Police Report for Marlborough Area Board

Tuesday 27th September 2016

Marlborough Neighbourhood Police Team:

Police Sergeant Christian Wells – Marlborough and Pewsey NPT

PC Nick Spargo – Marlborough Town

PCSO Mark Braithwaite – Marlborough Town

PC Stan Boardman – Rural East

PC Richard Barratt – Rural West

PCSO Polly Ritchie – Rural West

Local Priorities and Community Issues:

Rural Crime including Theft and Burglary offences –

There were 5 commercial burglaries, 2 dwelling burglaries and 2 non-dwelling burglaries in July/August.

In response to the rise in dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries, we have increased targeted patrols and have carried out a planned Rural Crime Operation in August to target these offences. More operations will follow. We have been involved in the investigations and offered practical crime prevention advice for all these offences.

We have also been working with a crime prevention officer to put target hardening measures in place at our most vulnerable locations across the wider Neighbourhood Policing area.

Important message for our communities - Please revisit your security features on your property, such as chains and locks, CCTV, and lighting.
Also consider:
•   Security marking items
•   Recording Serial numbers
•   Photographing items
•   Locking away and securing valuable items when not in use
•   Having secured access point into yards/premises
•   Install CCTV as a deterrent / evidence gathering tool
If you have any information in relation to these types of crime please let us know. As you can imagine such crimes are incredibly distressing for victims.

Anti-social behaviour and drug (cannabis) use at The Recreation Ground –

We have increased our presence at this location over the summer months, engaged with young people and users of the recreation facilities, and disrupted potential criminal and anti-social activity. We have noticed a significant reduction in the number of people congregating in motor vehicles at the location. There has been very little evidence of drug use at the location.

Incidents recorded by Wiltshire Police in the Marlborough area (July & August 2016):
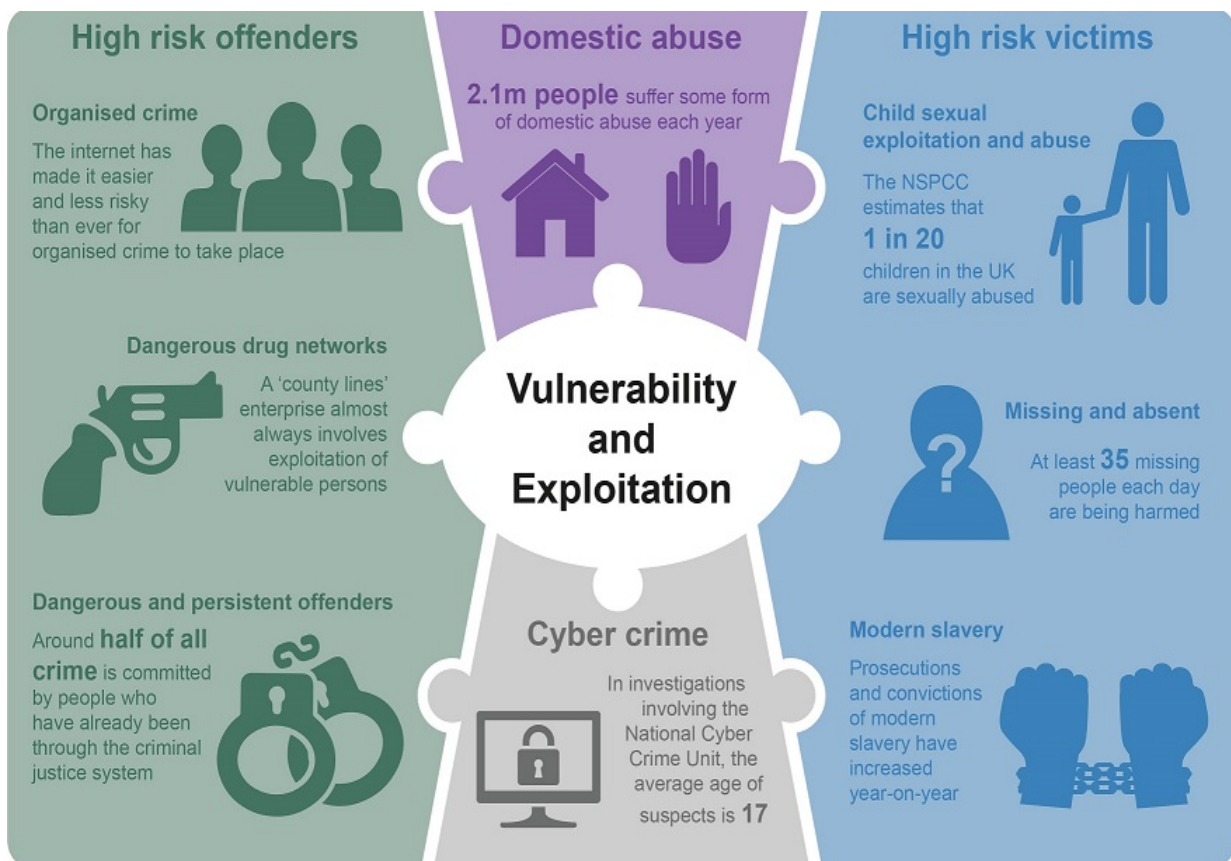
Anti-Social Behaviour/Nuisance – 5

