



Malmesbury Community Policing Team (CPT) update November 2017



Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

The purpose of these reports is to provide a short summary of the local issues in your area. Engaging with the public is vital for us as. Not only does it give us an opportunity to share what we are doing and keep our communities informed and up to date but it also provides an opportunity for our communities to feed back to us; what we're doing well, where we can make improvements and how we can work together to tackle local issues.

We hope you find these updates useful, for the latest news, crime prevention advice and appeals please follow us on:

Twitter <https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>

Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police.

Crimes that have an impact on the community reported between 31st August 2017 and 31st October 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.

- ◇ Between 17:00 on 30th August and 07:55 on the 31st August unknown suspects have forced entry to a property at Oxford Street, Malmesbury and stolen various tools and builders equipment.
- ◇ Between 11:00 and 15:00 on the 6th October unknown suspects have stolen a chainsaw from the conservatory at an address in Brokenborough, Malmesbury.
- ◇ Between Midnight and 08:00 on the 14th October unknown suspects have forced entry to the Malmesbury Abbey, stolen various items of silverware and money from within the collection box.
- ◇ Between 17:00 on 30th October and 07:00 on the 31st October unknown suspects have attempted to gain access to a site office of new build properties on Tetbury Lane, Malmesbury, nothing has been taken.

There have also been a few reports over this period of thefts from motor vehicles and in one case a theft of a motor vehicle and various locations in and around Malmesbury, many of these thefts have been from insecure vehicles. Please ensure your vehicles are secured and all valuables are removed, do not leave any electronic devices (Sat Nav's, mobile phones etc) on show to aid crime prevention.

Operation Artemis

Poaching becomes more frequent when the harvests come down at the end of the summer, peaking in October and December. This year's harvest has come early so potential poachers have been able to access fields earlier than usual. Unfortunately this means we have been seeing an earlier increase in poaching.

Poaching can take many forms, from hare coursing, shooting deer at night to using catapults to take pheasants.

You might see suspicious spotlights in a field at night. This could be illegal lamping where offenders break into private land and use a high voltage spotlight to scan the ground for game. The bright light will dazzle anything it shines at and the eyes of animals reflect back. Holding the lamp on the eyes to dazzle it provides a stationary target to shoot at or send a dog in pursuit.

Operation Artemis aims to tackle all aspects of poaching across the county. We understand the impact poaching has on landowners, farmers, game keepers and agricultural workers and the resulting fear of crime that comes from this.

We want Operation Artemis to reassure our rural communities that we do take poaching seriously, and anybody found to be committing such offences here will be dealt with robustly. Wiltshire is not a soft touch and we will use the full legislation powers that have been given to us as the police could be illegal lamping where offenders break into private land and use a high voltage spotlight to scan the ground for game. The bright light will dazzle anything it shines at and the eyes of animals reflect back. Holding the lamp on the eyes to dazzle it provides a stationary target to shoot at or send a dog in pursuit.





ILLEGAL DRUGS

NATIONAL ISSUE, LOCAL PROBLEM



If you suspect drug activity in your area, call us on 101
or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111



The link below is for Community Messaging. The Community Coordinator for this area sends out messages if there has been any crime that 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 every week and may be long term or short term. They are decided upon by Police Sergeant and Inspector using various information including:

The priorities for the whole of this Community Policing Team in the Malmesbury and surrounding areas between July and August have included

* Working with Highways to help combat road related issues in the Minety area.

* Targeted patrols surrounding rural crime such as poaching/hare coursing, thefts and criminal damage.

The email address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing team is

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Please phone 101, or 999 in an emergency to report any incidents or crimes

