

Pewsey Area Board Report

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Current Priorities

Theft from Motor Vehicles

We have experienced nine incidents of thefts from vehicles in the Pewsey area between 1st September to 23rd October 2017. Locations include Alton Barnes, High Street in Burbage, theft of fuel from a tractor, Oxenwood area, theft of diesel and batteries in Great Bedwyn and two incidents in Goddard Road, Pewsey.

This compares with fourteen incidents within the Marlborough villages and thirteen for the Devizes area.

We have commenced the fitting of Area Board funded signage at relevant beauty spot locations; to warn motorists of the risks at such locations.

Crime prevention advice:

We would like to remind motorists to adhere to the following advice whenever possible.

- Don't leave any valuables including laptops, satnavs, mobile phones, handbags, credit cards or vehicle documents in your car.

Do not leave items of value in the boot, you are being watched.

- Don't leave coats/jackets on show in the vehicle as a thief will want to see if there is anything valuable in the pockets.
- Clean satnav suction marks off your windscreen, as leaving them is an immediate advert to thieves that a satnav is in the vehicle. Make sure no satnav attachments are left visible in your vehicle.
- Remove your stereo if you can, mark it with the vehicle registration number if you can't.
- Leave your glove box open to show there is nothing in it.
- If you own a van, make sure you remove your tools overnight and display an appropriate sign in the rear window making this clear.

Dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries

Fifteen incidents of burglary with the area have occurred since 1st September 2017, predominantly to sheds and garages. These included three incidents to garages and sheds within Wootton Rivers, which occurred overnight to 13th September; two pedal cycles ; a Fondriest R20 and a Raleigh Equip fixed gear and track bike and climbing gear were stolen. Chainsaws were removed from another shed in the locality. Entry to a third property was gained but nothing stolen.

Within Burbage, overnight to 14th September unknown suspects gained entry to a shed and club house. Nothing stolen.

A further incident involving forced entry to a garage on Church Street, Great Bedwyn has occurred between 15th to 17th September, nothing stolen. Power tools have been stolen following forced entry to a garage in Sharcott between 19th and 26th September. Overnight to 27th September in Ham a Stihl leaf blower and strimmer were stolen from a shed in Ham.

A dwelling burglary has occurred on 1st October, on Farm Lane, Great Bedwyn in which property has been stolen. A Police investigation into this incident has identified a link with another burglary in the Swindon area and a suspect identified. Enquiries are continuing.

Sheds and outbuildings to three properties were broken into overnight to Friday 20th October 2017, in Milton Lilbourne. Stihl power tools stolen and similar others stolen together with two mountain bikes.

Crime prevention advice

- Consider installing CCTV.
- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even if you're in the garden, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox - a thief knows all the hiding places
- Keep all keys, purses and wallets out of sight and away from the letterbox
- Consider installing a burglar alarm, and only use a company that is registered or certified with the NSI or the SSIAB
- Do not open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting. Always check by using a spy-hole or look through a window
- Make sure that you have up to date contents insurance
- Register all serial numbers from electrical items, tools and garden equipment with Immobilise.com the free national property register. Mark items without serial numbers with an artificial DNA property marker such as Smartwater or SelectaDNA

- **Do not keep large amounts of cash at home - it is much safer in a bank or building society**
- **Trim back any plants and hedges at the front of your property to no higher than 1 metre to remove hiding places**
- **Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel**
- **Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not at home**
- **Take photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks and keep them safe. Also consider using an artificial DNA property marker on jewellery or other valuable items**
- **Make sure any bolts are low enough so they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate**

Hare coursing and Poaching, All areas of East Wiltshire.

Increasing activity and reports to Police regarding hare coursing within East Wiltshire has occurred since 1st September 2017. A total of forty four call logs refer. Many of these have occurred in the Upavon area, but also include damage to farmland at Wilton, incidents at Stanton St Bernard, Manningford Bohune and All Cannings. Vehicles of interest in relation to these offences include a green Landrover Defender, a green Honda CRV, a blue Subaru and red Landrover.

A policing operation was conducted daytime on Wednesday 27th September by members of the East Community Policing and the Rural Crime Team, in partnership with a number of farmers and gamekeepers who assisted as spotters for the area.

The event resulted in a number of vehicles and occupants being subject to stop searches. No incidents of coursing occurred during this time but intelligence was gathered in relation to other incidents involving a van seen at Roundway, an area where we experience theft from vehicles. This vehicle and its occupant were located at Broad Hinton during our area search.

Improved partnership working has resulted via the use of two Whatsapp groups established with the farming community for these areas. This has enabled immediate responses by officers on the team to alerts of suspicious and coursing activity. We have requested permissions for Whatsapp downloads to our works mobile phones for all officer access.

