



Cricklade, Purton and Royal Wootton Bassett Community Policing Team Update



Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

As many of you may have seen in the news over recent months, a number of police services nationwide have invested in body worn video cameras. Wiltshire Police is currently conducting a trial of this technology and will, further to evaluation, look to roll it out to frontline officers and staff over spring and summer.

The technology has had proven benefits in other forces and we are confident that it will help us bring offenders to justice and serve our communities more effectively and efficiently. Body worn cameras are as much about the people behind the lens as they are the people in front of the lens and they will help us to further improve openness and transparency as well as upholding the high standard of service we always aim to deliver.

Throughout March, you may notice Wiltshire Police taking a more in-depth look at equality, diversity and inclusion. At a recent conference for the South West Black Police Association, hosted at Police HQ in Devizes, Chief Constable Mike Veale discussed the importance of recognising and celebrating difference. Having a diverse organisation not only makes the police service more representative of the communities it serves, but also culturally richer and more receptive to different perspectives. We encourage you to keep an eye on our Wiltshire Police social media accounts as we offer an insight about this very important aspect of policing during March.

In addition we will be supporting a national campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of using a mobile phone while driving and to highlight the changes in legislation that come into effect in March.

Inspector Mark Luffman has now taken over from Inspector Dave Hobman as inspector for the North Wiltshire Community Policing Team and PS donna West, has replaced PS Gill Hughes, as his deputy.

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Crimes that have an impact on the community reported between 4th January 2017 and 13th March 2017

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

Between 04/01/2017 and 05/01/2017 in Mustang Way, Swindon - a cycle was stolen from an Insecure garage.

19/01/2017 Otter Way, RWB, person has attempted to gain entry to home by causing extensive damage to the door. No entry gained and nothing stolen.

23/01/2017 Hooks Hill, Purton, people have entered an insecure garage, causing damage to the garage door. Assorted Hand tools and Halfords professional 200 pieces kit worth £300.00 was stolen

Btwn 25/01/17 and 26/01/2017 Fairfield, Cricklade entry gained to a house via ground floor small UPVC window, then reached in through small open window to open larger window. LG 32"LCD television stolen.

26/01/17 Masefield Road, RWB, suspect has forced their way in through the conservatory, opened a few doors and stolen £300. He was approx . 5'7" tall, medium/stocky build wearing dark clothing/tracksuit. (enquiries ongoing)

27/01/17 High Street, Cricklade Unknown suspect (s) have broken into an unoccupied retail premises.

14/02/17 Costcutters, Lyneham 2 people were arrested and are on bail after offenders smashed the glass in the front door at the location and have entered the premises and stolen bottles of alcohol and attempted to break open a till but were unsuccessful and then attempted to gain entry to the ATM by smashing off the front panel

Between 24/02/17 and 25/02/17 Collins Lane, PURTON Unknown suspect has entered insecure vehicle and ripped off and taken the ignition compartment, further to this the suspect has then entered the insecure shed and has stolen a draw knife, a wooded plain, a large screw driller, and a Pembina rucksack all TVO £250.

Malmesbury Road Leigh 31/01/17 Entry gained into sheds, sat navs and stihl chain saw stolen

Between 13 and 06/03/17 Miltons Way, RWB person/s have forced the plastic around the lock of a detached garage. Door has been lifted and a bike has been taken which was under blanket. Stolen Road bike SCOTT SOLACE – Black and Red worth £1900

08/03/2017 High Street Cricklade – Offender broke into retail premises, Marc FEW from Cricklade has been charged with this offence.

Between 07 and 08/03/17 Alex Farm, Cricklade Unknown suspect has forced entry into property by forcing open a ground floor bathroom window. Various items were stolen from within. Suspect has also removed the fuel cap from a vehicle, scratched the rear off side door and scratched the word 'MO' on the bonnet.

Between 08/03/17 and 09/03/17 The Folly, Lyneham Unknown suspect(s) have gained entry by smashing a window that leads into kitchen. Paintings have been taken along with some china. Damage has also been caused to larder and storage room doors.

Theft

19/02/17 Royal Wootton Bassett Unknown suspect[s] have stolen 8 drums of steel wire from location. Location is a solar farm under construction.

07/01/2017 Lydiard Plain, Swindon. 2 males have attempted to steal scrap batteries, they were disturbed by the owner. They were in an R registered white LWB Mercedes van.

Between 20 and 26//01/17 Hayes Knoll, Purton An unseen person has attacked galvanised steel double farm gate at a field entrance; padlock broken off and heavy roll-over latch has been stolen

Between 13 and 14/02/2017 Britannia Crescent, Lyneham - Bathroom suite has been stolen from garden

Between 17 and 20/02/17 Quarry, Cirencester Road, Latton Unknown suspects have stolen an pneumatic breaker for an excavator TVO £4750.00, the suspects have cut through the gates and stolen the item.

