer who chooses to place themselves at the front line of day-to-day challenges in policing and I am very proud to have each and every member of the team under my command.

Each team is made up of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers, Local Crime Investigators, and uniquely in the south, the Prisoner Transport Team. Central to these officers are my Community Coordinators who are very much the heart of the team and whom many of you will know on first-name terms.

In addition to these officers, we have some 40 Special Constables who are aligned to the teams. They will try to work predominantly with their aligned team but can slot in anywhere around their availability. More on our specials later.

Of course the deployability of these officers will depend on sickness, training, external commitments and their specialisms etc etc. so the actual numbers will vary almost on a day-to-day basis. Whilst I would love to list them all, I have limited the information to the officers that make up the immediate community team whom have the closest relationships and links with our communities, those being our Community Policing Coordinators and PCSO's. These officers are pivotal in maintaining strong working relationships with the whole community, be it business or public and they all work exceptionally hard at doing just that.

Salisbury

Pc 1792 Al Cromwell - Coordinator
Pc 2687 Caroline Ralph – Coordinator (Shortly to go on maternity leave).
Pc 2729 Jack Billington (Currently on Team 5) – Coordinator
PCSO 3951 Val BROWN - City Centre
PCSO 8686 Gareth JAMES - City Centre
PCSO 9465 John Taylor – City Centre
PCSO 3985 Laura KING – Southampton Road and the Friary
PCSO 9590 Harrison EVANS – Southampton Road and the Friary
PCSO 8704 Kady GREEN – Castle Road and Bishopdown
PCSO 8195 Kim ORZA – Bemerton Heath
PCSO 9001 Matthew MURRAY – Churchfields and St Pauls
PCSO 6025 Simon WARD – Harnham

South Rural

Pc 1157 Matt HOLLAND – Coordinator
PCSO 6227 Matt SMITH – Downton Rural
PCSO 6314 Nicola CLARK – Wilton Town/ Rural
PCSO 6150 Jenny MOSS – Laverstock and Old Sarum
PCSO 8076 Simon NASH – Alderbury Rural
PCSO 9546 Steve JAQUARELLO – Downton and Redlynch

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Contact Us

Contacting Wiltshire Police by phone –101 should be used for non-emergencies such as:

- Reporting a non-urgent crime or incident (unless the crime or incident is in progress, when you should dial 999)
- Contacting local officers
- Making us aware of policing issues in your local area (consider email as below)
- Making an appointment with a police officer
- For any other non-emergency, such as making a complaint

999 should be used for an emergency, when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

You can also contact local officers about non-urgent issues via **email** –

General Community Policing enquiries - CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

For crime updates and local policing news via email, please sign up to our **Community Messaging** scheme at –

www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

You can also follow us on **Facebook** – search ‘Salisbury Police’ ‘Amesbury Police’ or ‘Tidworth Police’ or on **Twitter** - **@SouthWiltsCPT**

Community Engagement

I am once again pleased to report that since our last attendance at all Area Boards where we have promised that if you asked, we would endeavour to deliver; this has been achieved yet again, for both Amesbury and Salisbury areas. I would encourage your members to continue to engage with our CPT staff either individually or via the e-mail inbox with requests for attendance to specific events.

We have attended many, if not all Parish Council Meetings and AGMs and Sgt Hutchings and I have personally attended many of these in an effort to meet you all and hear first-hand the issues that you are currently facing and where appropriate, advice has been given accordingly. Judging by the feedback received following each event, these seem to have been successful and I am pleased the advice proffered in terms of our communities working smarter rather than harder to help themselves is being realised. In regard to this, I do and will continue to advocate the forming of NHW groups in an effort to drive out crime from areas currently affected.

Indeed, a theme for the upcoming boards is that of building on our communities and myself or John will be presenting at the boards with real time examples of how the community has worked

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collectively to help themselves with effective partnerships with the local CPT.

Community engagement is a key area of our work and comes in many forms, from our physical presence on the traditional beat or through PULSE patrols, to our mobile and cycle patrols as well of course as our social media footprint. Our Social Media following in the South is the largest outside of Swindon and is testament to the quality of the information that we are reporting. Very often, ongoing incidents, updates and results will be broadcast on **Facebook** and **Twitter** as well as Community Messaging and if you do not yet follow us in this form, I would urge you to do so.