Two males from Somerset were arrested and subsequently charged with offences concerning The Prevention of Poaching Act 1862, following an incident on 7th October 2017. Officers from the East Community Policing Team were alerted by members of the public reporting suspicious activity by the occupants to a vehicle, located during an area search.

Two suspects to daytime trespass in pursuit of game are under investigation regarding offences identified in the Pewsey Vale area.

Pc Marc JACKSON of the Rural Crime Team has recently launched Operation Artemis in a bid to tackle all aspects of poaching across the county.

The public are encouraged to report all incidents of poaching to help build a better intelligence picture and enable our officers to target offenders through rural operations.

The operation will also aim to advise our rural communities how they can best prevent and disrupt poaching activity on their land.



The operation sits under the nationally recognised poaching operation Project Trespass which aims to coordinate action across England and Wales through prevention, intelligence, enforcement and reassurance.

Rural Crime Officer PC Marc Jackson said: “As part of the rural crime partnership we have listened to the concerns of landowners, farmers, game keepers and agricultural workers within Wiltshire.

“We understand the impact poaching has on their livelihoods and the resulting fear of crime that comes from this.

“We want Operation Artemis to reassure our rural communities that we do take poaching seriously, and anybody found to be committing such offences here will be dealt with robustly. Wiltshire is not a soft touch and we will use the full legislation powers that have been given to us as the police.

“The image of poaching has drastically changed over the years. The idea of poachers just taking one for the pot is no longer the case.

“Many of the groups involved are very organised and travel vast distances, across numerous counties to participate in poaching.

“Often poaching involves vast amounts of money through illegal betting and can be connected to other crimes like burglaries, thefts and can involve intimidation and violence towards landowners and gamekeepers.”

Poaching becomes more frequent when the harvests come down at the end of the summer, peaking in October and December. This year harvests have been early so potential poachers can access the fields earlier than usual meaning we are already seeing an increase in poaching in September.

Poaching can take many forms, from hare coursing, shooting deer at night to using catapults to take pheasants.

Police and Crime Commissioner Angus Macpherson said: “Wiltshire is a rural county and those living in isolated locations can be vulnerable to crime types that do not affect urban areas.

“It is important that the Force police rural crime as part of its overall policing.

“Rural crime can have a huge impact on local people and businesses. I welcome this new operation and applaud the ongoing work being done by the Rural Crime Team and the Wiltshire Rural Crime Partnership to help keep Wiltshire safe.”

When reporting incidents, call 101 and quote ‘Operation Artemis’. If a crime is in progress call 999.

Policing Operation.

Working in partnership with members of Wiltshire County Council Enforcement Team Pc HERBERT and PCSO’S WATTS and BURNSIDE conducted a two day operation involving visits to Scrap Metal Merchants throughout the area on 14th and 15th September 2017. Their focus of attention related to unlicensed persons disposing of scrap metal at such sites. The event also allowed for engagement with the scrap metal merchants and offer target hardening advice in reducing their risk of being victim to crime. One customer was dealt with for driving without insurance during this event.

Traffic matters.

Motorists who continue to drive uninsured will be pro-actively targeted by Wiltshire Police this week (Monday 16 October to Sunday 22 October).



Operation Drive Insured, co-ordinated through the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) and the National Road Policing Intelligence Forum (NRPIF), is a national campaign that aims to clamp down on uninsured drivers who continue to try to evade detection.

In 2016, Wiltshire Police seized almost 1000 vehicles as a consequence of being driven either without insurance or other than in accordance with a licence. Already this year, over 850 have been seized for the same reasons, thereby likely continuing the 30% year on year increase seen since 2015. Over 50% of seized vehicles are crushed as a consequence.

To check if your vehicle has a valid insurance policy recorded on the MID, please visit askMID.com, or if you need to check that someone else's vehicle is insured in the event of an accident, please visit www.askmid.com/askmidenquiry.

Within the East Policing Team, one officer alone has seized seventy eight vehicles for no insurance and a further twelve, using Police Powers in relation to criminal activity, since October 2016.

Local Crimes

03/09 - 04/09 - **Wilton** - Criminal Damage - Unknown suspect(s) believed to be hare coursers have driven onto farmers field through an unlocked gate and caused permanent damage to the crops.

03/09 - 04/09 - **East Grafton** - Suspicious Incident - Believed hare coursers have been on farmland as there are tyre tracks all over the field.

05/09 - **Alton Barnes** - Criminal Damage - Unknown suspect(s) have driven a vehicle through four fields without causing any damage to crops believed to be hare coursing.

05/09 - 06/09 - **Pewsey Hill Farm** - Criminal Damage - Unknown suspect(s) in a vehicle have cut through 3 barbed wire fences and 1 stock fence. They have also cut through a padlock on a gate believed to be hare coursing or deer poaching.

13/09 - 14/09 - **Burbage** - Webbs Way - Burglary Non-dwelling - Unknown suspect(s) have gained entry to a shed and a "club house". Nothing has been taken.

