



## **WARMINSTER AREA BOARD REPORT – APRIL 2019**

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This March (Monday 11 - Sunday 17 March) we will be supporting the national week of action, Op Sceptre.

Launched by Metropolitan Police in 2015 in response to knife crime, Op Sceptre aims to raise awareness of the growing trends, with the overall aim of reducing knife crime and the harm it causes to individuals, their families and the wider community.

Any incident where a knife is involved with the intention to threaten or harm another person is a concern to us. Recent statistics from the Office of National Statistics show that knife crime has fallen by 18 per cent across Wiltshire since September 2017 but we are not complacent and recent events in Trowbridge show how important it is that we continue to educate all members of our community about knife crime.

During this week of action West Wiltshire CPT will be working with a number of partner agencies, including the Youth Offending Team (YOT) and Children's Services to target antisocial behaviour and knife related incidents within our policing area.

### **CRIME EXCEPTIONS DATA**

**These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.**

**\*\*\* Domestic Abuse figures will also be included in the values as it is on our Control Strategy but here will be no details shared on these cases \*\*\***

Warminster Town and Villages combined (Area Board)

Warminster Area board includes 2 Beat areas, 1 for the Town, (ER11) and one for Rural and Villages (ER12). The Data is as follows;

#### FEBRUARY 2019 DATA

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February 2019 showed a total of 123 crimes for the whole Warminster Area Board region against the average of 120.7 for this same month over the last 2 years. This is within the parameters we would reasonably expect. There are no exceptions within the data.

#### ER11 (Warminster Town Centre Beat)

February 2019 showed a total of 93 crimes for the ER11 area against the average of 78.1 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data, but Theft is up. The reason for this is because a series of over 11 historical damages had been reported by a business where over the last year they believe a member of staff has been damaging property inside. Because the victim has only just told the Police, we are duty bound to record all historic reports, therefore they show in this month's data!

The 5 largest crime groups accounted for 91% of this recorded crime as follows;

Theft showed 31 crimes compared to the average of 19.1  
Violence Against the person showed 26 crimes compared to the average of 24.4  
Criminal Damage showed 16 crimes compared to the average of 14.6  
Public Order showed 8 crimes compared to the average of 6  
Burglary showed 4 crimes compared to the average of 5.1

#### ER12 (Warminster Rural and Villages Beat)

February 2019 showed a total of 30 crimes for the ER12 area against the average of 39.3 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data  
The 5 largest crime groups accounted for 90% of this recorded crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 8 crimes compared to the average of 9.3  
Theft showed 6 crimes compared to the average of 8.9  
Criminal damage showed 5 crimes compared to the average of 5.7  
Burglary showed 5 crimes compared to the average of 6.5  
Public order showed 3 crime compared to the average of 1.8

#### **\*Crimes and Updates of note\***

On the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> February, an armed robbery occurred at the One Stop shop in Warminster. Officers attended the scene, in Imber Road, and area searches were carried out but the offender was not located.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> February, at approximately 11.30am, we received a second report of an armed robbery at the One Stop shop in Westbury. A man is reported to have entered the store in Queens Road, with his face covered and carrying a knife. Money was taken from the till and the man made off from the scene in a vehicle.

Descriptions of the offender and the vehicle were passed to officers who attended the scene and area searches commenced.

A 21-year-old man from Trowbridge was detained in Frogmore Road and has been arrested in connection with the incident. He was taken to Melksham custody for questioning and later released under investigation on Police Bail. It is believed that the two incidents could be linked and this is a line of enquiry for CID officers.

Det Sgt Joe Saunders said: "While it is too early to say if these two incidents are linked, the circumstances and descriptions given are similar and this is one line of enquiry we will be further investigating.

"Fortunately, the staff members were not injured in today's incident, however, they are understandably shaken up and upset."

Anyone with information about either incident should call 101. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

54190026531	Crime - Robbery	17/03/2019 20:36	WARMINSTER EAST SERVICE STATION, EAST STREET, WARMINSTER, (ER11) At around 2030-2036 hours on the 17 <sup>th</sup> March a male offender has gone into the garage and showed a knife and demanded money. (See additional press release below).
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#### Press release

We're investigating a knife-point robbery at a garage in Warminster at the weekend.

At approximately 8.30pm on Sunday March 17, a man entered the Esso garage in East Street carrying a knife, and demanded money from the cashier.

The cashier refused to hand over any money - the offender then grabbed the cashier's shirt to try and get him to open the till, before fleeing the store, running off in the direction of East End Avenue.

He is described as white, aged between 30 and 40, of skinny build. He was wearing a grey hoody with the hood up and tightened around his face. He was wearing black trousers, white trainers and gardening style plastic gloves.

Acting Det Sgt Rachel Winter said: "We attended the scene following the initial 999 call to conduct enquiries - understandably, the staff member was feeling very shaken up.

"We have obtained some CCTV images from the premises and our enquiries are ongoing.

"We'd urge members of the public to take a look at the image and the description of the suspect - although his face is hidden in the image, anyone who knows this individual may recognise him from the picture or from the clothing he is wearing.

"Did you see an individual matching this description in the area on Sunday evening? Any information you have could be significant in our investigation.

