

Marlborough Area Board Report

November 2017

1. East Community Policing Team

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Operation Drive Insured.

A week long policing operation was conducted between 16th to 22nd October in relation to Operation Drive Insured; co-ordinated through the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) and the National Road Policing Intelligence Forum (NRPIF), a national campaign that aims to clamp down on uninsured drivers who continue to try to evade detection.

Statistics from the MIB show that around 1 in 100 vehicles are driven without insurance - a sum that equates to more than 6000 vehicles registered across the county.

Sergeant Simon Drewett, Head of the Road Safety Unit at Wiltshire Police said: "Although most drivers will comply with the law, a small minority continue to drive without regard for others. This comes at both a



financial cost (and one which we all carry in our premiums) as well as also a potentially physical one should the uninsured become involved in an accident.

“There is a strong correlation between uninsured drivers and those that are also content to put others at risk through drink driving, careless driving or using a vehicle in an un-roadworthy condition.

“Wiltshire Police are always on the look-out for uninsured drivers, but during this week-long campaign we will be conducting targeted operations to catch those who put our communities at risk”.

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.

Sergeant Drewett added: “Our message is very clear; if you continue to drive uninsured then we will catch you and your vehicle will be removed from the roads”.

The Motor Insurance Database (MID) is the central record of all insured vehicles in the UK. Managed by the MIB, the MID is used by the police and the DVLA to enforce motor insurance law; ensuring that vehicles driven on our roads are insured at all times.

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.

We had 27 seizures for the county for the week. Incidentally, one officer alone, within the East Policing Team has seized seventy eight vehicles for no insurance and a further twelve, using Police Powers in relation to criminal activity, since October 2016.

Current Priorities.

Dwelling and Non-Dwelling Burglaries

Within the Marlborough area a total of nine incidents have occurred during October 2017, three of these occurred within Marlborough Town.

Incidents include the theft of tools from a site on Elcot Lane, an attempt dwelling burglary via forcing of front door, overnight to 10th October, no entry gained and the theft of jewellery from a charity shop, during business hours on 12th October.

Within the rural environment forced entry was gained to a shed in Aldbourne between 3-10th October and power tools stolen.

Overnight to 11th October, in Lockeridge unknown person/s have gained access to a detached garage via forcing of a side window and stolen 2 x road cycles; a Tevelo S3, carbon fibre wheels, green, black and white in colour, with extras, two £6,000. Also stolen a Trek Madone in blue, two £2,400.

A further shed burglary has occurred between 5-10th October in Ogbourne St Andrew.

During the evening of 19th October, in Rockley, as the occupants to the address were in another room suspects entered the property via an insecure door and removed a handbag and contents.

Overnight to 2nd November 2017 burglary in Rudge and theft of a New Holland 6080 tractor in blue, together with a JCB 310. This incident is linked with another crime in Chisbury, involving the theft of a Manitou Lift Truck. All three vehicles have been located in Europe and we are continuing enquiries with our partners including The National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Agency.



In relation to dwelling burglaries enquiries are continuing regarding a potential linked series of dwelling burglaries in Devizes with similar others in the Melksham and Swindon area. Forced entry has occurred to three properties in Devizes in the Dowse Road area on 26/10/2017, daytime. Property stolen includes jewellery and watches.

Theft from Motor Vehicles

We have experienced seventeen incidents of thefts from vehicles in the East CPT areas of Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey during October.

Nine of these incidents occurred within the Marlborough area. Incident locations included two in Avebury village - High street and the public car park, A4 at West Kennett and Silbury Hill car park. Two incidents of fuel theft from a business premises in the Ogbourne St George area, and theft from a vehicle parked, overnight on George lane and a mobile phone stolen from a vehicle during a visit to a service station.

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

Hare Coursing and Poaching.

Increasing activity and reports to Police regarding hare coursing within East Wiltshire has occurred since in recent months and a total of twenty nine storm logs refer to events in our area during October 2017. Locations include the Upavon area, Wilton, Stanton St Bernard, Manningford Bohune and All Cannings.

Improved partnership working has resulted via the use of two Whatsapp groups established with the farming community for these areas. This has assisted with 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.

Other crimes under investigation.

Local Crimes

Within Marlborough a series of five criminal damages to parked vehicles occurred overnight to 1st October on Herd Street, a further two vehicles have sustained damage whilst parked in the Priory car park.

A number of thefts of alcohol from the town's stores have occurred during September and October, four suspects to these offences have been identified, none are local, one, from the Swindon area has been charged and due in court later this month. Enquiries are continuing concerning the other offenders. Such progress would not have been achieved without the partnership and efforts of staff at Waitrose, The Town Council, Wiltshire, Hampshire and Thames Valley Police. Thank you.

Marlborough rural.

Ogbourne St. George
No Crimes



Ogbourne Maizey

20/10/2017- HOUSE: Unknown suspect has entered a residence through an unlocked back door. The suspect has walked through 2 rooms and stolen a handbag.

Ogbourne St. Andrew

No Crimes

Broad Hinton

No Crimes

Winterbourne Monkton

No Crime

Winterbourne Bassett

No Crimes

Berwick Bassett

No Crimes

Avebury

07/10/2017- Vehicle believed to be linked to poaching has been sighted in Wiltshire with dogs in the back.

25/10/2017- While the RP's vehicle was left in a public car park, Unknown suspect(s) have by unknown means smashed the RP's rear boot window & stolen her handbag which was left in the boot.

