

Pewsey Area Board Police Report March 2017

1. East Community Policing Team

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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
- 7 February: Safer Internet Day
- 27 February: Student Volunteering Week (which will give us an opportunity to promote our successful Police Cadet scheme)

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.

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

1. CPT - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Current Priorities Pewsey and surrounding areas.

Dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries.

Over 160 targeted patrols have occurred since this niche priority was created on the 26th October 2016. In the last two months, we have had eleven burglaries, three dwelling and eight non-dwelling. This compares with twenty-six burglaries in the previous two months to 26th October 2016 to this area. This is most pleasing considering the expanse of area covered by the Pewsey villages. Wiltshire Police will be continuing to limit the number of offences by pro-active policing and ongoing policing operations in these areas.

Community intelligence is crucial for us to achieve this aim so please continue to report incidents, information and any concerns.

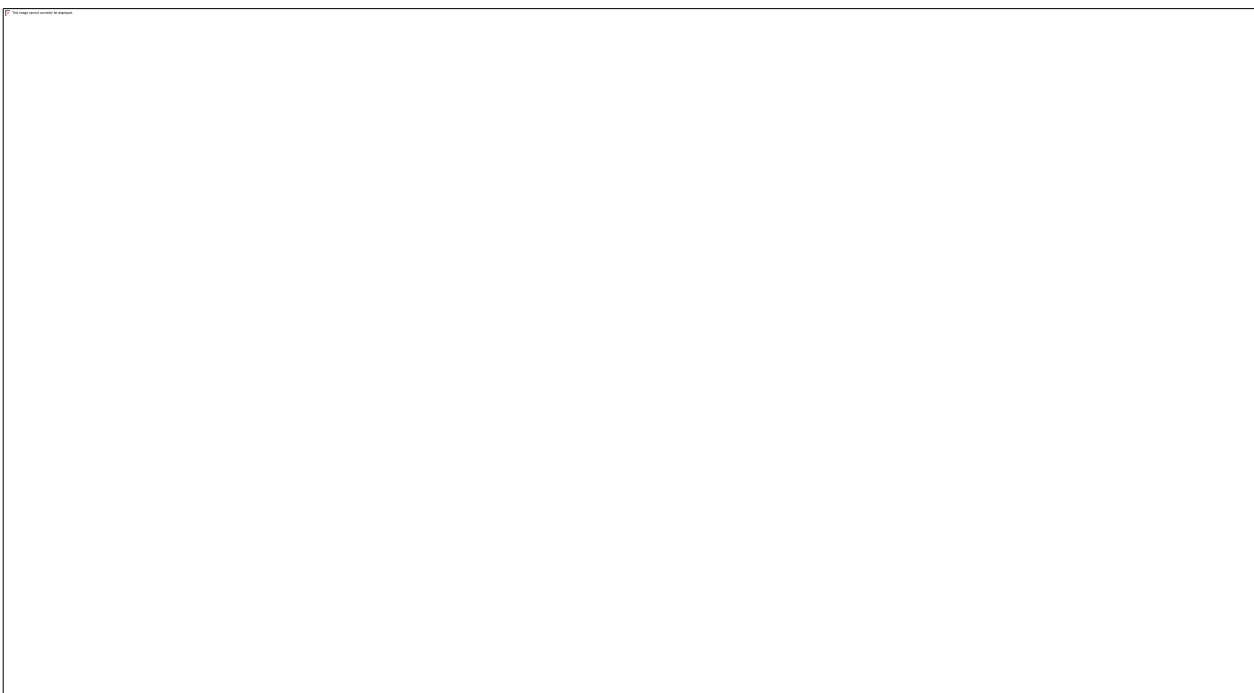
Theft from motor vehicles

Whilst predominantly a seasonal issue more prevalent in the warmer and lighter months, this area has seen a number of vehicles broken into at beauty spots. This has also spread to our villages. Again, intelligence work is ongoing to attempt to identify local offenders. Further work is being undertaken to improve signage and to highlight the possibility of offences being committed when parked in these locations.

Hare coursing and poaching.

Over 120 targeted patrols completed within this investigation, again to areas where we have experienced coursing activity. Five males were arrested in the early hours of the 26th November 2016 on suspicion of hare coursing and poaching offences. In February all 5 were convicted. A policing operation has been carried out by PC Marc JACKSON and members of our Special Constabulary in relation to rural crime, and more of these will follow in the coming months.

2. Wiltshire Police Control strategy



Cybercrime

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

Domestic Abuse

Pewsey CPT continue to be involved in pro-active engagement with a recently released prisoner for violent domestic abuse offences.

High Risk Victims

Since the last Area Board meeting I am pleased to say that we have had no reports of Rogue Trader type offences on elderly victims which I had mentioned in the last report.

Similarly, I am pleased to say that Pewsey CPT have had no recent reports of scam phone calls, particularly targeting vulnerable and elderly people. Nationally however, this remains an issue and is regularly reported on in the National news. Callers are stating they are police officers, and have a person detained who is in possession of bank and credit cards in their name. These callers then proceed to ask for details of their bank accounts and PIN numbers. They can be very convincing. The scammers will use any means to sounds plausible and stating that they are Police Officers is an obvious way to do this. You should NEVER give your passwords or PIN number to ANYONE on the phone. Please share this information with friends, relatives and relevant people to reduce their risk of becoming victims of these crimes. Advice and guidance can be found at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

High Risk Offenders

The NPT continue to work closely with the Public Protection Department to identify persistent or dangerous offenders, to engage with them and to take positive action where required.

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