

Malmesbury Police Update.

There have been a number of management changes across the Central Policing sector, in order to better reflect public demand and manage ongoing workloads. Following operational decisions, the new Temporary Police Inspector for the central sector is Ben Huggins, (who was present at the last Malmesbury area board).

In addition, it was recognised that changes were needed regarding the management of certain NPT areas, and a decision was taken to re-balance the distribution of Police Sergeants across the sector. With effect from the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015, I am pleased to confirm that Police Sergeant Phil Connor will be the new Sergeant for Malmesbury, taking over from Donna West, who will remain as the Police Sergeant for Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade. Phil sends his apologies to the area board, however he is very much looking forward to meeting you all and will be in place next week to make those contacts. Phil can be contacted at any point on [Phillip.Connor@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Phillip.Connor@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) . I'd like to thank Donna for her hard work during her short time as the Sgt of Malmesbury, however it was recognised that the town of Malmesbury and surrounding area's would be better served with a dedicated Police Sergeant, with no responsibility for any other areas. Phil has recently been the NPT Sergeant in both Chippenham and Calne, and brings with him a wealth of NPT experience.

There has also been a change in the police officer structure of the team. Pc Rachel Webb has left to take a role within Chippenham NPT, and Pc Steve Harvey has left upon retirement. Again, I would like to acknowledge all of the hard work conducted by Rachel and Steve for the long service they have given the town of Malmesbury.

Im therefore pleased to welcome Pc Marie Poole and Pc Steve Porter into the team, joining Pc Mike Tripp and the Malmesbury NPT Pcsos. Marie has been a police dog handler for a number of years, and Steve joins from Royal Wootton Bassett NPT, both officers with a wealth of experience behind them.

Whilst there have been a number of changes around personnel, please be assured that the town of Malmesbury and surrounding areas will continue to receive the same dedicated level of policing, and will now have increased management with a dedicated Police Sergeant.

Crime levels remain low around Malmesbury, and the policing of the carnival was a success with no serious concerns noted.

We have continued to receive reports of thefts from rural locations, and I would encourage all persons to ensure property remains properly secured and fastened, along with valuables kept out of sight where possible. Unfortunately this is a similar pattern across rural locations around the county, and the NPT are working hard with preventative measures in place.

Regards

Ben Huggins