



Malmesbury Community Policing Team (CPT) update February 2017



Hello and welcome to this Community Policing report.

The New Year is well underway and over the coming months and into the future, Wiltshire Police will be continuing to develop its workforce model. The policing landscape that we face is ever more complex and challenging and within that is the reality of financial pressures that continue to present difficulties. With this in mind Wiltshire Police is committed to effective and efficient policing through making sure we have the right people with the right training in the right place. We have reinforced our efforts to embrace diversity, give everybody the opportunity to succeed and be inclusive in all we do. Ultimately, we do this to ensure that you are provided with the service that you expect.

Many of you may know that the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan has been out for consultation. When finalised, it will set Wiltshire Police clear priorities and highlight opportunities for us to work to improve our service.

Over February Wiltshire Police will be involved in a number of campaigns revolving around vulnerability as well as youth engagement and will participate in three national campaigns:

- 6-12 February: Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week
- 7 February: Safer Internet Day

27 February: Student Volunteering Week (which will give us an opportunity to promote our successful Police Cadet scheme)

Additionally Wiltshire Police will be attending the Wiltshire Youth Summit, which will take place at Devizes School. We are also delighted to be welcoming police colleagues from across the South West region as it hosts a regional conference for the Black Police Association in February.

**Crimes that have an impact on the community
reported between 2nd January 2016 and 16th February 2017**

These are not all the crimes reported and do not include offences between family members, road traffic collisions or driving offences but are crimes where the community may be effected, where being aware of the crime may help prevent you becoming a victim or where we are seeking witnesses or information.

Burglary

On 12/01/2017 Between 15.30 hrs. and 21.45 hrs. The Merchants, The Green, Luckington. Unknown suspect(s) has attempted to gain access to property by smashing the rear patio window. No access has been gained

Between 0600 hrs. and 1200 hrs. on 16/01/17 PARKLANDS, MALMESBURY.

Home owner has returned home to discover the house has been burgled. Entry initially appears to be via a back bedroom window. Jewellery, a laptop & ipad have been stolen. Enquiries are still ongoing.

Between 2300 hrs. on 16/01/17 and 0800 hrs. on 17/01/17 Dauntsey Unknown suspect/s have stolen 2 bikes from an unlocked shed.

At 04.35 hrs. On 26/01/17 Malmesbury Road, Leigh – Unknown male has been seen in the back garden. He has left the area but foot print marks have been found on the rear door suggesting an attempted burglary. No entry was gained .

Between 2200 hrs on 08/02/17 and 0800 hrs on 09/02/17 Back Lane, Alderton an unknown suspects have forced lock on workshop located in farmyard - quantity of tools taken.

Theft

Attempt theft Between 12/01/2017 and 09.30 hrs on 17/01/2017 Burton Hill, Malmesbury Unknown suspect(s) have tried to gain access to a vehicle, by tampering with the driver side door lock.

Theft of Motor vehicle 27/01/17 01.15 hrs. Fore Street, Ashton Keynes – Unknown suspect has stolen vehicle from outside his house. Neighbours heard it start up and drive off at 01:15 hrs. Land Rover Defender 90 stolen. Vehicle now recovered.

Theft of oil Between 04/02/17 and 12/02/17 at Eastcourt, Malmesbury Unknown suspect has climbed over a wall and stolen heating fuel TVO £250-£300 from the unsecured tank in the front garden.

The email address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing team is

northwiltshirecpt@wiltshire.police.uk

Please phone 101 (non emergency) or 999 (emergency) to report any incidents or crimes, reports cannot be taken via the above email address.

Drink Drivers

On 02/01/2016 Oaksey Police attended a road traffic collision. The driver refused to take a drink drive test and was arrested for failing to provide a specimen of breath. The driver attended court and was given a suspended sentence and banned from holding a driving license for 48 months.

On 9th January 2017 a male involved in a Road traffic collision at the Spine road, Ashton Keynes was given a drink drive breath test and was found to be over the limit. He was arrested. He has appeared in court and been disqualified from driving for 18 months.

On 12/1 a female was given a breath test in hospital after a road traffic collision, she refused to give the second sample so was reported for failing to provide a specimen of breath

On 15/01/17 21.15 hrs Dauntsey Lock – After being involved in a Road Traffic collision a male was arrested and conveyed to hospital where he has provided a specimen of blood for a drink drive analysis. He has now been reported for driving whilst over the prescribed limit.

On 21/01/17 a male was breathalysed after an accident in Dauntsey lock and arrested. He has appeared in court and received a 12 month disqualification from driving

On 21/01/17 Between Malmesbury and Sherston a male was stop checked and breathalysed he provided a positive specimen of breath and was arrested. He has appeared in court and been disqualified from driving for 16 months.