"Anyone with information should call 101 and quote crime reference number 54190026531. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

The image can be viewed here: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/4255/Knife-point-robbery-at-Esso-Garage-Warminster>

54190018498	Crime - Drug Offence	23/02/2019 18:42	WEYMOUTH STREET, WARMINSTER (ER11) Following a report of a shoplifting, Police attended and arrested a male on suspicion of theft and possession of cannabis. The male in his 20's from Trowbridge was later released RUI (Under Police Investigation)
54190018612	Crime - Drug Offence	24/02/2019 02:43	WEYMOUTH STREET, WARMINSTER, (ER11) Following information of a male acting suspiciously, the Police have attended and searched a male under the Misuse of Drugs Act. The male was found in possession of Class A cocaine. The male, in his 20's from Frome, Somerset was interviewed. The investigation is ongoing.
54190017547	ASB - Nuisance	21/02/2019 02:17	EAST STREET, WARMINSTER (ER11) Following a report of a Confrontation between two groups, Police attended and arrested a male on suspicion of being drunk and disorderly. The male, in his 20's from Market Drayton was later released and given a fixed penalty notice for being Drunk and Disorderly.
54190018147	Crime – Public Order	22/02/2019 14:21	THE AVENUE, WARMINSTER (ER11) The Police attended a location following a report of a male being threatening. A male arrested at the scene on suspicion of being drunk and disorderly. He was also arrested on suspicion of possession of Cannabis. Anthony MEAD of Westleigh, Warminster was later released and charged with both offences. He will appear at Salisbury Mags on the 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2019.
54190015957	Crime - Violence Against the Person	16/02/2019 01:37	WEYMOUTH STREET, WARMINSTER (ER11) Following a report of a disorder at around 0100-0137 hours, Police attended and arrested a male on suspicion of assaulting two other males. The male in his 30's of no fixed abode was later released RUI (Under Police Investigation)
54190026026	Crime – Criminal Damage	16/03/2019 00:19	THREE HORSESHOES WALK, MARKET PLACE, WARMINSTER, (ER11) Following a report by CCTV of a male suspect has kicked an advertising board causing damage, the Police attended and located a drunk male matching the description given. He was arrested on suspicion of criminal damage and being drunk and disorderly. A male in his 30's of no fixed abode was later released RUI (Under Police Investigation)

Please see the regular Community messaging email updates for community impactful crimes in your area.

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

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

## **COMMUNITY POLICING PRIORITIES WITHIN YOUR AREA**

### **WEEKLY TASKING MEETING**

**Inspector Andy FEE chairs a weekly internal “tasking meeting” where emerging community issues and concerns are raised and discussed for the whole West Wiltshire CPT area. From this meeting, priorities and actions are set and a tasking document produced. This involves developing strategies and the targeting of resources (including partner agencies) into tackling the issue or concern.**

The priorities for West Wiltshire are:

OP ARTEMIS - Poaching and Hare Coursing. Rural and remote locations are at risk from Poachers damaging fences and gates to access land to Hare Course and Poach. This sometimes leads to cattle and sheep escaping out onto the roads causing issues for motorists and for the farmers. Crops and fields are also being damaged. We are conducting pro-active patrols to reduce this type of crime

ASB – YOUTHS, Pleasure grounds, and Town Centre. We are aware of the issues youth have been causing around the Town Park, especially the toilets, and for some businesses in the town. The local Officers and PCSO’s are taking a robust stance and dealing with incidents where there are substantive offences and evidence available. For other ASB incidents, Home visits with the youths and the parents are being conducted and warning letters are being issued. Repeat offenders will be referred to the Youth Offending Team for early intervention

### **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)**

**Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speedwatch Schemes across West Wiltshire are selected by Leanne Homewood for CPT support (additional targeting, enforcement and patrols) to supplement the CSW team planned sessions. These are included in our weekly tasking document for action and update. All the results from the supplementary speed checks conducted are fed back to the relevant Town and Parish Councils in their individual Police Reports. The current Speedwatch Schemes being supported are as follows;**

The current locations selected for supplementary speed checks at the time of report production are:

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LOCATION	ACTION REQUIRED
Chapmanslade High Street/Hunterhill	30mph zone - High Street/Hunterhill
Westwood Bradford on Avon	Near to The Croft
Beanacre, A350, Melksham	30mph section of A350
Frome Rd, Bradford on Avon	30 mph - South of Moulton Drive

### **COMMUNITY MESSAGING**

PLEASE SIGN UP! Community messaging to receive regular emails regarding crime updates, crime prevention advice and public appeals specific for your area. - <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

### **EVENTS**

For those looking to organize an even within the community, please have a look at the toolkit available from Wiltshire Council, which gives guidance and advice with regards to most types of events, including information about traffic management and which agencies / departments need to be contacted when applying for various licenses / road closures.

It can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf>.

Please email out Operations Planning team with details;

[opsplanning@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:opsplanning@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

### **CONTACT US**

Please use 999 in an emergency or crime in progress. Use 101 for all past or non-urgent crimes/incidents and issues or visit Wiltshire Police's new website at;

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

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