



## **Cricklade, Purton and Royal Wootton Bassett Community Policing Team Update**



Hello and welcome to this latest Community Policing report.

Over the last few months Wiltshire Police has rolled out its Community Policing Team (CPT) model across Wiltshire and Swindon.

Any large scale restructuring is naturally likely to have its teething problems but I am delighted to say that so far the response has been positive. I extend my thanks to everybody within the community for their assistance and valuable feedback, which helps us to continuously improve the way we work and ultimately helps us provide the high quality of service you all deserve and expect.

Partnership work has been incredibly important in this process and we are keen to continue, where possible, working in a joined up approach to deliver that high standard of service.

As we head in to the New Year we can look forward to seeing the results of ongoing innovation and investment within Wiltshire Police. Senior leaders within the organisation have made a clear commitment to ensuring the workforce is fit and well for work and have outlined their dedication to embracing innovation and technology so that officers and staff are able to do their jobs serving and protecting the people of Wiltshire and Swindon confidently, effectively and efficiently.

I would like to reassure you that we are working to improve our 101 system. We have made efforts to ensure the service you can expect to receive when calling for non-emergencies is high quality and we are continuing to work to reduce the time it takes to get through to us.

Going forward, as ever, we welcome and encourage your feedback. Wiltshire Police is here to serve you and we always want to know where you think we can improve and of course where you think we have done well. I wish you all a safe and happy 2017.

**Crimes that have an impact on the community  
reported between 11th November 2016 and 4th January 2016**

These are not all the crimes reported and do not include offences between family members, road traffic collisions or driving offences but are crimes where the community may be effected, where being aware of the crime may help prevent you becoming a victim or where we are seeking witnesses or information.

**Burglary**

In mid November a burglary occurred in Lyneham, 1 male is on bail for this burglary and 1 is wanted. This is an ongoing investigation.

Between 11th November and 15th December 23 burglaries occurred in Royal Wootton Bassett Town area. A male is in custody after having been arrested for a burglary in Chippenham and will be questioned with regards to the Royal Wootton Bassett burglaries in January. This is an ongoing investigation and we are unable to provide further information with regards to the offences.

On 25th November a burglary occurred at Pauls Croft Cricklade, where entry was gained by smashing patio doors.

On 27th November a burglary occurred at North Wall Cricklade, where entry was gained by smashing patio doors.

On 19th December 2016 at Whitcombe Close, Lyneham suspects tried to gain entry to a house by forcing the front door.

On 23rd December a burglary occurred at Purton Working Mens club where a window was smashed, entry was not gained.

Between 27th December 2016 and 28th December 2016 two Commercial units at Garraways , Royal Wootton Bassett were broken into and cash and other items stolen.

The email address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing team is  
northwiltshirecpt@wiltshire.police.uk  
Please phone 101, or 999 in an emergency to report any incidents or  
crimes

## **Criminal Damage**

On 14th November 2016 at the Cricklade Leisure Centre, graffiti was sprayed on to a wall and on the 9th December 2016 a child's scooter was damaged at the centre.

On 29th November 2016 a plastic toilet roll holder was set fire to in the High Street, Cricklade. There were two further incidents of criminal damage reported in Cricklade.

On 9th December 2016 at Pound close, Lyneham a window of a house was smashed.

On 11th December 2016 in Mustang Way Swindon a vehicle was damaged whilst parked on the road

On 12th December 2016 a vehicle in Greenhill had its tyres slashed.

On 27th December at North wall, Cricklade a brick was thrown, smashing the window of a house.

## **Drink drivers**

On 13th November in Royal Wootton Bassett officers attended a road traffic collision and gave the driver a drink drive breath test. This was positive and the driver was arrested. They appeared in court on 1st December 2016 and were banned from driving for 12 months.

On 20th December 2016 at The Fox, Purton a driver was given a drink drive breath test and was found to be over the prescribed limit. The roadside sample was 119 Microgrammes of Alcohol per 100 Millilitres of Breath. The driver is due to appear in court on 11th January 2017.

## **Drugs**

On 11th November in Chelworth a male was searched by police officers and found in possession of cannabis. He was given a caution.