West Kennett

No Occurrences

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Lockeridge

09/10/2017- Unseen persons gained access to the RP's detached garage by forcing open a side window; window damaged. Then removed 2 x secured road bicycles from a rack in the garage; rack damaged. .

Fyfield

No Occurrences

Aldbourne

07/10/2017- Unknown suspect has entered IP's back garden. They have smashed all the glass on one side of IP's greenhouse. They have also burnt x3 wheelie bins until they were a pile of ash on the floor, whilst still finding time to damage her trees and shrubs.

08/10/2017- Reports of 2 people on loud motorbikes being ridden over the farmers land. Riders have the farmer's permission to be on his land but this is a regular occurrence & is having a negative effect on local residents.

07/10/2017- Burglary - shed - residential. A unseen suspect entered the RP's main large wooden shed in his garden. A padlock has been removed from the door; shed entered and the following petrol driven items were stolen: Ryobi hedge trimmer worth £260; McCulloch 14" chain saw worth £250 and a Makita leaf blower worth £250. No other items were moved in this shed.

17/10/2017- Unknown suspects have by unknown means cut through a wire gate, entered in a vehicle and killed 2 hares using dogs.

Baydon

19/10/2017- Unknown suspect has wedged open the large wooden door to the outbuilding that was padlocked and bolted top and bottom with unknown tool making a hole to gain access to the building. The padlock on the door has remained intact and undamaged. Nothing has been stolen.



Chilton Foliat
No Crimes

Ramsbury
No Crimes

Mildenhall
No Crimes

Froxfield
27/10/2017- Injury RTC

Marlborough Mop events.

These passed off relatively quietly, incidents during the events included criminal damage to property within one of the licensed premises within the town and enquiries are ongoing to identify a group involved in a public order incident, criminal damage to a parked vehicle and theft of alcohol from a High street store.

Operation Aztec

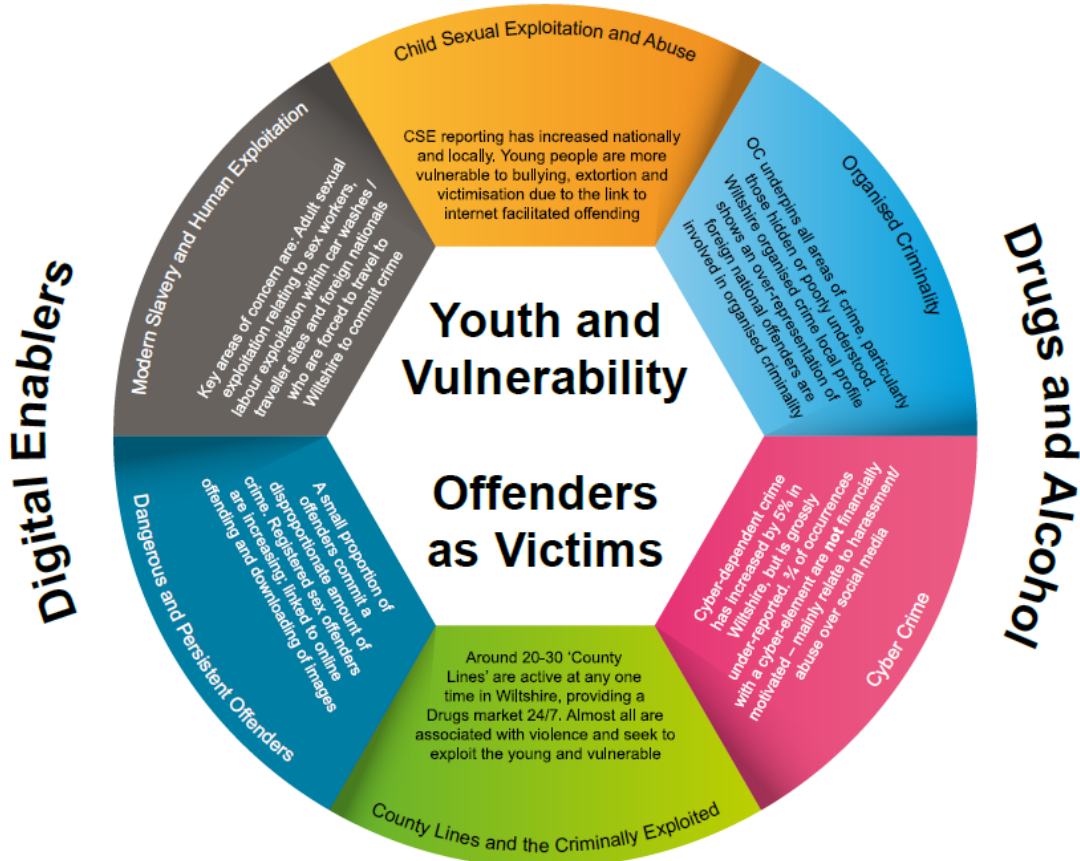
A national Firearms Surrender is due to occur this month, known as Operation Aztec. Members of the public are invited to surrender firearms to the below six nominated police stations or by arranging for their collection in some cases. The nominated stations are:

Melksham
Trowbridge
Bourne Hill
Marlborough
Monkton Park
Gablecross

Please see the enclosed poster for further details.

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.

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.”

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.

Cyber Crime.

Lee STRIPE, Wiltshire Police Cyber Crime Prevention Officer works closely with partners including Action Fraud, National Fraud Intelligence Bureau and other Cyber Prevention Officers across the country. Latest scams and alerts are posted on social media sites including Facebook and Twitter. Please refer to CyberBeeWiseWilts and for Twitter its @CyberBeeWiseWP.

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Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>

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