Wherever possible our teams are engaging with the community at every level and one of these ways is through community consultations, where a member of staff will be made available to speak to our community on any given day and time. These consultations are a great way to meet and greet my staff that are local to you and are a great way for you to raise any issues that you may have directly with an officer or PCSO at that time.

Community Consultations will take place at the following venues and dates:

Waitrose, Churchill Way – Dates to be confirmed via social media and messaging, 1400 x 1600hrs

Salisbury Charter Market – Dates to be confirmed via social media and messaging, 1000 x 1200hrs

Salisbury Library - Dates to be confirmed via social media and messaging.

Otherwise, dates and times will be advertised through social media and community messaging so please make sure that you follow us to receive them. Further venues across the area are being sought at the moment and if you have any event or venue suggestions please let us know via the CPT e-mail listed above and we will endeavor to be there!

Neighbourhood Tasking Meetings

South Wilts NTG is now up and running and dates for this are to follow.

Independent Advisory Group (IAG)

Our next NTG is yet to be confirmed but since our last report I am pleased to confirm that more applications for representation have been forthcoming. The IAG for the South of the County sits roughly 4 times a year. This group is made up of members of the public from a diverse background to assist us as an organisation with advice from the ground on certain aspects of our work.

IAG's are a 'critical friend' of the police whereby ideas are floated to or from the group for discussion. This could be about how we might have handled a given situation or indeed discussion around something that organisationally we are thinking of introducing whereby we seek that critical cross dimensional viewpoint on the proposal.



If you would like to be considered for joining this group, there is a formal application process and the numbers are limited but please get in touch.

Particular Issues and Crime Series

Salisbury City.

ASB within the City has spiked recently and I can say that this is mainly due to drug related activity.

Young persons are being drawn in to DDN activity in the city and the knock on to this is ASB and violence which is mainly attributed to that minority community of users and dealers.

Significant work with our partners however is having an effect on those key individuals who have been identified as being involved, and this work is ongoing.

Homelessness and the associated people with this issue has also seen significant developments through effective partnership working resulting in significant reductions in calls associated with this local anti-social issue.

Our City coordinators continue to work diligently on providing sustainable solutions to this area of our business.

Salisbury City Centre CCTV has continued to be instrumental in the recording and reporting of crime over the last few weeks and operators in the control centre have been working hard with us to prevent and detect crime with some fantastic results.

Recent media coverage of the availability of CCTV in Salisbury has provide further confirmation of this availability and I can assure our community that this continues to be very much in our joint working policy.

The images and footage available are usually of excellent quality and we will continue to work alongside SCC and Salisbury BID in keeping Salisbury safe.

Dangerous Drug Networks (DDN's)

Further to this, we continue to work closely with our specialist teams and arrest and charge visitors to the city who come here for the sole purpose of "making money from the misery of others".

As previously stated, this will continue to be a regular feature within these reports and I make no apology for that. DDN's continue to infiltrate the south of the county pedalling drugs and preying on our most vulnerable within the community. This is a struggle that unhappily we will continue for some considerable time I fear, with our 'wins' only ever stemming the flow for short periods. Such is the resolve of the drug barons, that they poke and prod our communities for any slight weakness, which is quickly and decisively exploited.



We cannot be complacent in our effort and attention to this area of our business, as the tendrils of drug addiction and the destructive behaviour that it breeds are prevalent in every town on our area.

Closure orders continue to be an effective tool to assist in the prevention of crime and safeguarding of the vulnerable within the City Centre and since our last report more homes have been subject to such orders.

Recent activity in this area of our business has again seen some fantastic results from excellent policing skills and community led intelligence, which is absolutely key to keeping the pressure on such insidious activity.

Examples of which will be played out at the next area boards through our presentations.

We will only ever keep a lid on this with effective community liaison and intelligence led policing, so your call is key to our joint success as a community.

Any intelligence in this regard is always welcome and can be fed in to the system via speaking to an officer or member of staff, e-mail or through **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**.

Harnham

The latest update that we have received from PCSO Simon Ward is testament to getting the best out of partnership working! This partly revolves around what is known as, the 'Sensitive Let Scheme'; where we work in partnership with SCC and WC to ensure that persons gaining new tenancies within a given area are not likely to cause issues within the same. This also goes for those currently causing issues where collective actions can be taken to either change individual behaviour, or sanctions can be imposed including, but not restricted to, Closure Orders and even Eviction as a last resort.

