

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Community Safety Forum – Report to Area Board MARCH 2023

Overview

The Community Safety Forum was set up during the height of the Covid-19 Lockdown to bring together appointed representatives of the Towns and Parishes and the Area Board Members with the local Wiltshire Police Inspector and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Station Manager (Swindon West & North East Wiltshire – Westlea, RWB & Cricklade).

The group continues to meet virtually on the second Friday of the month.

Police and Fire priorities and issues are discussed, along with any general concerns arising from the parishes.

There will generally also be a main topic of interest with a presentation and speaker.

Notes of the meetings are sent to those present to be shared as they wish within their own parishes/organisations.

If anybody would like a copy of the notes or presentations, or to join the Forum, please contact allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk

Recent Meetings

JANUARY 2023

The main speaker was Philip Wilkinson – Police and Crime Commissioner who spoke mainly about Young Commissioners and the Responsible Young Citizens scheme. He also informed the group about the appointment of the new Chief Constable, Catherine Roper, who is coming from the Met Police, bringing a fresh pair of eyes to policing in Wiltshire following critical reports.

Inspector McCoy introduced himself as the new Police Inspector for RWB, Malmesbury and surrounding villages, based at RWB. His role covers both NPT and Response for the area. Sgt Kate Smith has now returned to the work to replace Sgt Jamie Ball.

FEBRUARY 2023

Danielle Blake from the Rise Trust updated the group on the work they do in RWB, Cricklade and Purton with young people. The main aim is to prevent the young people from getting involved in crime (drugs, anti social behaviour) by providing both street based work and safe spaces, giving extra support to young people particularly those who have been hanging around on street corners.

MARCH 2023

At the time of writing this meeting had not taken place. It is scheduled for Friday March 10th, and the guest speaker will be **Claire Williamson**, Crew Manager OCSO North, Cricklade, Swindon, Stratton, Malmesbury, Ramsbury, and Royal Wootton Bassett. **Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service**

Report by
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