On the 8th February 2017 a female was arrested in Eastcourt, Malmesbury for being unfit to drive through drink or drugs.

Drugs

29/01/17 Station Yard, Malmesbury - A vehicle was searched and a small amount of cannabis located. An adult caution was issued.

10/02/17 Malmesbury – A vehicle was stopped and searched and the occupant was found to be in possession of a quantity of cannabis and cash. He was arrested and has since received a youth caution for possession of cannabis.

12/02/17 Gloucester Road Industrial Estate Female searched and found in possession of cannabis. Cannabis street warning issued.



Local Priorities

Since the Community Policing Team Model rolled out, we have been setting the local area priorities in a more fluid way. The priorities, in the most simplistic form, are what officers are expected to be doing, and where they should be patrolling, when they are not responding to ongoing crimes or incidents, or not carrying out enquiries relating to those crimes and incidents.

The priorities are set every two weeks and may be long term or short term. They are decided upon by Police Sergeant Gill Hughes and Inspector Dave Hobman using various information.

The priorities for the whole of this Community Policing Team i.e. Royal Wootton Bassett, Malmesbury and Cricklade have during January and February included :

- Road Safety—officers have carried out speed checks, drink drive checks and have carried out high visibility patrols in the areas most effected by speed, dangerous driving and around vulnerable areas such as schools and villages. Both fixed penalty tickets and court summons have resulted from this. A number of drink drivers have been located and appeared in court, receiving disqualifications from driving ranging from 12 months to 48 months.
- Tackling AntiSocial Behaviour in Cricklade. A multi-agency response where the police, council, housing associations, youth engagement workers, drug counsellors and others come together to tackle issues of persistent antisocial behaviour is currently taking place in Cricklade. Work is continuing to reduce the Anti Social Behaviour with a number of youths being given Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, being dealt with for making hoax 999 calls and a number of young adults have also received community Protection Warning Notices, this is the first stage of a notice that can eventually lead to them being arrested for behaviour that is detrimental to others in the locality. Increased patrols are taking place and will continue until the ASB is eliminated in the area.



The link below is for Community Messaging. PC Poole, Community Coordinator for this area sends out a daily message, if there has been any crime that she feels will benefit the community to be aware of. This includes thefts, scams and burglaries, the aim is to inform you of what is happening in your area, help you take any actions to avoid becoming a victim of crime and to alert you as a potential witness to any crime. Its easy to sign up and only messages, relevant to your area, are sent to your email inbox.

<https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>



Cyber Crime—We are all vulnerable both businesses and individuals

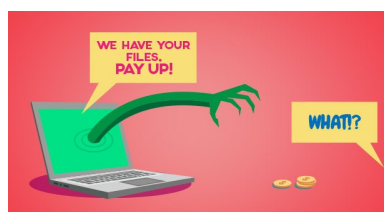
I was fortunate to be sent on a mornings training regarding cyber crime, I say fortunate as I would have paid to attend, as I came straight home and carried out some basic house keeping around my own computer use that I am sure will make me less likely to be a victim of cyber crime. I also realised how prevalent this crime is and how easy it is to become a victim, but also how easy it is to make yourself less vulnerable. The trainer was from an organisation called Get Safe Online and there website is <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

I am putting the web site link early, in case you don't read the rest of this this article, if you shudder at the thought of technology and it's all a bit too much please just visit the site—it's excellent and if you find this button and click here even a complete newbie will find easy to follow information



We were told there are three simple steps to take that will protect you from 80% of cyber crime

- ◇ Update your operating system regularly (or apps)
- ◇ Have a strong password (and a different password for each site you visit)
- ◇ Have up to date virus software



For small businesses the biggest threat is ransomware—this is where your files are encrypted and you are charged a fee (ransom) to unlock them, this can be devastating to a business. Please visit get safe online's website and look at the instructions on how to protect your business.

EMAIL SECURITY FROM THE GET SAFE ONLINE SITE

EMAIL IS BOTH AN EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION TOOL AND ALSO A WAY THAT COMPANIES CAN INFORM YOU ABOUT THEIR LATEST PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. HOWEVER, EMAIL IS FREQUENTLY USED TO DELIVER UNWANTED MATERIAL WHICH IS AT BEST, ANNOYING AND AT WORST, MALICIOUS – CAUSING CONSIDERABLE HARM TO YOUR COMPUTER AND YOUR-SELF.

These include the following: **Spam (or Junk) email**

The vast majority of email sent every day is unsolicited junk mail. Examples include:

- Advertising, for example online pharmacies, pornography, dating, gambling.
- Get rich quick and work from home schemes.
- Hoax virus warnings.
- Hoax charity appeals.
- Chain emails which encourage you to forward them to multiple contacts (often to bring 'good luck').

