



## Malmesbury Community Policing Team (CPT) update May 2017



Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

Over the last month Wiltshire Police has been running a survey, collecting feedback about the Community Policing Team model. We thank you all for your help in generating this important information, which will help us to ensure that we are providing the high quality of service that the people of Wiltshire and Swindon deserve and expect.

### Police use of Taser and Body Worn Video Cameras

Wiltshire Police currently has 160 Tasers and is offering instruction to officers who successfully apply for additional training in an effort to help maintain public and officer safety by making a greater number of the existing devices able to be deployed at any one time.

Tasers are used by trained Police Officers in a number of ways, many of which involve no direct physical force to be used on a person.

They can be drawn from the holster, aimed at the subject, have the 'red dot' pointed at the subject with the laser sight or activated so that an electric current is 'arced' at the front of the device, all of which can resolve incidents.

Home Office figures released last week showed a drop in the number of times Tasers were discharged nationally

Chief Constable Mike Veale said: "The use of Taser has been widely debated and I have carefully considered the options. I feel that by giving officers the option to carry Taser we are giving them the choice to use the tools available to us at this time to keep both keep the public and themselves safe.

However, let me make it clear that I see the rollout of Tasers as a preventative measure not an aggressive tool. I also want to make it clear that it is not a tool to default to at the earliest opportunity; it needs to be used with precision, wisdom, proportionality and measure. I want to have the right resources in the right place at the right time with the right skills and accreditation to deal with the threat, risk and harm faced within communities.

We have, geographically, a very large force with a huge degree of rurality which often leaves officers and staff working single crewed and on occasions feeling vulnerable to the dangers they may be facing. This decision is something which I hope will give our colleagues more confidence and courage to remain on the front foot so that we are able to protect our communities.

We constantly assess the current risk and threat in the county and I believe that it is the right time to increase the training in Taser and in turn, increase our capacity. Although Wiltshire is one of the safest counties in the country, we still face a rise in violent crime and the threat of terrorism remains very real throughout the UK.

Taser can be used effectively as a deterrent or as a way of ending a violent situation where someone is at risk of harm. In addition to increasing Taser capability, Wiltshire Police is rolling out body-worn cameras to front line officers and staff. Many of you may have already seen a number of our officers sporting the new body worn video cameras.

This new investment in body-worn video cameras will help us transform the way we work, allowing our officers and staff to do their jobs serving the communities of Wiltshire and Swindon with greater confidence and security. Our police officers and staff put themselves into volatile and dangerous situations every day and these cameras should not only act as a deterrent to those who may wish to cause them harm, but can also be used as valuable evidence when officers and staff are subjected to violence and abuse.

It should also give the public greater confidence in our professionalism and, on the rare occasions where our service does not live up to our high standards, allow us to take action and learn from any errors or mistakes. These cameras are as much about the officer behind the camera as the person in front of it. They will help ensure Wiltshire Police continues to provide the high standards of service that both the Force and the people they serve expect.”

Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police.

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## **Burglaries**

**reported between 17th February 2017 and 22nd May 2017**

There is an excellent website where crimes for an area can be mapped the link to it is here

[UK Crime figures](#)

I am therefore only including details of burglaries or any series of crimes that have occurred in the area.

We are seeing a number of thefts from cars in beauty spots in this area. This is normal for this time of year but please do not leave valuables in your vehicle. If the offenders do not prosper from these type of crime they will stop committing them

### **Burglaries Reported**

Overnight between 26/02/17 and 27/02/17 at a shed at Ashfield, Ashton Keynes. Suspects have attempted to break into a shed by unknown means.

Overnight on 01/03/2017 at a residence in Startley. Entry via rear door, flat tool used to force door for entry. Jewellery and cash stolen.

Daytime on 06/03/17 at a residence in Luckington Road, Sherston. Suspect(s) have attempted to gain entry through the top window. No entry has been gained but there are chisel marks on the wooden frame. Home owner was not home when this happened.

Between 11/03/17 and 25/03/17 at a farm shed in Ashton Road, Minety. Suspects have gained entry to an insecure shed and stolen BBQ items from within. Suspects have also stolen BBQ items from storage boxes left near the garage.

Overnight between 19/03/17 and 20/03/17 at a residence in Startley. Unknown suspect(s) has gained access to a property via the upstairs window using a ladder. £600 in cash was stolen.

Overnight between 20/03/17 and 21/03/17 at a residence in Church Street, Sherston. Suspect has attempted to gain access to a property and has caused damage to the lock.

