

Pewsey Area Board

February 2016

1. Neighbourhood Policing

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

Pewsey East

PC Teresa Herbert

Pewsey West

PC Dave McCalmont

Pewsey PCSO (both areas)

Jonathan Mills

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

- **Non-dwelling burglaries** in Burbage and Great Bedwyn. This was created following an increase in the number of burglaries that have been reported recently. Pewsey NPT will target this by carrying out regular high visibility patrols in the area, particularly on evening shifts and look at target hardening measures with the most vulnerable and isolated victims.
- **Hare coursing / poaching** in Upavon, Rushall, Alton Barnes and the areas of Stanton St Bernard and Patney. There have recently been many reports of hare coursing / poaching in the Pewsey West area. The NPT will be carrying out policing operations with the rural crime team.
- **Speeding** - The A345 through Oare from both directions, the Andover Road coming in to Upavon (60mph into 30mph) and through the village of East Stowell. To tackle this the NPT will carry out speed checks in the area at different times of the day, liaise with the local Community Speed Watch group and the primary school and local residents to identify any repeat offenders, education of drivers by paying personal visits to the home addresses of speeders who have been identified by the local CSW.
- **Speeding** - Great Bedwyn, Burbage, Easton Royal and Milton Lilbourne.

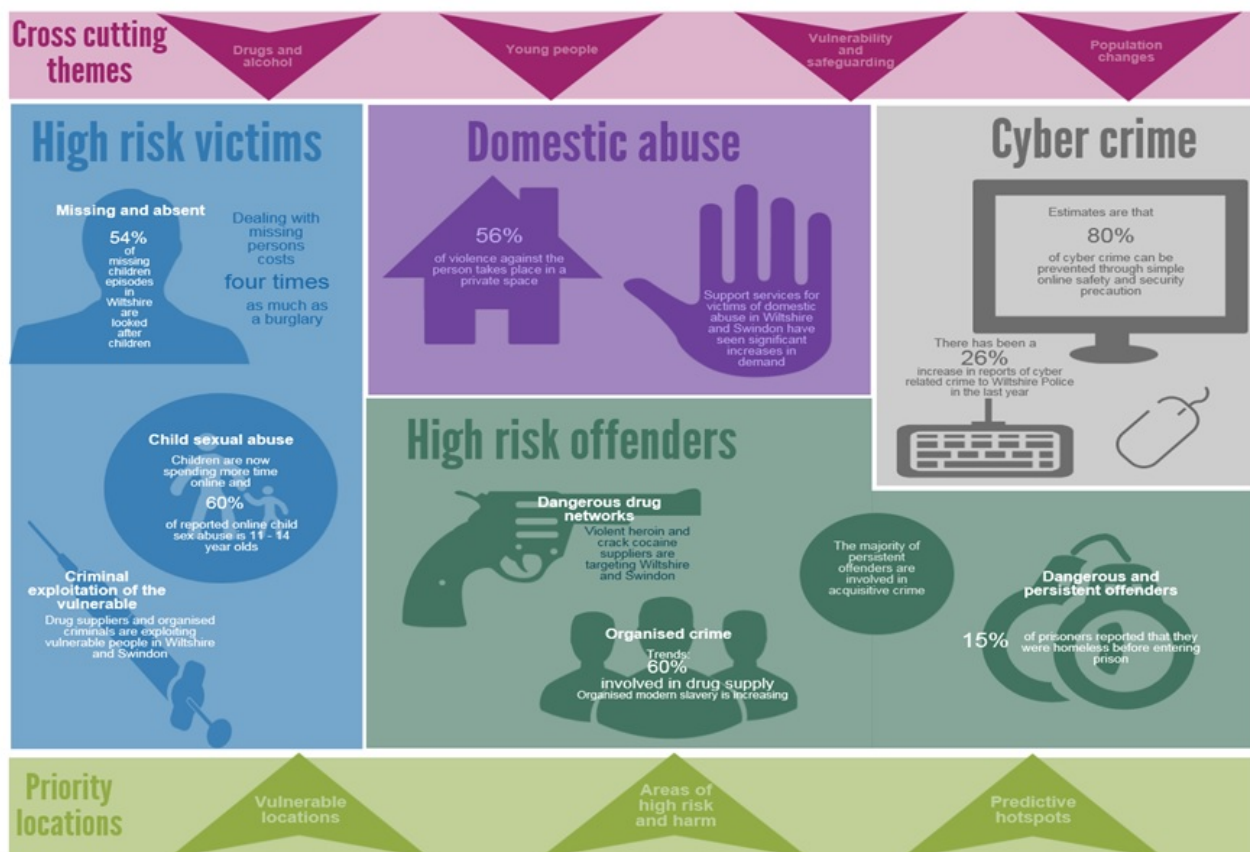
Since the beginning of the year there have been eight non-dwelling burglaries in and around the Pewsey area.