02/09 - 15/09 - **Wootton Rivers** - Criminal Damage - Unknown suspect(s) have sprayed graffiti on a resident's property.

19/09 - Ham - **Theft** - Unknown suspect(s) have stolen approximately 20-30 metres of fibre optic cable from an underground chamber.

19/09 - 20/09 - **Pewsey** - Theft of Vehicle - Unknown suspect(s) have stolen a van by unknown means from outside of a property.

07/09 - 21/09 - **Oxenwood** - Theft of Diesel - Unknown suspect(s) have punctured a hole in a tractors fuel tank and extracted an unknown amount of fuel.

21/09 - **Pewsey** - Criminal Damage - An intoxicated male has caused damage to a solar light and fence.

21/09 - 22/09 - **Pewsey** - Criminal Damage - Unknown suspect(s) have smashed a window to a property on the High Street.

24/09 - **Wilcot** - Theft from motor vehicle - Unknown suspect(s) have gained entry to a vehicle by unknown means. They have stolen a handbag which contained a purse and house keys. The handbag is described

as a black and grey suede handbag. Containing a black purse, inhaler, photos of her children and £18.00 in cash.

29/09 - **Woodborough** - Theft - Unknown Suspect(s) have driven up a driveway in a large lorry and walked round the back of a property to access the garden. They have stolen a saddle stone and stand which was in undergrowth in an overgrown area of the garden. There has been a previous theft of a saddle stone from this property.

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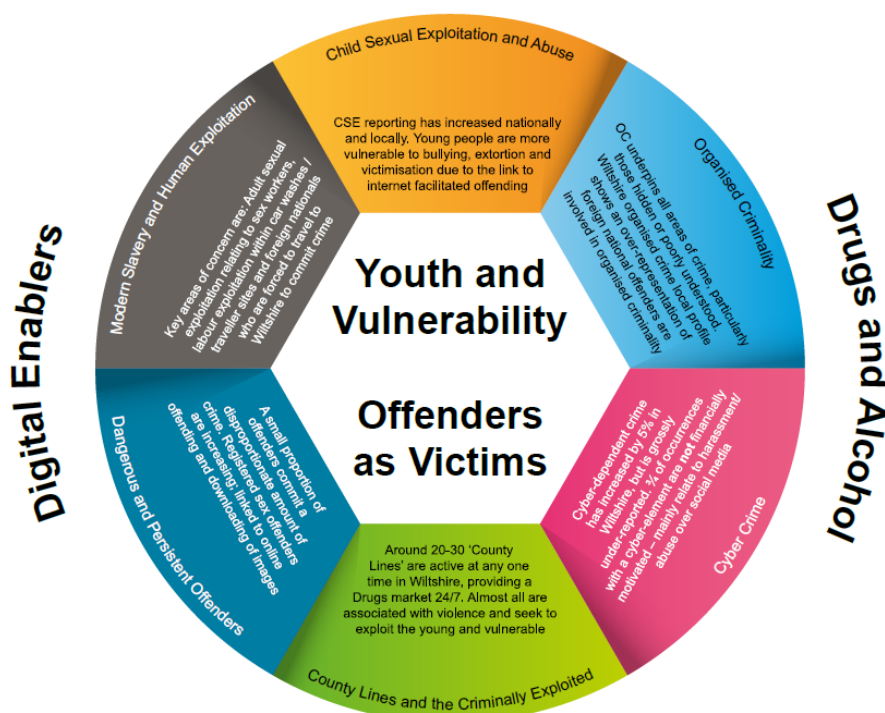
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Wiltshire Police Control Strategy

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



Dangerous and Persistent Offenders

Work is continuing with our SWITCH nominals, (those who are identified as persistent and prolific offenders), including intelligence gathering and relevant actions following dissemination. We currently have three nominals within the East Policing Area classified as such and we work closely with our SWITCH team members and partner agencies to manage these offenders.

County Lines and the Criminally Exploited

Four people have been sentenced for their roles in a crack cocaine and heroin supply conspiracy which saw drugs trafficked from Bristol into Wiltshire towns.

Tumaini Matsimela, age 34, of Wilson Street, Bristol was sentenced to 7-and-a-half years imprisonment.

Melody Collins, aged 28, of High Street, Pewsey was sentenced to 3-and-a-half years imprisonment.

Franco Cosentino, 37, of Cranesbill Road, Melksham, was sentenced to 20 months imprisonment suspended for two years, 20 days rehabilitation, 200 hours unpaid work and six month drug dependency rehabilitation.

Jack Hedges, age 23, of Pockeridge Road, Corsham, was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment, suspended for 2 years, 30 days rehabilitation and forfeiture of £420.

