

# Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

## Community Safety Forum – Report to Area Board JUNE 2023

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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, or to join the Forum, please contact [allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk)*

### Recent Meetings

#### **APRIL 2023**

The meeting received a presentation from Doug Batchelor from the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust who outlined the many and various ways the WBVT helps our local communities, both to prevent crime and to help those who have been victims of crime to improve their home and personal safety.

Sgt Kate Smith also updated the meeting on local activity, including an increase in RTCs due to the weather and also increases in Rural Crime.

#### **MAY 2023**

No meeting

#### **JUNE 2023**

The meeting was an introduction to and from Inspector Gareth Edwards, who is Inspector for the Rural Crime Team and also the Neighbourhood Policing Team for Royal Wootton Bassett, Cricklade, Malmesbury

Inspector Edwards explained his background, how the current NPT is set up and focussed particularly on the Rural Crime Team.

Report by

**Cllr Allison Bucknell**

**9<sup>th</sup> June 2023**