

Devizes Community Area Board

23rd November 2015



Neighbourhood Policing

Sergeant: Vincent Logue

Town Centre: PC Andy List
PC Chris Mead (on secondment to another unit)
PCSO Paula Yarranton
PCSO Kelly Watts
PCSO Melissa Camilleri
PCSO Sue Greenway
PCSO Sam Burnside

Rural: PC Jo Newbery
PCSO Fiona Marno
PCSO Ellen Carter

Wiltshire Police has seen movement throughout the local management team. Inspector Armstrong has moved to a position within Custody. I have now taken over as the Sector Inspector with the responsibility for Devizes, Melksham, Marlborough and Pewsey.

Local Issues and crime:

All the Incidents mentioned below were reported between 01/09/2015 and 01/11/2015

Theft - 73 Offences in total:

This total includes 41 offences of shoplifting in Devizes town centre

There have been two thefts of Deisel reported. With winter on its way people will also be topping up heating oil. This could provide opportunities for thieves. Please secure your tanks.

There have been several offences of bicycles being stolen, most of these were not locked by their owners. A local man was caught by local officers riding a stolen bicycle shortly after he had been seen cutting off the lock and riding away. The suspect in interview admitted the theft of the bicycle as well as a handling stolen goods (2 bottles of whisky found in his bag after arrest) and a shoplifting from Poundland.

Violent Crime -64 Offences in total

This total includes public order offences were there has been no assault, 22 of these offences were in private places and 10 were related to alcohol.

There was also a robbery of an elderly lady in Devizes town centre which resulted in some considerable injuries to the victim. I am pleased to report that the lady is recovering well and also a male was arrested soon after the incident and, due to the wealth of evidence gathered, has pleaded guilty at court

and is awaiting sentence. The man who is not from Devizes is unlikely to be back. Also his girlfriend, who was charged with assisting the offender has stated that she intends to move back out of the county, she has stated she dislikes the level of police attention she and the rest of the criminal element of the town receives.

Burglary - 18 Offences in total.

There have been 11 non dwelling burglaries.

There have also been 7 Dwelling Burglaries. There are no direct links between these offences. Items targeted include jewellery and cash.

One of these burglaries occurred on Halloween night and involved a woman apparently using her 3yr old child as a distraction, the child, dressed as a witch as a 'trick or treater' ran into the house on the door being opened, the suspect then used the distraction to steal the victim's handbag from her hall.

Criminal Damage - 32 Offences in total

There is no pattern surrounding the damage reported.

Antisocial Behaviour – 43 reports of antisocial behaviour in total.

The majority of the reports being classed as personal whereby victims are complaining of individuals behaviour e.g Ex partner texting them.

Report to police, or via Crime stoppers, any information you have or any concerns or suspicions about anyone involved in criminality.

- Secure your property
- Mark your property
- Record details of identifiable property and/or take photos of you belongings.

The website www.immobilise.com can be used to record these details and may even prevent offenders taking the item in the first place.

Other news

After a period of transition, the team will be fully up to strength by the end of November when PC Chris Mead returns following a 6 month attachment to the Local Priority Team. In October, PC Jo Newbery joined the team as the rural Beat Manager replacing PC James Sheate. Jo has served her 10 years in the police in Response in Swindon. Joining us from Salisbury is PCSO Sue Greenway who is now on the town centre beat. Sue replaces PCSO Phil Greenaway who has moved to the Youth Engagement Team.