Get started...

Always be vigilant when receiving or responding to emails.

*Make sure your **spam** filter is always switched on to minimise the risks.*

How spammers obtain your email address

- Using automated software to generate addresses.
- Enticing people to enter their details on fraudulent websites.
- Hacking into legitimate websites to gather users' details.
- Buying email lists from other spammers.
- Inviting people to click through to fraudulent websites posing as spam email cancellation services.
- From names/addresses in the cc line, or in the body of emails which have been forwarded and the previous participants have not been deleted.

The very act of replying to a spam email confirms to spammers that your email address exists.

How to spot spam

Spam emails may feature some of the following warning signs:

- You don't know the sender.
- Contains misspellings (for example 'porn' with a zero) designed to fool spam filters.
- Makes an offer that seems too good to be true.
- The subject line and contents do not match.
- Contains an urgent offer end date (for example "Buy now and get 50% off").
- Contains a request to forward an email to multiple people, and may offer money for doing so.
- Contains a virus warning.
- Contains attachments, which could include .exe files.



The risks

- It can contain viruses and spyware.
- It can be a vehicle for online fraud, such as phishing.
- Unwanted email can contain offensive images.
- Manual filtering and deleting is very time-consuming.
- It takes up space in your inbox.

email Scams

Scams are generally delivered in the form of a spam email (but remember, not all spam emails contain scams). Scams are designed to trick you into disclosing information that will lead to defrauding you or stealing your identity.

Examples of email scams include:

- emails offering financial, physical or emotional benefits, which are in reality linked to a wide variety of frauds.
- These include emails posing as being from 'trusted' sources such as your bank, HMRC or anywhere else that you have an online account. They ask you to click on a link and then disclose personal information.

Phishing emails



Phishing is a scam where criminals typically send emails to thousands of people. These emails pretend to come from banks, credit card companies, online shops and auction sites as well as other trusted organisations. They usually try to trick you into going to the site, for example to update your password to avoid your account being suspended. The embedded link in the email itself goes to a website that looks exactly like the real thing but is actually a fake designed to trick victims into entering personal information.

- The email itself can also look as if it comes from a genuine source. Fake emails sometimes display some of the following characteristics, but as fraudsters become smarter and use new technology, the emails may have none of these characteristics. They may even contain your name and address.
- The sender's email address may be different from the trusted organisation's website address.
- The email may be sent from a completely different address or a free webmail address.
- The email may not use your proper name, but a non-specific greeting such as "Dear customer."
- A sense of urgency; for example the threat that unless you act immediately your account may be closed.
- A prominent website link. These can be forged or seem very similar to the proper address, but even a single character's difference means a different website.
- A request for personal information such as username, password or bank details.
- You weren't expecting to get an email from the organisation that appears to have sent it.
- The entire text of the email may be contained within an image rather than the usual text format. The image contains an embedded link to a bogus site

Use email safely

- Do not open emails which you suspect as being scams.
- Do not forward emails which you suspect as being scams.
- Do not open attachments from unknown sources.
- **If in doubt, contact the person or organisation the email claims to have been sent by ... better safe than sorry.**

- Do not readily click on links in emails from unknown sources. Instead, roll your mouse pointer over the link to reveal its true destination, displayed in the bottom left corner of your screen. Beware if this is different from what is displayed in the text of the link from the email.
- Do not respond to emails from unknown sources.
- Do not make purchases or charity donations in response to spam email.
- Don't click on 'remove' or reply to unwanted email.
- Check junk mail folders regularly in case a legitimate email gets through by mistake.
- When sending emails to multiple recipients, list their addresses in the 'BCC' (blind copy) box instead of in the 'To' box. In this way, no recipient will see the names of the others, and if their addresses fall into the wrong hands there will be less chance of you or anybody else receiving phishing or spam emails.
- Similarly, delete all addresses of previous parties in the email string, before forwarding or replying.
- If you are suspicious of an email, you can check if it is on a list of known spam and scam emails that some internet security vendors such as McAfee and Symantec feature on their websites.
- Most Microsoft and other email clients come with spam filtering as standard. Ensure yours is switched on.
- Most spam and junk filters can be set to allow email to be received from trusted sources, and blocked from untrusted sources.
- When choosing a webmail account such as gmail, Hotmail and Yahoo! Mail, make sure you select one that includes spam filtering and that it remains switched on.
- Most internet security packages include spam blocking. Ensure that yours is up to date and has this feature switched on.

Taken from the <https://www.getsafeonline.org/> website

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