

# Devizes Area Board Police Report MARCH 2018

## 1. East Community Policing Team

**Sector Head:** A/Insp James WILLIAMS



**Community Coordinator:** PC 2374 Paul BREWSTER

**Marlborough PCSO's:**

PCSO Melissa Camilleri



PCSO Paula Yarranton



PCSO Kelly Watts



## Force Leadership News:

**Wiltshire Police has announced** Chief Constable Mike Veale will be stepping down in his role and has accepted the Chief Constable position for Cleveland Police; his last day will be 4th March 2018. Mr Veale has said "It has been a very difficult decision to make, after serving here in Wiltshire for 13 years and the wider West Country for almost 34 years. However, I feel it is the right time for a new challenge and it is for that reason that I plan to make this move. I would like to publicly thank my officers and staff for their unwavering support for me during my tenure as Wiltshire Police chief constable."



Kier Pritchard will become Temporary Chief Constable. His appointment will be for a period of 12 months. Kier is an experienced senior police officer and will provide stability innovation and build upon excellent foundations. Wiltshire Police is an outstanding force with many strengths and we feel sure that we have the strong leadership in place to continue and maintain our excellent reputation. Kier will take up post of Temporary Chief Constable on Monday 5 March 2018.

Paul Mills, who is also currently an Assistant Chief Constable has been appointed as Temporary Deputy Chief Constable. Mr Pritchard said: "I'm delighted to be able to announce that Paul Mills will become Temporary Deputy Chief Constable as of 5 March. Paul is a highly regarded colleague who I have worked alongside as a Chief Officer in our Force since 2014." "The appointment of a Deputy provides additional stability to the Senior Leadership Team in the force and will allow us to continue to work closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner in meeting the priorities he has set for the Force within his Police and Crime Plan. Central to this is our Community Policing Team approach which I believe is the core of what British Policing represents."Mr



**Wiltshire Police - 170 years of public service**

Mills added: "I am delighted to step up to the role of Temporary Deputy Chief Constable. I am pleased to be able to support T/Chief Constable Kier Pritchard as he steps up to undertake his new role and look forward to working with him to provide consistency of leadership and direction to the Force moving forward.

"Having transferred to Wiltshire 11 years ago, I have developed a strong affinity with the county and look forward to continuing to develop positive working relationships with our dedicated staff and partners who all help to make the county one of the safest places to live and work in the UK."

If you have any questions about any of the above,  
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### **Improvement to Wiltshire East and Wiltshire South Community Policing Teams:**

The boundaries of the Wiltshire East and Wiltshire South Community Policing Teams are being amended to improve the way local policing teams are managed. The changes are being brought into place from 2 April 2018 and will see Amesbury and Tidworth move from Wiltshire East CPT to Wiltshire South CPT. Devizes, Pewsey and Marlborough will remain as Wiltshire East CPT.

Supt Chris Chammings, Wiltshire Police's Hub Commander for County, said: "This is a very simple change which we hope will make a big difference for the public, our officers and staff. "We continually review how our CPT areas are policed and following feedback from staff we have decided to align Amesbury more closely to Salisbury."

"From a geographical and resourcing perspective we believe Amesbury and Salisbury would work better together."

He added: "As far as the public are concerned they shouldn't notice a difference in their day-to-day policing. Our officers and staff who are currently based in Amesbury will remain there, but their line management will now fall under Inspector Pete Sparrow in Wiltshire South.

"We hope to see improved resilience across Salisbury and Amesbury as officers are deployed consistently under one Inspector. Our previous model relied on Amesbury providing resilience to Devizes and vice-versa. This distance between Amesbury and Devizes hindered this; an issue we hope not see going forward." Supt Chammings added that the boundary change would also allow the new, smaller Wiltshire East CPT to focus more closely on the community engagement demand in the areas of Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey.

## GOOD NEWS STORY!

You may have seen that due to a recent recruitment of 50 Police Constables, Devizes Policing Hub has welcomed 5 new Police Constable Recruits in the New Year!



Wiltshire Police added 2 new photos.  
10 January at 17:02 · Saint Mawgan · ©

Welcome to the Police Family 🚔🚒🚑 Two attestation ceremonies took place yesterday at Devizes Police HQ for the latest intake of new Police Constables. They were joined for this proud moment by their friends & family. All the best in your careers with us. #Proud #PoliceFamily

Image by Dominic Parkes Photography.



## Safer Schools Internet Day:

Wiltshire Police is focusing on supporting young people in our community throughout the month of February. Devizes, Pewsey and Marlborough PCSO's have been working together to promote Safer schools week - particularly with Internet safety day on 6th February. There are 34 primary schools across this sector and already 13 have received talks from our officers! The rest of these schools will be receiving internet safety talks over the month.

The Force is looking at ways to better engage with children and young people in the county, as well as help provide educational support by posting vital information about crimes and subjects which most affect young people including how to stay safe online.

Throughout the year, Wiltshire Police runs a number of events aimed at young people including the Junior Good Citizen scheme, as well as supporting the Police Cadets.

The Wiltshire Youth Summit took place at Devizes School on February 8, and our Youth Engagement Team were joined at the event by Assistant Chief Constable Kier Pritchard and Inspector Paul Hawkins to talk to young attendees from the county. The Force is hosting the event in conjunction with the local authority, Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS and other service providers and partners.

## **2. CPT - Current Priorities**

### Theft from Work Vans

This priority was due to close, however due to recent crimes it will remain open. There has been a spate of FORD TRANSIT VAN BREAKS, often with no sign of forced entry.

