

Marlborough Area Board Police Report January 2017

1. East Community Policing Team

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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.

Our free Community Messaging service will also help keep you updated about policing and crime in your local area <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

2. Current Community Policing Team priorities. Marlborough and surrounding areas.

Traffic matters.

Officers continue to focus upon this priority which includes speed enforcement. Engagements with our Community Speedwatch teams are ongoing by our CPT members including by our Special Constabulary Colleagues. The most recent action in this area was a session in Marlborough by Special Police Sergeant TURNER on 23rd December 2016 as part of a day of speed enforcement throughout the area.

Hare coursing and poaching.

This is a sector wide priority. Since commencing activity against this priority at the end of November 2016, there have been 66 extra patrols recorded. On 26 November 2016, five males were arrested for hare coursing in the Upavon area. All five have been bailed for further enquiries. We have recently conducted a social media campaign to raise the awareness of this crime area which created significant online debate. Hare Coursing remains popular with a small proportion of the population and we will continue to target these criminals.

Dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries.

From a review of the numbers of burglaries in Marlborough and the surrounding area which total twenty nine since the commencement of CPT on 17th October 2016 we have now created this as a priority to allow for targeted patrols, intelligence development and progress in these investigations.

We have experienced a significant reduction in the numbers of burglaries in the Pewsey villages in recent months following our focus upon such a priority; seven burglaries in total reported between 26th October to 28th December 2016 compared with the two months previously which totalled twenty six.

Wiltshire Police will be continuing to limit the number of offences by pro-active policing and ongoing policing operations in these areas. A rural crime operation is planned for early February. It is planned that this will involve local estate managers and gamekeepers, as well as our colleagues from Thames Valley Police.

Community intelligence is crucial for us to take action on this priority so please continue to report incidents, information and any concerns.

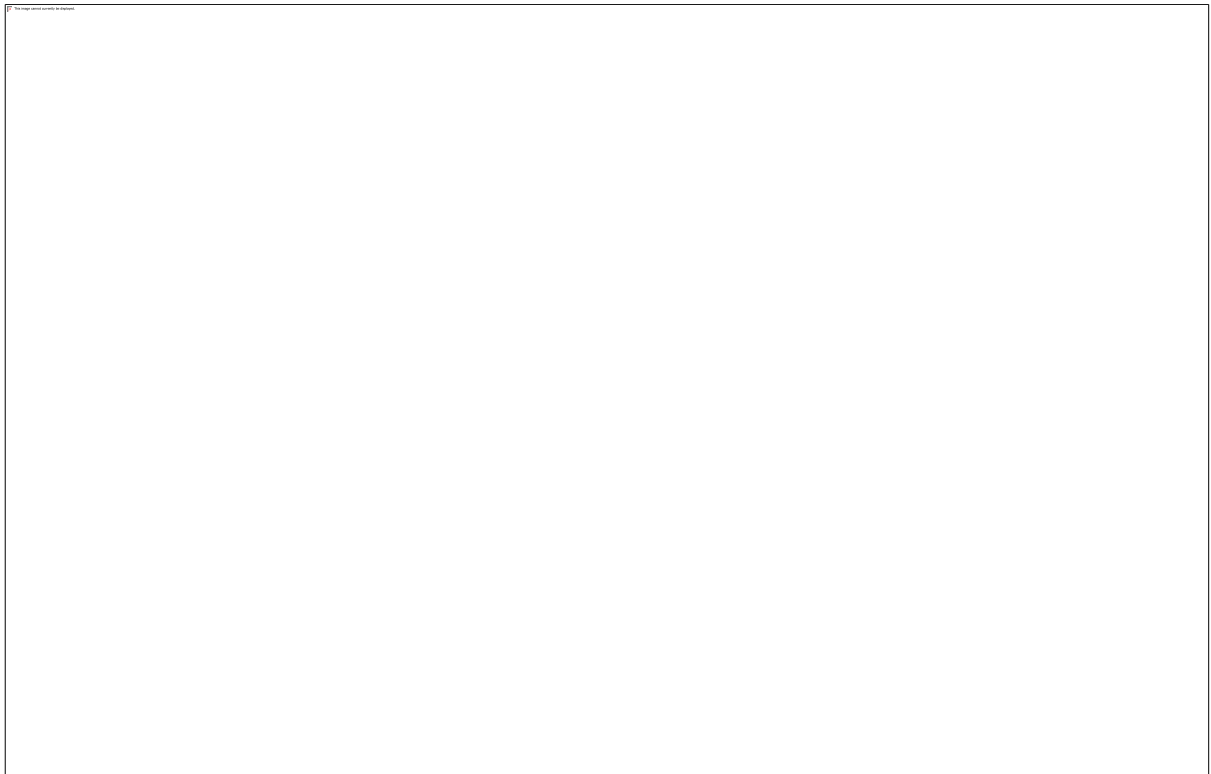
Please also revisit your security features on your property, such as chains and locks, CCTV, and lighting. Also consider:

- 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.
- Checking outbuildings on a daily basis

Purse thefts - Closure.

Our policing priority concerning purse and wallet thefts from Waitrose in the town centre has now been closed following the identification of two suspects who were identified following circulation of CCTV images. This was excellent work conducted by the local officer in partnership with the Town Council. The suspects were from Bedfordshire.

3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy



Cybercrime

There have been no reported instances of cybercrime since the last meeting.

Domestic Abuse

Our community policing team continue to work closely with victims to domestic violence, in the investigation of these offences and provide further support via partner agencies.

High Risk Victims

Following good proactive work, a young person was recently located at an address in Marlborough. It was quickly ascertained that he was a missing child from London. He was immediately removed from the address and returned to the address from which he was missing. Potential offences for the adult male at the address are still being investigated.

Please be vigilant in your communities to young people that seem out of place or vulnerable. Please report any concerns immediately to Police.

High Risk Offenders

The Community Policing Team continues to work, proactively with the Offender Management Team and Probation in the management of prolific and persistent offenders.

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