The investigation by the Dedicated Crime Team began in November 2014 when officers stop checked Matsimela at Chippenham train station. He fought with officers and threw a quantity of Class A drugs into a bush, with a further quantity being found inside his pockets. He was arrested and bailed whilst the investigation continued.

He was again stopped in Chippenham in May 2015 when he was suspected to have been selling drugs. No drugs were found on this occasion, however, a large quantity of cash was located along with a mobile phone which officers suspected contained evidence of his drug dealing.

The investigation continued and led to officers visiting the St Paul's area of Bristol on 2 February 2016. A short time later they located Cosentino and Hedges sat waiting in Cosentino's car. Matsimela was sighted walking towards the vehicle and was detained a short distance away. He fought violently and threw a mobile phone and a quantity of Class A drugs. Mobile phone evidence showed that these drugs were intended to be supplied to Cosentino and Hedges and also implicated Collins in controlling the enterprise for the purposes of supplying crack and heroin onto the streets of Wiltshire.

When officers searched Matsimela's home address they located his brother Abiola inside with over £2,000 worth of cannabis and £1,100 in cash. He was sentenced at an earlier hearing for possession with intent to supply class B drugs.

Matsimela, Collins, Hedges and Cosentino were all charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin between 26 December 2015 and 3 February 2016. They all pleaded guilty.

PC Luke Barnett, of the Dedicated Crime Team at Melksham, said "I am very happy with the sentences passed in this case.

"Matsimela had been active in Wiltshire for some time, supplying hard drugs onto the streets of our towns and was well versed in police tactics. It required a lengthy investigation to successfully convict him of these offences and I am pleased that we were able to also successfully convict other significant members of his supply network.

"County Lines drug networks, who supply drugs from large cities such as Bristol into Wiltshire, pose a significant risk to our communities and we are determined to bring the offenders to justice."



If you suspect county lines drug activity in your community, please report it on 101, all information is treated with the utmost discretion.

Modern slavery and human exploitation.

Wiltshire Police and PCC response to HMICFRS Modern Slavery report 24 October

Detective Superintendent Craig Holden said: “Today’s report serves as an important reminder that police forces must take a robust approach to modern slavery and human trafficking - this is a complex area of modern day policing and it can be demanding on resources, but that should never deter us from ensuring we are doing everything we can to protect victims.

“Tackling modern slavery in our communities is something that we place a lot of emphasis on.

Fundamentally, it is about protecting the most vulnerable in society and we’ve made it one of our top priorities where we will be focusing our resources.

“A steady flow of information from the public is vital in the fight against Modern Slavery and we are making positive strides in this area too. We are raising awareness of this issue both internally with officers and staff and externally, within our communities. They are the eyes and ears that provide the local intelligence needed to help us continue to target businesses and individuals that traffic and exploit vulnerable people.

“Combining our day-to-day frontline resources with specialists is also a critical component of our approach. Our dedicated Human Exploitation and Emerging Threats (HEET) team is central to us tackling this type of crime. They gather and analyse information to help us better understand where the specific threats exist in our communities. They then use that to set in motion operations (both locally and with our partners in the Regional Organised Crime Unit) that disrupt and dismantle criminal exploitation of vulnerable people.

“Over the course of the last year, we have carried out operations in a number of areas all related to modern slavery and human trafficking. These have included tackling and closing down ‘pop up’ brothels in Swindon and identifying labour exploitation in nail bars and car washes across the county. Modern slavery is complex and manifests itself in a number of ways. We will continue to focus our activity on the issues that have the greatest impact on our communities.

“Let me be clear, we will not tolerate any form of exploitation and we want victims to feel confident in reporting to us, safe in the knowledge that we will support them alongside our partners.

“Of course, modern slavery is not just an issue for the police. There are so many other areas that it impacts, from public health to housing to child protection. We work closely with our partners as part of the Swindon and Wiltshire Anti-Slavery Partnership (which is chaired by Wiltshire Police) to ensure that collectively we are working together to tackle these issues and put plans in place to provide support to victims.

“The welfare of victims is paramount and should always remain our priority. Modern slavery and human trafficking are abhorrent crimes and community based intelligence is crucial in investigations of this nature. Working together we can put a stop to the exploitation of the vulnerable. Call 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 where information can be left anonymously. You can also contact the Modern Slavery helpline confidentially at any time, day or night on 08000 121 700”.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon Angus Macpherson said: “Protecting the most vulnerable in society is one of the four priorities of my Police and Crime Plan and I welcome this report from HMICFRS into what is a serious, complex and challenging issue for police forces and partners across the country.

“Modern Slavery is not just a ‘big city issue’. Wiltshire is a safe place to live but that doesn’t mean it is immune to issues like modern slavery.

“The Chief Constable and his team must continue to ‘lift the stone’ on this toxic crime in our communities. I want to see offenders brought to justice wherever possible though close cooperation with our partners.”

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