Theft from motor vehicle

On evening of 04/01/2017 Pound Close, Lyneham Unknown suspect has stolen two rear tyres from IP's vehicle by unknown means, leaving the vehicle on bricks.

Between 11 and 13/03/17 16 thefts from Motor vehicles have occurred in Royal Wootton Bassett, these are mainly to insecure vehicles and appear to be happening in the early hours.

Between 06 on 07/03/17 Farm premises, Calcutt Unknown suspect/s have climbed a fence to gain access to the property, have removed keys from a number of vehicles and caused damage to vehicles.

Between 05/01/17 and 13/03/17 in Purton 9 vehicles have been broken into. Most of these offences have occurred in the early hours.

Between 05 and 07/02/17 2 vehicles in Cricklade have had the catalytic convertors removed whilst being parked on drives.

Criminal Damage

Between 10 and 11/01/17 Village Centre, Church Street, Purton Unknown person/s have caused damage to the special wet pour safety surface of a children's play ground. It has been picked at and pulled up.

11/01/2017 Deansfield, Cricklade. Offenders have smashed the window of a vehicle parked on a driveway.

5 vehicles in Lyneham, Purton and RWB have had damaged caused possibly by keys

31/01/17 North Wall, Cricklade—vehicle has been damaged whilst parked, this is 2nd times in 2 days

On 12/02/17 Cloatley Crescent, Royal Wootton Bassett - Unknown suspects has scratched both nearside doors of a vehicle

23/02/17 Pike House Close, Cricklade Suspect has kicked large hole in panel fencing.

Between 12 and 14/02/17 Swindon and Cricklade Railway, Blunsdon Unknown suspects have sprayed graffiti on three railway carriages.

Between 06 and 07/03/17 Recreation area, Church Street, Purton Unknown Suspect(s) have been climbing on roof of shed at location and have made a hole in felt roof, possibly by putting a foot through it.

Criminal damage cont...

22 to 23/02/17 Common hill Unknown Suspect(s) have driven vehicle onto Golf course. They have completed a series of spins, which has churned up the links and fairways, resulting in sections of the course being unplayable.

06 –07/03/17 The fiddle, Cricklade Unknown suspect has caused damage to the garden shed, believed to be by way of force by boot, the paint on the door has been damaged, lock still in tact.

10/03/17 Cricklade Leisure Centre Unknown suspect has caused damage to vehicle by scratching deep circle shape into paintwork. Vehicle had been parked in council run car park at leisure facility.

Drugs

04/01/2017 A male in Purton was found to be in possession of cannabis and was given a cannabis street warning.

21/01/17 at 19.43 hrs Purton – a vehicle was stopped and the occupant found in possession of what is believed to be Ketamine.



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/>

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

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 and Inspector 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 January and February included :

Reducing anti social behaviour in Cricklade, this has resulted in a number of Anti Social Behaviour Orders being issued to both adults and youths. These allow an arrest and fast procedure to put someone in front of a court for anti-social behaviour. A youth has been dealt with for 12 offences relating to Anti Social Behaviour in Cricklade.

Road Safety— Officers have been out carrying out road safety checks including speed checks and enforcing use of mobile phones and wearing of seat belts. A number of people have been issued with fixed penalty notices regarding this. A number of vehicles have also been seized as they had no insurance.



Cyber Crime—We are all vulnerable both businesses and individuals

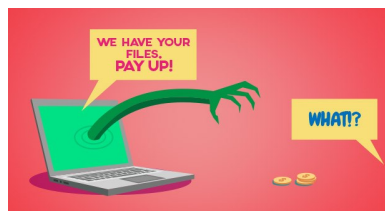
I was fortunate to be sent on a mornings training regarding cyber crime, I say fortunate as I would have paid to attend, as I came straight home and carried out some basic house keeping around my own computer use that I am sure will make me less likely to be a victim of cyber crime. I also realised how prevalent this crime is and how easy it is to become a victim, but also how easy it is to make yourself less vulnerable. The trainer was from an organisation called Get Safe Online and there website is <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

I am putting the web site link early, in case you don't read the rest of this this article, if you shudder at the thought of technology and it's all a bit too much please just visit the site—it's excellent and if you find this button and click here even a complete newbie will find easy to follow information



We were told there are three simple steps to take that will protect you from 80% of cyber crime

- ◇Update your operating system regularly (or apps)
- ◇Have a strong password (and a different password for each site you visit)
- ◇Have up to date virus software



For small businesses the biggest threat is ransomware—this is where your files are encrypted and you are charged a fee (ransom) to unlock them, this can be devastating to a business. Please visit get safe online's website and look at the instructions on how to protect your

EMAIL SECURITY FROM THE GET SAFE ONLINE SITE

EMAIL IS BOTH AN EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION TOOL AND ALSO A WAY THAT COMPANIES CAN INFORM YOU ABOUT THEIR LATEST PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. HOWEVER, EMAIL IS FREQUENTLY USED TO DELIVER UNWANTED MATERIAL WHICH IS AT BEST, ANNOYING AND AT WORST, MALICIOUS – CAUSING CONSIDERABLE HARM TO YOUR COMPUTER AND YOURSELF.