It's thought that the break-ins have been carried out using a lock-picking device which is capable of bypassing the lock system without causing any damage to the vehicle. There's no restriction on the sale of locksmith equipment in the UK, meaning such devices are available on the open marketplace.



It's worth pointing out that Transit vans are not the only commercial vehicle at risk. No van is 100% secure when faced with a suitable lock pick device, however the sheer volume of Transits out on the road means the number of reported break-ins will consequently be higher.

What can I do to protect my van?

All van owners are advised to fit an alarm and boost security by installing additional Slamlocks or deadlocks independently of the manufacturers. It is also a good idea to consider insuring your work tools. This is important because most standard van insurance policies do not cover loss of tools left in a van overnight. In fact, some policies state that you can't store tools in your van unless it meets certain security requirements. Don't get caught out, and check.

Anyone that owns a Ford Transit Van built between 28 March 2012 and 1st July 2017 can have an update applied to their vehicle.

Will it cost me anything to have the software update done?

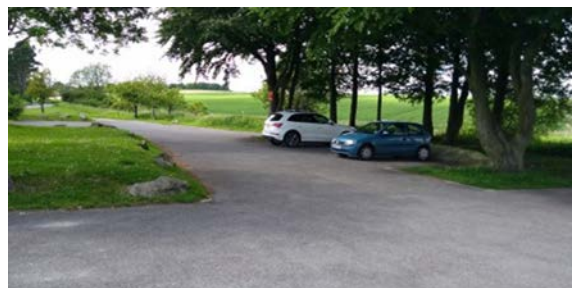
Not at all, this is a Ford-initiated recall and update, so the modification should be applied for free by your local dealership.

### **3 Targeted Patrols Devizes and surrounding areas:**

#### **Beauty Spot Theft from Motor Vehicles:**

On the 16th January 2018 we relaunched this priority due to this area of the county still suffering a significant amount of thefts. The difference being that this time, we have identified potential suspects and are following numerous intelligence leads. Since the above date we officers have made 39 patrols of all of our beauty spot car parks; however thieves appear to be favouring:

DOWNS LANE, MANTON, MARLBOROUGH  
ROUNDWAY HILL, DEVIZES  
EAST/ WEST KENNETT  
WIDDINGTON HILL, UPAVON  
WOOTTEN RIVERS, PEWSEY  
AVEBURY  
A4 SILBURY HILL  
ALTON BARNES  
GRAND AVENUE, SAVERNAKE



You will be pleased to hear that after securing funding from the 'Area Board' Wiltshire Police have been able to erect 'Warning Signs' at the majority of these

#### **Media**

Community messaging continues.

#### **Consultations**

Your PCSO's or Police officers are available to speak with on the following dates and locations:-

- 19<sup>th</sup> March 1830-1900 Devizes Area Board
- 29<sup>th</sup> March 0900-1230 Devizes Public Consultations, Market Place, Devizes
- 26<sup>th</sup> April 0900-1230 Devizes Public Consultations, Market Place, Devizes


## Drugs

There have been 6 drugs offences recorded in the Devizes area between 01/01/2018 and 28/02/2018. All of the offences were possession only and not supply offences.

## Domestic Abuse

Devizes CPT have dealt with 42 domestic incidents in the Devizes area since the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Ten out of these 42 incidents actually involved a crime being committed and were recorded as such.

## Update re Rural Crime Partnership

 **Marc Jackson** Admin · 15 February at 16:02

Op ARTEMIS result

4 x males have been summoned to court for the following offences:

All 4 males have been summoned for Daylight trespass in search or pursuit of game at Manor Farm in Avebury

All 4 males have been summoned for criminal damage to crops amount to damage between £500 - £1000, at Manor Farm in Avebury

One of the males has also been summoned for driving a motor vehicle on land not forming part of the highway

Applications to the court have been made for disqualification from driving for the driver of the vehicle, destruction of the vehicle used and seizure of the dogs

They are due to attend Swindon Magistrates court on the 28th March 2018

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 **Wiltshire Rural Crime Team** 30 January at 18:04 · 🌐

The individuals involved in poaching can also be involved in other criminal activities such as theft, burglary, intimidation and violence.

One Wiltshire Farmer who we will not name due to concerns about repercussions, told us: "They case your land and the entrances and exits. It is intimidating know you are being watched."

It doesn't take much to imagine how you'd feel if people constantly watching your back garden with the intention of entering without permission, committing crimes and causing damage you'd have to pay to rectify time and time again.

Now imagine on top of this you live in an isolated location with few other houses around and you know if you confront these people you are likely to be met with threatening and violent behaviour.

Scary thought right?

We are encouraging the public to support their local rural communities and report poaching to the police.

If you see anything suspicious call 101 or 999 if a crime is in progress quoting 'Op Artemis'.

#OpArtemis #Rural #Poaching



## 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.

The Control strategy sets out Wiltshire Police priorities and assists staff to identify which types of incident need particular attention.

The four priorities are:-

- High Risk Victims
- Domestic Abuse
- High Risk Offenders
- Cyber Crime

As the illustration to the right shows, there are cross cutting themes and priority locations that also affect how incidents are dealt with.



### 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 two 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.

### Burglaries

Twelve burglaries were recorded in the Devizes area since the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Six of these were classed as burglaries to residential properties but were in fact to sheds or outbuildings. The other six burglaries were to business premises.

**James Williams**

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Wiltshire East CPT