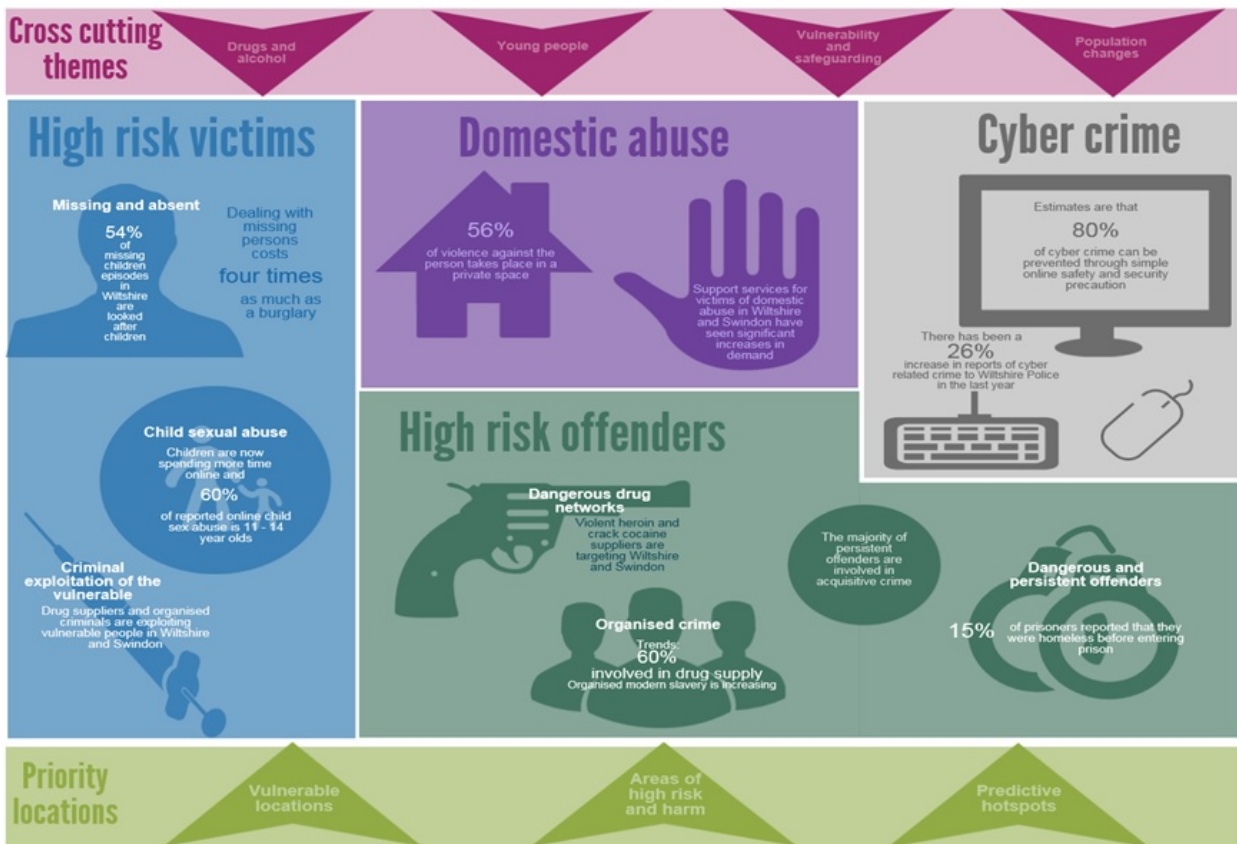
We have promoted our "No trick or treat here" campaign again this year. I am pleased to say that Halloween was enjoyed in a good spirit and we very few complaints of bad behaviour so the local children have enjoyed a trouble free Halloween. This is a great credit to the young people of Devizes.

Up Coming Changes

You may have heard that Trowbridge and Warminster Policing areas have been piloting a new Community Policing model. It has been decided that this model will be pushed out to Devizes and the surrounding area. Exactly what this will mean is yet to be fully decided and is subject of current planning discussions.

You will also see a change to the structure of future Police reports to the Area Board. Subsequent reports will focus on the Wiltshire Police Control Strategy which describes the current and emerging threats that are of greatest impact to Wiltshire's communities. It is set annually following the analysis of all threats, harms and risks (see below).

Wiltshire Police Control Strategy



Devizes NPT focus on High risk offenders by assisting with offender management.

High Risk victims include domestic violence victims, vulnerable victims and safeguarding issues relating to children. Concerns are regularly highlighted to the relevant departments within Wiltshire Police. In addition we are present at many multi agency meetings and work closely with partner agencies.

Cyber Crime is one area we will be focusing on in the coming months with school visits booked to explain to local children how to stay safe on line and avoid online bullying.

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Devizes, Melksham, Pewsey & Marlborough