These include the following: **Spam (or Junk) email**

The vast majority of email sent every day is unsolicited junk mail. Examples include:

- Advertising, for example online pharmacies, pornography, dating, gambling.
- Get rich quick and work from home schemes.
- Hoax virus warnings.
- Hoax charity appeals.
- Chain emails which encourage you to forward them to multiple contacts (often to bring 'good luck').

Get started...

Always be vigilant when receiving or responding to emails.

Make sure your spam filter is always switched on to minimise the risks.

How spammers obtain your email address

- Using automated software to generate addresses.
- Enticing people to enter their details on fraudulent websites.
- Hacking into legitimate websites to gather users' details.
- Buying email lists from other spammers.
- Inviting people to click through to fraudulent websites posing as spam email cancellation services.
- From names/addresses in the cc line, or in the body of emails which have been forwarded and the previous participants have not been deleted.

The very act of replying to a spam email confirms to spammers that your email address exists.

How to spot spam

Spam emails may feature some of the following warning signs:

- You don't know the sender.
- Contains misspellings (for example 'porn' with a zero) designed to fool spam filters.
- Makes an offer that seems too good to be true.
- The subject line and contents do not match.
- Contains an urgent offer end date (for example "Buy now and get 50% off").
- Contains a request to forward an email to multiple people, and may offer money for doing so.
- Contains a virus warning.
- Contains attachments, which could include .exe files.



The risks

- It can contain viruses and spyware.
- It can be a vehicle for online fraud, such as phishing.
- Unwanted email can contain offensive images.
- Manual filtering and deleting is very time-consuming.
- It takes up space in your inbox.

email Scams

Scams are generally delivered in the form of a spam email (but remember, not all spam emails contain scams). Scams are designed to trick you into disclosing information that will lead to defrauding you or stealing your identity.

Examples of email scams include:

- emails offering financial, physical or emotional benefits, which are in reality linked to a wide variety of frauds.
- These include emails posing as being from 'trusted' sources such as your bank, HMRC or anywhere else that you have an online account. They ask you to click on a link and then disclose personal information.

Phishing emails



Phishing is a scam where criminals typically send emails to thousands of people. These emails pretend to come from banks, credit card companies, online shops and auction sites as well as other trusted organisations. They usually try to trick you into going to the site, for example to update your password to avoid your account being suspended. The embedded link in the email itself goes to a website that looks exactly like the real thing but is actually a fake designed to trick victims into entering personal information.

- The email itself can also look as if it comes from a genuine source. Fake emails sometimes display some of the following characteristics, but as fraudsters become smarter and use new technology, the emails may have none of these characteristics. They may even contain your name and address.
- The sender's email address may be different from the trusted organisation's website address.
- The email may be sent from a completely different address or a free webmail address.
- The email may not use your proper name, but a non-specific greeting such as "Dear customer."
- A sense of urgency; for example the threat that unless you act immediately your account may be closed.
- A prominent website link. These can be forged or seem very similar to the proper address, but even a single character's difference means a different website.
- A request for personal information such as username, password or bank details.
- You weren't expecting to get an email from the organisation that appears to have sent it.
- The entire text of the email may be contained within an image rather than the usual text format. The image contains an embedded link to a bogus site

Use email safely

- Do not open emails which you suspect as being scams.
- Do not forward emails which you suspect as being scams.
- Do not open attachments from unknown sources.
- If in doubt, contact the person or organisation the email claims to have been sent**

- Do not readily click on links in emails from unknown sources. Instead, roll your mouse pointer over the link to reveal its true destination, displayed in the bottom left corner of your screen. Beware if this is different from what is displayed in the text of the link from the email.
- Do not respond to emails from unknown sources.
- Do not make purchases or charity donations in response to spam email.
- Don't click on 'remove' or reply to unwanted email.
- Check junk mail folders regularly in case a legitimate email gets through by mistake.
- When sending emails to multiple recipients, list their addresses in the 'BCC' (blind copy) box instead of in the 'To' box. In this way, no recipient will see the names of the others, and if their addresses fall into the wrong hands there will be less chance of you or anybody else receiving phishing or spam emails.
- Similarly, delete all addresses of previous parties in the email string, before forwarding or replying.
- If you are suspicious of an email, you can check if it is on a list of known spam and scam emails that some internet security vendors such as McAfee and Symantec feature on their websites.
- Most Microsoft and other email clients come with spam filtering as standard. Ensure yours is switched on.
- Most spam and junk filters can be set to allow email to be received from trusted sources, and blocked from untrusted sources.
- When choosing a webmail account such as gmail, Hotmail and Yahoo! Mail, make sure you select one that includes spam filtering and that it remains switched on.
- Most internet security packages include spam blocking. Ensure that yours is up to date and has this feature switched on.

Taken from the <https://www.getsafeonline.org/> website

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