



Melksham Area Board

Hello and welcome to this Community Policing report.

The New Year is well underway and over the coming months and into the future, Wiltshire Police will be continuing to develop its workforce model. The policing landscape that we face is ever more complex and challenging and within that is the reality of financial pressures that continue to present difficulties. With this in mind Wiltshire Police is committed to effective and efficient policing through making sure we have the right people with the right training in the right place. We have reinforced our efforts to embrace diversity, give everybody the opportunity to succeed and be inclusive in all we do. Ultimately, we do this to ensure that you are provided with the service that you expect.

Many of you may know that the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan has been out for consultation. When finalised, it will set Wiltshire Police clear priorities and highlight opportunities for us to work to improve our service.

Over February Wiltshire Police will be involved in a number of campaigns revolving around vulnerability as well as youth engagement and will participate in three national campaigns:

- 6-12 February: Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week
For further information, to find support in your local area or to find details of awareness events happening near you, please visit www.sexualabuseandsexualviolenceawarenessweek.org
- 7 February: Safer Internet Day
- 27 February: Student Volunteering Week.
This event will give us an opportunity to promote our successful Volunteer Police Cadet scheme, which currently has units in Swindon, Chippenham, Trowbridge and Salisbury.

Additionally Wiltshire Police will be attending the Wiltshire Youth Summit, which will take place at Devizes School. We are also delighted to be welcoming police colleagues from across the South West region as it hosts a regional conference for the Black Police Association in February.

As always we are grateful your feedback; Wiltshire Police is here to serve you and we always like to hear what we have done well or where you think we could improve.

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COMMUNITY MESSAGING

Working with our local communities, we have been developing ways to reach out to all our communities and keep everyone up to date with the latest information that matters to you in your area.

Through feedback and working with our local communities, we have developed the use of <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/> and are now sending out daily updates around crimes that matter to you in your area. This is enabling us to reach as much of our community as possible, as quickly as possible and impart any new crime prevention advice or information about incidents that may affect you in your community that we feel you need to know about.

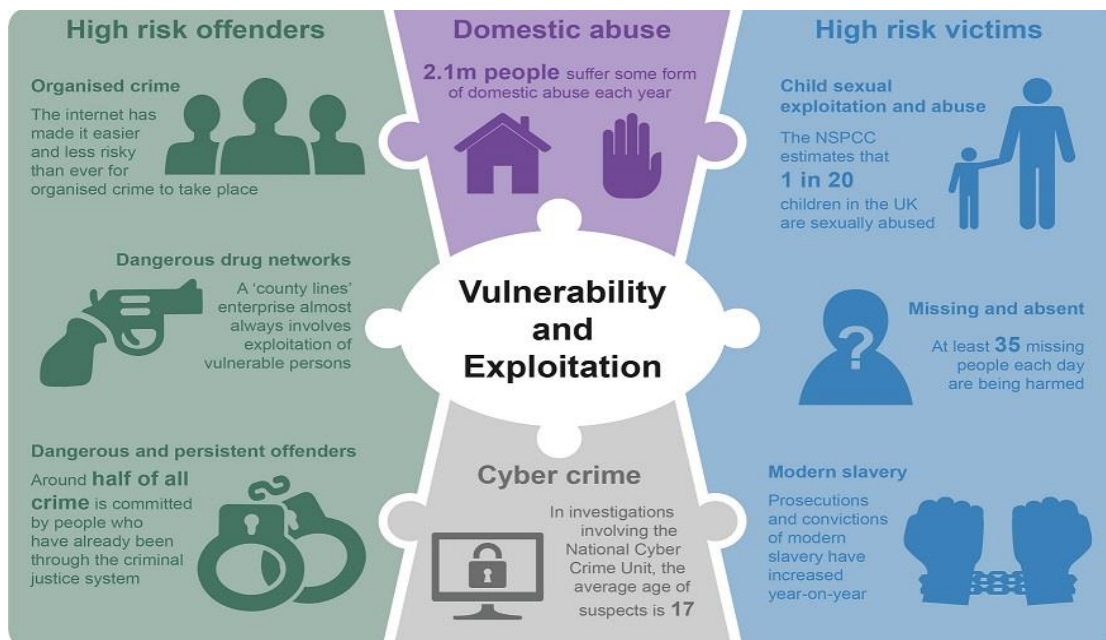
We have received some very positive feedback around this and encourage you to speak to all members of your community and encourage them to sign up to Wiltshire Messaging. It is free and a very good way of keeping all our communities connected.

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

CONTROL STRATEGY

Below is our control strategy for your reference. This focuses on where how we conduct our operational Policing based on the Police & Crime Plan. We will continue to align our resources with the threat/harm/risks presented in line with the control strategy.

- Domestic abuse / Cyber Crime / High risk offenders / High risk victims



CURRENT SECTOR SERIES

Crime Exceptions are the volume of crime that exceeds the levels we would expect over a specified period. This is based on evaluation of data, over like to like periods historically.

December has shown no Crime Exceptions, with all crime types falling within the parameters that we would expect to see.

Although not an exception, as numbers still within the limits, offences of Criminal Damage rose slightly during December, compared to the previous month. This was largely due to a series of damages caused to vehicles in the Hampshire Place and Devonshire Place areas of Melksham, whereby 10 vehicles had damage caused to their tyres. Extensive house to house enquiries were conducted by local Police Community Support Officers, who as a result of the incidents, increased their patrols in the area. I am pleased to report that there have been no further incidents of this nature.

On the 9th December we reported a burglary that had occurred to a hairdressers in High Street, Melksham, whereby a vehicle that had been stolen in a dwelling burglary earlier in the evening, had been used to reverse into the shop window, allowing entry, before a number of hair products were stolen from within. The stolen vehicle was later located in North Somerset, and a suspect has since been arrested and interviewed in relation to the incident.

Our previous priority set at the Community Safety Partnership centered around antisocial behavior around the Canberra Youth Centre, and as such our local Police Community Support Officers have increased their visits to the area at the key times the antisocial behavior had been reported. I am pleased to report that there have been no recent reports of antisocial behavior and as such the priority has now been closed. Community Support Officers will continue to patrol the area, however will now focus their patrols on priorities set at the next meeting on the 09th February 2017.

Charges to Note

A theft occurred at Asda Stores, Bradford Road, Melksham during the afternoon of the 06th February 2016. As a result of enquiries Nicholas GADD, 40 years of an address in Semington Road, Melksham has been charged with theft by shoplifting (x2). He was remanded to appear before Swindon Remand Court on the 17th December 2016.

Following a disorder in High Street, Melksham during the early hours of the 22nd January, Jordan PHILLIPS, 21 years of an address in West End Mews has been charged with Assault and Possession of a controlled Class B drug (x2). He has been bailed to attend Chippenham Magistrates Court on the 23rd February 2017.

Following the stop of a vehicle in Sherwood Avenue at approximately 2220 hours on the 23rd January, Mark PULLINGER, 56 years of an address in The Friars, Melksham has been charged with Driving a motor vehicle when alcohol above legal limit, failing to provide a specimen for analysis (drugs) and possession of a controlled Class B drug. He has been bailed to attend Chippenham Magistrates Court on the 09th February 2017.

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>

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