

Marlborough Area Board

January 2016

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sergeant: Clare Wallace (currently A/PS Richard Barratt)

Marlborough Town Centre

PC Stan Boardman

Marlborough Rural West

A/PS Richard Barratt

Marlborough Rural East

PC Nicholas Spargo

PCSOs

Polly Ritchie

Mark Braithwaite

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

The current priorities for the Marlborough area are to focus on overnight rural thefts and burglaries, and thefts from vehicles in our beauty spot areas.

Over the last couple of months there has been an increase in the number of overnight thefts, particularly in the Aldbourne, Ramsbury and Baydon areas. There has also been three commercial burglaries in Marlborough, which are currently being investigated.

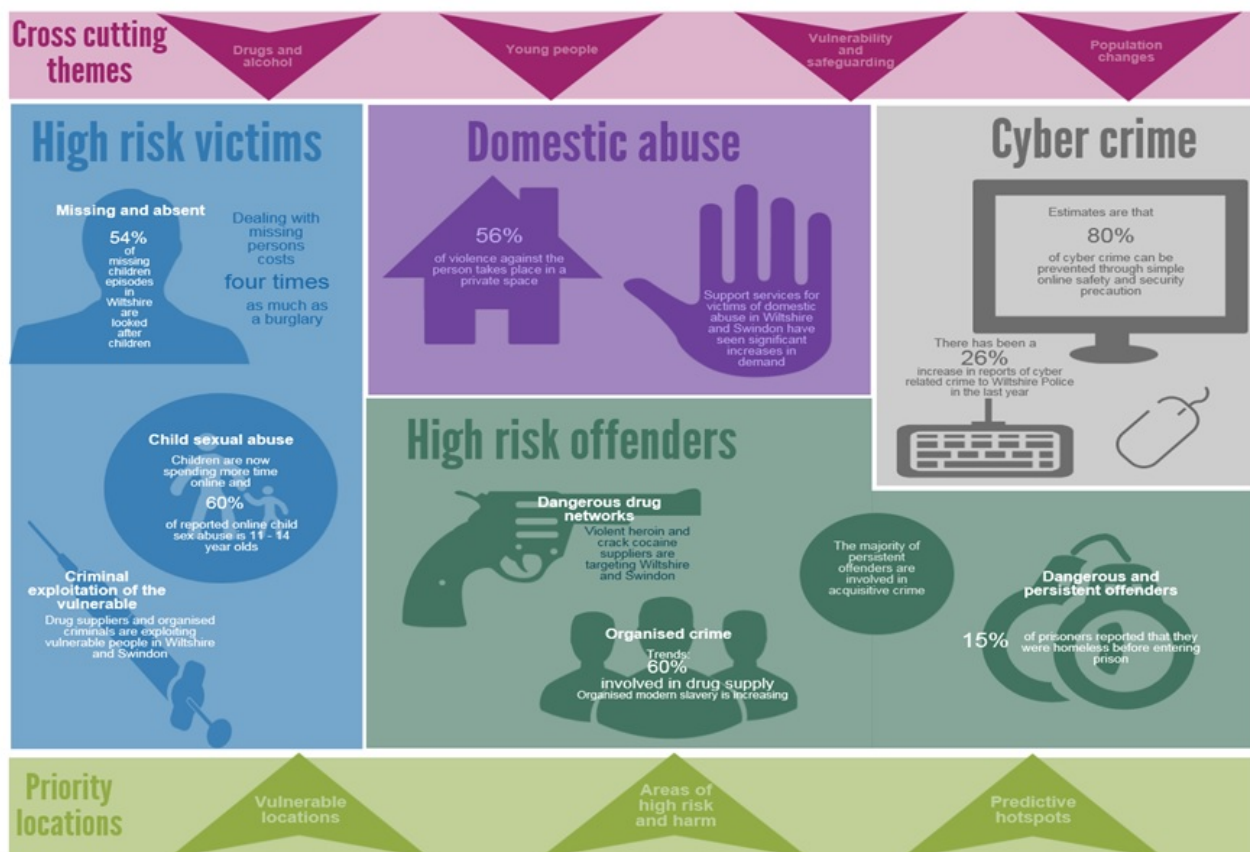
Marlborough NPT and other departments within Wiltshire Police are working hard to tackle these crimes. As a consequence, arrests have recently been made in the Marlborough area for theft and burglary offences and one suspect remains on bail whilst enquiries are ongoing. The Neighbourhood Policing Team have also recently arrested a suspect in Marlborough following the theft of wheels from the Pewsey area. The suspect is on bail whilst enquiries are carried out.