This partnership working has seen significant benefits over recent years and continues to do so, but it relies heavily on the community being a community and helping us challenge inappropriate behaviour.

If you have evidence of such behaviour then we encourage you to report it through either Wiltshire Council or if appropriate Wiltshire Police using the details and contacts listed above.

South Rural

Lead Thefts, Plant and Machinery, Outbuildings and Catalytic Converters – There has been an increase in these types of offences across the South in recent weeks and we cannot understate the value of relevant and timely intelligence to help us in this area of our business.

Together, we can make a difference and either directly or indirectly be responsible for bringing such offenders to justice.



Community Speedwatch

Supporting CSW continues to be a focus for the teams and our actions are often posted on our Facebook Pages.

Our Watch Schemes continue to be a focus for the force and in recent weeks PS Hutchings has liaised with local councillors and groups looking at areas where Lorry Watch might be introduced locally.

This is an ongoing initiative and once again, I would ask that if you are interested in such schemes then do please get in touch.

Special Constabulary Update

Our SPC's continue to provide fantastic support to the local policing teams across the county and in particular the South.

May and June 2019 has seen just over a 1000 hours thus far, with this expected to peak during the NAFD weekend.

SPC's have all the same powers as their regular colleagues and are subject to the same risks. As such, they are provided with the same training wherever possible even in specialist areas of our work such as Response Driving, Roads Policing Unit, as well as the Drone Unit or UAV. Recently, 6 SPC's have undertaken training to become Police Support Unit or PSU trained. This team can be deployed at short notice to anywhere in the county and if required the Country, where disorder is happening or threatens to unsettle a community. In the last couple of weeks, we have seen Wiltshire Officers deployed to assist the Extinction Rebellion demonstrations in London for example and in future, this team could now easily include our volunteers.

They will be on duty over the NAFD weekend event in their capacities as PSU, CPT, RPU and UAV resources and once again, their commitment and professionalism cannot be understated.

Items of Note

Sadly, officers have had to deal with further instances of dogs being left in hot cars; this despite the media coverage and pleas to the community following the first event reported previously.

With the weather hotting up, especially over this next weekend, please, please, do not let your dog be the next victim or the reason for someone to call for police assistance. We will, albeit reluctantly, smash your car windows in order to assist a dog in distress.

The 101 system is changing - 101 call charges are being dropped.

At present, 101 callers are charged a 15p connection fee by the telephony company.



From next year, this charge will no longer apply and calls to 101 will be free, after the Home Office pledged £5 million each year to cover the cost.

Average Call Times – 101 system

We are often challenged, over call waiting times for the 101 service in Wiltshire. As a result, I have asked for some statistics around average call wait times for the service from the Head of the Central Call Handling Unit at HQ, which I have shared below:

CCH – (Initial 101) call. Average time to answer

Nov-2018	00:00:09
Dec-2018	00:00:03
Jan-2019	00:00:05
Feb-2019	00:00:04
Mar-2019	00:00:04
Apr-2019	00:00:04
May-2019	00:00:06
Jun-2019	00:00:05

We are not perfect and I know these are an average and some calls at peak times will take longer to answer, however our call handling teams deal with 1,000's calls every month and these figures are quite reassuring I think?

Significant Events

Planning continues for significant events occurring in Salisbury and the South over coming days keeping us all very busy!

Summer Solstice saw some 10,000 people attend this year with only a handful of arrests being necessary over the event. Whilst there was a requirement for police attendance, the event is now run on an Managed Open Access basis, where we are there merely to support English Heritage with potential disorder and traffic management issues. This is a great example of working in partnership with local businesses in order to secure a Safe and Satisfied Community. Road closures at Woodhenge and the surrounding by-ways assisted in this goal, with no opportunities for mass gatherings to be created, thereby reducing the opportunity for sounds systems to be set up and loud music being played throughout the night bringing unwelcome disruption to the local community.

The cuckoo fair was brilliant and passed off without incident, which is testament to the fact that some 20,000 people can get together and enjoy an event without causing trouble!