On 30th November on the B4042 a car was stopped by officers and a male has subsequently been summonsed to appear in court after being found in possession amount of Class A and Class C drugs.

On 3rd December after the execution of a drugs warrant in Royal Wootton Bassett a female was located in possession of cannabis

## **Theft**

Between 16/12/2016 and 03/01/17 There were three thefts or attempted thefts of gas/propane cylinders from Royal Wootton Bassett and Broad Town

Between 25th November and 29th November a fork lift was stolen from a farm at Greenhill, Royal Wootton Bassett.

On 17th December 2016 a dog cage was stolen from a front garden in Swindon Road, Cricklade

On 20th December 2016 we had three reports of theft of milk from doorsteps.

## **Vehicle crime**

During the period there have been 16 reports of thefts from vehicles, this included 3 in the area of the Hilton Hotel at Lydiard Fields, 4 in royal Wootton Bassett and 1 in Cricklade. There was an unusually high level of 8 reported in Purton, over 2 weekends, increased patrols in the area stopped further reports.



**The link below is for Community Messaging. PC Poole, Community Coordinator for this area sends out a daily message, if there has been any crime that she feels will benefit the community to be aware of. This includes thefts, scams and burglaries, the aim is to inform you of what is happening in your area, help you take any actions to avoid becoming a victim of crime and to alert you as a potential witness to any crime. Its easy to sign up and only messages, relevant to your area, are sent to your email inbox.**

**<https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>**

## Local Priorities

Since the Community Policing Team Model rolled out, we have been setting the local area priorities in a more fluid way. The priorities, in the most simplistic form, are what officers are expected to be doing, and where they should be patrolling, when they are not responding to ongoing crimes or incidents, or not carrying out enquiries relating to those crimes and incidents.

The priorities are set every two weeks and may be long term or short term. They are decided upon by Police Sergeant Gill Hughes and Inspector Dave Hobman using various information including:

- the views and concerns of the public expressed at area board and other public meetings.
- reviewing crime reports to enable the identification of crime series or identification of prolific offenders.
- reviewing logs of calls created by the control room that often highlight problems with antisocial behaviour, speeding, dangerous driving etc. that impact the community in a detrimental way.
- evaluating information received from the Police Community Support Officers and the Community Coordinator, who assist with identifying local issues and working on medium to long term issues for the community.
- the input of the team sergeants who supervise the PCs in the sector and allocate and manage crimes and incidents as they are reported.
- various other departments can also add to this picture such as intelligence units and crime analysts.

The force control strategy is also used to evaluate the priorities considering threat, harm and risk.

The priorities for the whole of this Community Policing Team i.e. Royal Wootton Bassett, Malmesbury and Cricklade have during November and December included :

- Road Safety—officers have carried out speed checks, drink drive checks and have carried out high visibility patrols in the areas most effected by speed, dangerous driving and around vulnerable areas such as schools and villages. Both fixed penalty tickets and court summons have resulted from this. A face book campaign reinforcing road safety took place. Disqualified drivers have been targeted and arrested whilst driving. Vehicles have been seized as a result of having no insurance. Training is taking place in January and February that will see a marked increase in officers qualified to use the speed gun.

- Tackling Anti Social Behaviour in Cricklade. This has been a priority since 28th November 2016. A multi-agency response where the police, council, housing associations, youth engagement workers, drug counsellors and others come together to tackle issues of persistent antisocial behaviour is currently taking place in Cricklade. This is very much ongoing work and so far 25 youths and young adults have been given multi agency warning letters, with visits carried out by officers to inform parents of their children's behaviour. 3 people have been given Community Protection Warning Notices—this is a power given to police using the Anti Social Behaviour Act of 2014, if the people served with the notices continue to act in an anti social manner they can be issued with a full notice that means they can be arrested for any further Anti Social Behaviour. Evidence is being gathered against one other for a Community Protection Warning Notice and a civil injunction is being considered for one other youth. 2 further youths will be issued with Acceptable Behaviour Contracts in conjunction with Housing, this can be the first step in the tenancy of their homes being withdrawn but also gives them every chance with support to change their behaviour. Officers have increased patrols in the area and this has enabled many of the youths to be identified and a clear message given that ASB will not be accepted. In the run up to Christmas special constables were utilised to work with the local Police Community support Officers to provide a high profile presence in Cricklade.
- Detecting and reducing burglaries (whole sector) - a number of arrests have taken place and there are a number of ongoing investigations relating to burglaries in the sector.
- Targeting the supply of controlled substances (whole sector) - A drugs warrant was carried out in Royal Wootton Bassett with a positive result. Areas where drugs are being sold or taken have also been identified and patrols increased in these areas. We have identified people that we suspect are involved in supplying drugs and made it a local priority to build evidence against these individuals for further drug warrants.