Daytime on 10/04/17 Cotswold Community Centre, Spine Road West, Ashton Keynes on site security reported that group of youths had broken into several buildings and caused damage. He states that there were other white youths 14-19 years of age, all wearing tracksuits and shoulder bags.

At 00.08 hrs on 17/04/17 the ATM at Waitrose in Malmesbury was stolen.

Overnight between 24/05/17 and 25/04/17 entry has been gained to a business site, pallets and sheets have been stacked up by the building and a hole like a window has been cut through the buildings cladding. Entry was not gained into the building and nothing was stolen.

The email address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing team is

[northwiltshirecpt@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto: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.

At 22.05 hrs on 1st May 2017 St James, Dauntsey at a residence Suspect/s have gained entry to the premises but have possibly been disturbed. Premises are undergoing renovation. Nothing believed stolen from the scene

High Street, Malmesbury between the 04/05/17 and the 05/05/17 at a residential summer house and shed. Suspect(s) have gained access to the summer house and shed by breaking the padlocks. Items stolen, TV, sound bar and telescope- TVO £900.00.

High Street, Malmesbury between the 04/05/17 and the 05/05/17 in a shed. Suspect has forced open the door to a garden shed using an unknown method and has stolen several items. These were a Chainsaw, hedge cutter, air compressor and 8 x Fishing rods.

Daytime 11/05/17 in a residence in Court Street, Sherston. Suspect has gained entry to a property by forcing the bottom panel of the rear door turning an unknown method and has gained entry. An untidy search was made of all the bedrooms. The suspect taken jewellery from a bedside draw and placed it in a pillow case taken from a pillow from the property. Suspect has then left via patio door, taking a TV from the living room on the way out.

**A 46 yr old male from Tetbury has been arrested for this burglary and is currently on bail.**

Daytime 11/05/17 at a residence in Court Street, Sherston Suspect has attempted to enter property by kicking the bending the door handle into the door using an unknown method.

Overnight between the 16/05/17 and 17/05/17 at a shed on a farm in Back Lane Alderton. Suspect has gained entry to an insecure shed and cut the padlock on a chain securing a quad bike to a concrete post. They have stolen the quad, padlock and chain.

Overnight between 19/05/17 and 20/05/17 at a barn in Brinkworth - Suspect has stolen a Polaris DVAK 1996 Quad bike which was kept in an unsecured barn.



**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/>

## 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 and evaluated each week and may be long term or short term.

The priorities for the Malmesbury Community Policing area during April and May have mainly focused on tackling issues with drugs and Anti social Behaviour in Station Yard and other areas of Malmesbury :

This has involved three different approaches:

- 1) Gathering of intelligence in relation to drug supply and disruption of activities.
- 2) Targetting of individuals and robust policing in the problem areas.
- 3) Education in schools and working with other agencies to provide support and education.

A number of people have been arrested in possession of drugs and this will be an ongoing priority.

A number of suspected drink drivers have also been targeted.



**BIG** or small your dog can harm or scare farm animals

Dogs caught chasing or attacking livestock can be legally shot by landowners

**Livestock worrying is a criminal offence**

**Please keep your dog on a lead**  
(but release your dog if you're chased by cattle)

**See it. Report it. STOP it!** #ReportIt

If you see anything suspicious call **101** or **999** if the crime is in progress

Wiltshire police has been raising awareness regarding livestock worrying and we have had an incident reported in our area.

Your dog just being too close to livestock can worry it. To worry livestock your dog doesn't have to bite or attack; it also counts as livestock worrying if your dog is:

- ◇ Chasing livestock in such a way as may be reasonably expected to cause injury or suffering; in the case of ewes, this includes abortion or loss or reduction in the number of offspring she has.
- ◇ Not having a dog on a lead or under close control when close by, or in a field or enclosure with livestock.

We are asking dog owners to be responsible when out enjoying our countryside. Keep ALL dogs on a lead around any livestock (always release the lead if chased by cattle and get yourself to safety – your dog will get itself out safely).

Livestock is defined as cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses or poultry. Cattle means bulls, cows, oxen, heifers or calves and horses include asses and mules. Poultry includes domestic fowls, turkeys, geese and ducks.

The penalty for livestock worrying can be 6 months imprisonment and/or a fine of up to £1000.

Finally – be wary if you are a farmer, regarding the advice that 'farmers can shoot dogs', there has been civil cases against a farmer, it can only be done if owner is not there or attempting to intervene and there is no other option, reasonable steps have failed to stop the dog/dogs concerned during an attack, not if they have left. In other words - livestock in immediate need of protection, and that his/her actions were reasonable having regard to all the circumstances.

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