Vehicle Crime – 3

Burglary – Dwelling 2, Non-dwelling 2, Commercial 5

Theft/Shoplifting – 4

Criminal Damage – 6

Wiltshire Police Control Strategy

High risk offenders

Organised crime
The internet has made it easier and less risky than ever for organised crime to take place

Dangerous drug networks
A 'county lines' enterprise almost always involves exploitation of vulnerable persons

Dangerous and persistent offenders
Around **half of all crime** is committed by people who have already been through the criminal justice system

Domestic abuse
2.1m people suffer some form of domestic abuse each year

Vulnerability and Exploitation

Cyber crime
In investigations involving the National Cyber Crime Unit, the average age of suspects is **17**

High risk victims

Child sexual exploitation and abuse
The NSPCC estimates that **1 in 20** children in the UK are sexually abused

Missing and absent
At least **35** missing people each day are being harmed

Modern slavery
Prosecutions and convictions of modern slavery have increased year-on-year

Domestic Abuse

There have been 10 reported domestic incidents (July/August). The vast majority of these incidents were verbal arguments only, with no offences disclosed. There are no High Risk Domestic Abuse cases ongoing in Marlborough at the time of writing.

Cyber Crime

Nothing to report for Marlborough during this period.

High Risk Victims

The Neighbourhood Police Team are monitoring two young people *at risk* of Child Sexual Exploitation. An investigation is ongoing and the most recent review indicated that the subjects are safe and well, engaging with Police and other agencies and the risk level has reduced significantly. There have been no reported Missing People.

High Risk Offenders

Drugs – Two arrested following drugs warrant in Marlborough…

Press release:

Two people have been arrested following a drugs warrant at an address in Marlborough this morning (19th August). Officers executed the warrant under Section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act at an address in Baylie Acre at approximately 7.30am. Once inside the property a large quantity of suspected cocaine and herbal cannabis was located, with an estimated street value of approximately £3,000. A 33-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A drugs and a 27-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A and B drugs. Both were taken to custody at Gablecross Police Station in Swindon where they remain (They have subsequently been released on Police Bail).

Acting Police Sergeant Jansen Carter said: "As a result of community intelligence, we were able to successfully execute a warrant which has led to the seizure of a sizable amount of drugs and the arrest of two people.
"I hope this shows that Wiltshire Police take all reports of drug activity extremely seriously and will always act on any information we receive.
"Local intelligence can play a large part in warrants like this and with the public's help, we can take action.
"We will continue to be proactive in stamping out drug use as we understand the huge impact this type of illegal activity can have on local communities."

Police Sergeant Christian Wells added: "Local intelligence is of utmost importance as clearly the police cannot always be present when criminal activity, which harms communities, is taking place. It is often the case that we must react to information being passed to us from concerned members of the public when they see something which doesn't look or feel right. There is a robust filtering system in place ensuring that information and intelligence is categorised, and therefore dealt with, appropriately. Clearly on this occasion the information passed to the police was accurate and significant enough to help convince a Magistrate to issue a search warrant. Upon executing the warrant and finding the controlled drugs, the hard work of local Police Officers, in partnership with members of the local community, was vindicated. Wiltshire Police will continue to listen carefully to residents and business owners who take the brave step to stand up for what is right, and will act upon legitimate information about criminal and anti-social activity. This will enable us to provide our communities with the best possible service and continue to protect them from harm.
"Drug use is a problematic issue for every town across the country. Marlborough is not exempt from that challenge, but thankfully the supply of drugs in large quantities is not something that blights this town. We should not shy away from the issue and therefore it is important that the public plays its part in combating it – this example proves that the police do take your concerns seriously and will enforce the law as swiftly and forcefully as necessary."