## Burglaries

The Community Policing Team was recently asked by one of the Town Councils about how we investigate burglaries and as we have been suffering from an usually high number in Royal Wootton Bassett we felt it may be appropriate to pass this information on to everyone.

When investigating a dwelling burglary the following actions will be the minimum carried out by officers;

- Officers will attend the address
- A statement of evidence will be taken from the victim
- House to House enquiries take place to identify witnesses and also any CCTV opportunities. Statements will be taken from any witnesses.
- If the crime scene is suitable for a forensic examination, crime scene investigators will attend and obtain any evidence, such as finger prints or DNA collection. Any positive finds, that do not lead to an offender being identified on this occasion are recorded on a database that can lead to detections in the future.
- A description is taken of any stolen items, this is circulated amongst second hand sellers and various databases.
- Investigative work can take place regarding any use of phones, ipads etc. stolen in the burglary that occur after the burglary.
- If a vehicle is suspected to be involved Automatic Number Plate recognition databases are searched. This search can be done on vehicle makes and partial registration numbers for example.
- If the victim is over 60 they will be offered the services of the Bobby van, assisting with securing the property and offering crime prevention advice.
- The victim will be referred to Horizon, our victim support unit.
- Crime prevention advice is given by officers to prevent further offences.

Depending on the circumstances there are also other options open to investigating officers that can be provided by specialist departments within Wiltshire Police, but we tend to hold these close to our chest as they are the more covert options.



Here are Wiltshire Police's top ten tips to 'beat the burglar':



1. Store valuable items out of view

Burglars look for an easy entry with good escape routes. Don't openly display your valuables, window so they are easily visible from the street. It's too tempting and unlike John Lewis you don't want to advertise your goods.

2. Don't leave car keys where they can be hooked through a letter box or where they are easily accessible if you do have a burglary.

3. Going away? Then plan ahead.

Burglars look for occupancy cues and clues. If you're going away, cancel any newspaper or milk subscriptions. Arrange for a neighbour to park on the driveway to help create the impression someone is home. Don't leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like "we're away until..." – burglars love to know they have plenty of time to ransack your house! Make use of inexpensive light timers.

4. Don't hide keys, and use alarms if you have them. Burglars know to look for hidden door keys so don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead give the spare key to family or trusted neighbour. If you have an alarm, make sure it is on.

5. Check doors and windows for weak spots. Burglars prefer to enter through unlocked doors or windows. Sliding windows that are not secure can be seen from distance. Nearly a third of all burglaries happen through windows. Installing a few dead-bolts and new window hinges could significantly increase the security of your home.

6. Protect your Identity. It's good practice never to dispose of receipts and personal paperwork without first shredding it. Be careful though not to shred any important warranty details, make sure documents you keep are stored somewhere secure.

7. Dispose of packaging carefully. If you can't take packaging to a recycling point, make sure you only put your rubbish out just before the collection and do your best to fold boxes so that they do not advertise your new contents of your home to thieves!

8. Secure garages and sheds. Make sure that garden tools or ladders are not left lying around or accessible from an unlocked garden shed. Garages are often targets for burglars looking for tools, bikes and gardening equipment – make sure the garage is secure and your possessions are secured too.

9. Fortify your home - Install solid core doors, heavy duty locks, longer screws in the lock strike plates and door hinges, and install secondary security.

10. Insure you home - Make sure your home contents insurance policy is up-to-date and that any special, high value items are included.



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