

Warminster Area Board

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:

- 7 February: Safer Internet Day
- 27 February: Student Volunteering Week.
 This event will give us an opportunity to promote our successful Volunteer Police Cadet scheme, which currently has units in Swindon, Chippenham, Trowbridge and Salisbury.

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.

As always we are grateful your feedback; Wiltshire Police is here to serve you and we always like to hear what we have done well or where you think we could improve.

COMMUNITY MESSAGING

Working with our local communities, we have been developing ways to reach out to all our communities and keep everyone up to date with the latest information that matters to you in your area.

Through feedback and working with our local communities, we have developed the use of https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/ and are now sending out daily updates around crimes that matter to you in your area. This is enabling us to reach as much of our community as possible, as quickly as possible and impart any new crime prevention advice or information about incidents that may affect you in your community that we feel you need to know about.

We have received some very positive feedback around this and encourage you to speak to all members of your community and encourage them to sign up to Wiltshire Messaging. It is free and a very good way of keeping all our communities connected.

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

CONTROL STRATEGY

Below is our control strategy for your reference. This focuses on where how we conduct our operational Policing based on the Police & Crime Plan. We will continue to align our resources with the threat/harm/risks presented in line with the control strategy.

Domestic abuse / Cyber Crime / High risk offenders / High risk victims



CURRENT SECTOR SERIES/ Exceptions

Crime Exceptions are where the volume of crime exceeds the levels we would expect over a specified period. This is based on evaluation of data, over like to like periods historically.

There is only one significant exception reported throughout the Warminster area which is for Vehicle Offences as we have experienced nearly double what was expected for the month of January. The actual figure for these types of crimes was 15 offences, 6 of these were committed within the Town area, and the other 9 were in Warminster rural.

We have increased patrols where possible in the rural area to tackle this and also the non-dwelling burglaries since Christmas. January has seen a decrease in the number of non-dwelling burglaries, and we are looking to continue to have an impact on these crimes.

FUTURE WORK

We are looking to engage more with our Special Constabulary to help tackle Rural Crime, and hopefully our next report will have some news on what has been done so far and what is likely to be continued with.

We will also be carrying out some joint work with Trading Standards as a result of door to door tradesmen being seen in the area trying to obtain work involving driveways and landscaping. There are a number of reputable companies out there, but using forceful tactics and 'nosing' around people's properties is not acceptable. If any such people are seen, do keep a copy of any leaflets that they deliver and take a note of the vehicle registration if possible and call Police on 101 or report directly to Trading Standards through Wiltshire Council. A polite 'No Thank You' will always be accepted by any genuine company.

CRIME PREVENTION... We would like to meet with our communities to deliver face to face advice on issues such as Cyber Crime, and general security and safety tips. So far only Chitterne has been keen to take this up (date still to be set) and a company in Westbury, so if any more groups would like to take this up then please do get in touch with Amy Hardman or one of your local PCSO's.

EVENTS... As we start heading in to Spring and Summer, many groups and individuals start to organize various events and gatherings. We will shortly be providing you all with some guidance on how to apply for events to be held, and which types of events Police will be in attendance and in what capacity. Watch this space...

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

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

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