There has also been two commercial burglaries – one attempt break in to the Post Office in Upavon, and one where a large number of cigarettes were taken from the Co-Op in Pewsey.

Beauty Spot crime continues to occur, despite the colder weather. We urge people not to leave valuable items in their vehicles.

3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy

As has previously been mentioned, the structure of police reports has changed 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

The Neighbourhood Policing Team has been dealing with an incident of online fraud in Pewsey in the last two months, whereby a suspect has been using the victim's details to obtain credit and order goods without the victim's permission. As well as giving advice on protecting themselves online to prevent this from continuing, the NPT made a report to Action Fraud.

In Wiltshire, figures show that the people most likely to be affected by cybercrime are those aged 11 to 30, while those aged 40 to 49 are most likely to be victims of online fraud, We continue to educate our young people of the dangers they face online to ensure they are protected. Pewsey NPT have visited some schools in the area to deliver lessons on cybercrime and bullying and continue to visit victims and potential victims of online fraud, to raise awareness of cybercrime and cyber safety, and educate people on how to protect themselves online.

Domestic Abuse

The NPT continue to receive information about domestic incidents in the area and assist in helping to put safeguarding measures in place to prevent people from becoming repeat victims.

Domestic abuse can take many forms beyond physical violence (such as patterns of threats, humiliation, or dictating what a partner wears) and there is now new legislation which enables the CPS to bring charges where there is evidence of repeated, or continuous, controlling or coercive behaviour within an intimate or family relationship. The new offence will help the police service and CPS to prosecute offenders of domestic abuse and protect victims.

As an NPT we have been making people aware of this legislation to encourage more victims to report matters of a domestic nature.

High Risk Victims

We previously reported on scams and bogus calls to vulnerable and elderly people. In recent months, Pewsey NPT have visited victims of these scams in Chirton, Bottlesford, and Burbage. In addition, on the 16th March, a community crime reduction event has been arranged for the The Good Companions group, which PC Herbert will be attending along with the Bobby van and hopefully the Crime Reduction officer with Wiltshire Police. PC Herbert will be doing a presentation to cover the topics of home security, cyber crime, phone scams and cold callers.

The presentation will also aim to encourage contact with Police to report suspicious people, and vehicles at the time and to give reassurance that we are a community, working together to develop intelligence and deal with criminality.

A similar event is to be planned for the east villages in general.

High Risk Offenders

Details of persistent and dangerous offenders continue to be sent to the NPT to take positive action where required.

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

- **Dog Bite:** At 0850 hours on 23rd February, an 11 year old boy was bitten by a dog in Wilcot Road, Pewsey whilst on his way to school. It is not believed that this caused any injury and is currently being investigated.
- **Indecent Exposure:** On two occasions on the 8th February, the driver of a lorry exposed himself to members of the public in Pewsey. Enquiries are being made in to this by PC McCalmont and PCSO Mills. The lorry is not local, it was passing through the area.
- **Vehicle Crime:** 8 thefts have occurred in various areas in and around the Pewsey area since the New Year.
- **Dog Bite:** On the 18th January, a dog bit a member of the public as they jogged past in Bitham Lane, Shalbourne. The jogger sustained a puncture wounds and a scratch. Enquiries to identify the owner are ongoing.
- **Theft:** On the 17th February an unknown suspect has taken approximately 600 litres of diesel heating fuel from an oil tank from the High Street in Great Bedwyn. Enquiries in to this are ongoing.
- **Criminal Damage:** 2 males and a female suspect caused damage to the window of a shop in Pewsey. The matter will be dealt with by way of community resolution

Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging

You can sign up for free messages - by email, text or voicemail - about policing and crime matters relating to your local area and interests by joining Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging.

Wiltshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, Angus Macpherson, are committed to involving communities in the prevention and reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour. Working alongside Neighbourhood Watch, Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging aims to improve the flow of information between communities and the police.

Local officers send messages to keep their local communities informed about police and crime matters in their area. Message types include witness appeals for local incidents, updates on local issues (e.g. anti-social behaviour), crime prevention advice and dates of local drop in sessions. The public can also respond to messages with information and take an active part in how their area is policed.

To find out more and to sign up visit www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk or speak to your local police officer.

Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging is NOT monitored 24 hours a day. Always call 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency.

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