Beauty spot crime continues to occur, despite the colder weather. Richard Barratt has started work to tackle this as a priority. We urge people not to leave valuable items in vehicles.

Please contact Marlborough NPT for any crime prevention advice or to pass on details of individuals or groups who you feel would benefit from some input.

3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy

As has previously been mentioned there has been a change to the structure of police reports to focus on the Wiltshire Police Control Strategy which describes the current and emerging threats that are of greatest impact to Wiltshire's Communities.



Cybercrime

Cybercrime is a growing area of crime (Wiltshire Police has seen a 26% increase in reports of cyber related crime in the last year). Criminals are moving online and there is an increasing cyber element to many traditional crimes.

Marlborough Neighbourhood Policing Team have been visiting local schools to deliver lessons on cyber-crime and bullying. The course is aimed at primary school aged children. Several lessons have been delivered across the Marlborough and Pewsey areas recently and there are further lessons planned.

Wiltshire Police have a dedicated Cybercrime Facebook page 'CyberBee WiseWilts' which aims to help people to avoid becoming victims of cybercrime. There are regular cyber safety messages and updates so this is well worth visiting, particularly as 80% of cybercrime can be prevented by following simple online security advice.

Domestic Abuse

Marlborough NPT regularly has involvement in attending incidents of domestic abuse and through liaison with other departments within Wiltshire Police we are able to identify those people who are repeat victims so that safeguarding measures can be put in place.

High Risk Victims

Unfortunately, there have recently been a number of scams and bogus calls to vulnerable and elderly residents across our NPT areas, such as telephone calls from people purporting to be police officers. These incidents can lead to distraction burglaries or people parting with large amount of money. NPT officers have been visiting the victims of these crimes and giving advice to elderly residents and the most vulnerable in our communities to help reduce the likelihood of their criminal exploitation.

Marlborough NPT has recently been engaging with schools, giving stranger danger talks and assisting Wiltshire Life Education Centre with inputs to primary school aged children. These inputs are a great way for younger people to engage with police and for them to take on board valuable information to reduce the risk of them becoming victims.

If you have any concerns about a vulnerable person, please contact Wiltshire Police.

High Risk Offenders

The NPT work closely with the Public Protection Department to identify persistent or dangerous offenders, to engage with them and to take positive action where required.

Marlborough NPT are currently engaging with the family of a persistent offender who spends some time in the Marlborough area. It is hoped that this engagement will help to reduce reoffending.

It is a fact that 60% of organised criminals are involved in drugs supply. Last year three people were arrested by Marlborough NPT after being found in possession of cannabis and Class A drugs. After lengthy enquiries, which were concluded this week, two of the people have been charged with being concerned in the supply of cannabis, and one has been given a caution for being in possession of cannabis.

Priority Locations

Marlborough NPT regularly identifies areas of vulnerability, high risk, and harm.

As a result of recent thefts and burglaries, a number of officers will be altering shifts in the coming weeks to focus on the locations where the majority of offences are occurring.

Other Local Issues

- On the 17th December a vehicle was stopped by PC Boardman on the A346 out of Marlborough towards Ogbourne St George. The driver produced a bag of cannabis and was subsequently issued with a fixed penalty notice for possession of cannabis.
- On the 23rd December a vehicle was stopped on the A4 outside of Marlborough. The driver was found to be in possession of cocaine. He was subsequently charged to appear at court at a later date.
- On the 31st December a vehicle was stopped on London Road in Marlborough. The driver was found in possession of an amount of cannabis and was arrested and charged.
- On the 15th January a male was arrested in Marlborough after trying to pay in to a bank a large amount of cash which was suspected to be stolen. The male has been bailed pending further enquiries.
- There have recently been four reported thefts of Catalytic Converters in the Marlborough area. Unfortunately, there are no suspects at this stage but enquiries are ongoing.
- On the 23rd December there was a report of hare coursing around the Avebury area. A vehicle was stopped and five people were arrested and are currently on bail.

We are continuing to use Community Messaging and would like more residents and businesses to sign up to it:
www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

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