The OVO Cycle Race was also a huge success and we were very pleased with the video produced by Sgt Gavin Hucks on the evening, which we shared on our social media pages to great applause.

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NAFD is looming this weekend and will be the largest event organised by Wiltshire Council, ever. With some 250,000 people anticipated to attend over the three-day event, the policing resources required for this are significant.

Both mine and Sgt Hutchings responsibilities will be around maintaining business as usual for this event and that is a big ask! With over 25 road closures in place and tens of thousands of people in and around the city we are heading for a busier than usual weekend.

Whilst we will endeavor to continue to meet our core response times, it is only fair to mute the possibility of delays in our response times due to sheer volumes of traffic to say the least.

Nigh time economy in Salisbury is also likely to see increased numbers of persons enjoying the event, so you can expect to see an increased presence of police in Salisbury over the weekend.

If it does not need an immediate response, we will be actively negotiating the time that we can realistically attend an incident, so please bear with us.

Lastly, the D-Day 75 celebrations have also seen our resources drawn to both London and the South Coast during the period, with local PSU, VIP Motorcyclists, and CPT officers all contributing to the policing effort in London and Southsea to provide an excellent security bubble surrounding all persons attending.

Community Tasking Team

Our Community Tasking Team, (who are officers drawn from the South CPT and CID who look at series or high profile jobs on behalf of the wider team), continue to have some excellent results produced from dedication and dogged determination in their investigation of offences and offenders.

They often work in plain clothes and support the work of their colleagues in uniform.

An example of which is as follows:

A male wanted for escaping lawful custody, as well as being suspected of committing a string of burglaries across several counties whilst being on the run and pulling a knife on one of our CPT Officers in the South was arrested in the Metropolitan Police area in recent weeks. Our CTT officers worked tirelessly on this case, and in doing so, were instrumental in creating a coordinated response across many forces to target and track this dangerous individual, with the resulting arrest being a fantastic accolade for the team. Well Done CTT.

DDN activity continues to be disrupted by both CPT officers and CTT and recent arrests from both have resulted in large amount of cash and drugs being seized. Further details to follow.



Operation Artemis

This is the ongoing rural crime operation overseen by the Rural Crime Team for the county. They will arrange for specific patrols during the course of the year in cooperation with and supported by the farming community with a view to tackling, deterring and detecting overnight rural crimes.

Further operations are being planned for coming months, however I am pleased to report that there continues to be a lull in reported poaching activity over the last couple of months in the South. However, we have unfortunately seen an increase in outbuildings being targeted for theft.

As a community, we need to make this a really difficult task for a thief to achieve in order to deter an all but determined thief.

Remember, the longer it takes to steal, the more chance there is of being caught or disturbed and no thief wants either. The harder it is for them to steal, the more likely they will move on to a 'softer target'.

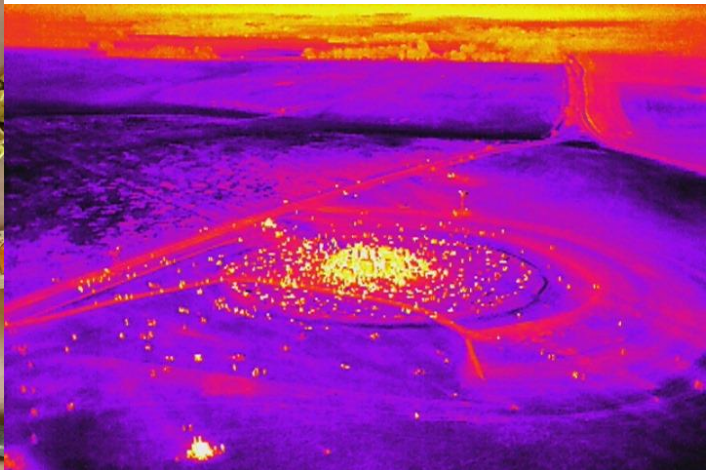
It is noticeable that many of our reported crimes are definitely opportunistic, where there is little or no security to overcome.



Selection of photos from recent weeks:

Drugs haul from Solstice

Solstice view from the drone



Officer in a drain, awaiting the flushing of drugs prior to a raid..... And a school visit to farley



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Harnham School Parking issues

Morgans Vale School visit Police HQ



Vehicle seized being used illegally.....



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