



## **TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD REPORT – MARCH 2018**

Hello and welcome to this month's Community policing report.

This month's report will focus on Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs).

The primary role of an IAG is to act as a 'critical friend' to the Police. IAGs were created to work as genuine partners with the Police to inform improvements in service delivery with a particular focus on diversity and the protected characteristics as covered by the Equality Act 2000.

IAGs do not represent the views of the community as a whole, but of the individual IAG members. IAGs are only one part of the jigsaw of wide community consultation engagement.

### What do IAGs do?

As critical friends, IAG members constructively advise and work with the Police as a genuine partner in driving service improvement. Members will challenge conventional thinking and giving an independent perspective on issues through a process of open discussion and feedback.

IAG members are not expected to provide 'specialist advice' on policing issues. Rather, they are designed to provide advice on how policing services may be, or are being perceived by communities. IAG members are not independent scrutinisers, as this function is carried out via existing established mechanisms.

### What do members do?

- Give individual perception / advice on policy (including policy development), and practices, which impact on diverse communities.
- Provide a view on how particular police activities are likely to be perceived by communities, for example Stop & Search.
- Give a personal perspective as a person who is connected to a particular community – IAG members do not speak on behalf of the community.
- Advise the police on cultural and other issues, specifically relevant to the community involved.
- Give post incident advice in regard to critical incidents, noting how the incident advice may differ in different communities and cultures.

### IAG Meetings

It is recommended that IAGs meet at least 4 times a year.

The IAG Chair and Coordinator will consult members and set meeting agendas.

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The agenda can be informed from the information offered in the IAG information pack and will be updated at intervals in time for each meeting by the Strategic Service Improvement Department within Wiltshire Police.

The information pack will contain amongst other things, Hate Crime and Stop and Search activity data. If there is a rise in activity for example, members may wish to understand why and cover this as an agenda item.

A recent IAG recruitment campaign was conducted, and we are due to hold our first meeting in the beginning of April.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Wiltshire Police has announced that Chief Constable Mike Veale will be stepping down in his role, and has accepted the role of Chief Constable for Cleveland Police. His last day with Wiltshire Police will be 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Mr. Veale has said "It's 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. Kier will take up the post of Temporary Chief Constable on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Paul Mills, who is 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 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. 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."



Craig Holden, who is currently a Superintendent, has been appointed as Temporary Assistant Chief Constable, as of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact PCC Angus Macpherson on:  
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## **CRIME EXCEPTIONS DATA**

These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.

**\*\*\* Domestic Abuse figures will also be included in the values as it is on our Control Strategy but here will be no details shared on these cases \*\*\***

### **JANUARY 2018 DATA**

#### **Trowbridge Town and Villages combined (Area Board)**

January 2018 showed a total of 280 crimes for the whole Trowbridge Area Board region against the average of 277.8 for this same month over the last 2 years. This is slightly below what we would reasonably expect for the month. There are no exceptions within the data.

The three largest crime groups accounted for 91% of this recorded crime as follows;

Theft showed 121 crimes compared to the average of 101.0  
Violence Against the person showed 103 crimes compared to the average of 93.0  
Criminal Damage showed 31 crimes compared to the average of 42.7

### **FEBRUARY 2018 DATA**

#### **Trowbridge Town and Villages combined (Area Board)**

February 2018 showed a total of 259 crimes for the whole Trowbridge Area Board region against the average of 276.9 for this same month over the last 2 years. This is slightly below what we would reasonably expect for the month. There are no exceptions within the data.

The three largest crime groups accounted for 81% of this recorded crime as follows;

Theft showed 94 crimes compared to the average of 101.4  
Violence Against the person showed 80 crimes compared to the average of 92.3  
Criminal Damage showed 35 crimes compared to the average of 41.9

## **COMMUNITY POLICING PRIORITIES WITHIN YOUR AREA**

### **WEEKLY TASKING MEETING**

Inspector Andy FEE chairs a weekly internal "tasking meeting" where emerging community issues and concerns are raised and discussed for the whole West Wiltshire CPT area. From this meeting, priorities and actions are set and a tasking document produced. This involves developing strategies and the targeting of resources (including partner agencies) into tackling the issue or concern.

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Currently the priorities for “Pro-Active” and “Pulse Patrols” in Trowbridge include;

Longfield Area – ASB from youths around the area of the Community Centre and surrounding roads.  
Behaviour includes verbal abuse and intimidation to other residents.

Longfield Area – Millhand Villas, reports of disorder, late night parties and lots of visitors to 2 properties at this location. There is a multi-agency approach with Guinness Housing who have submitted a referral to ASBRAC (The Anti-social behaviour panel)

Whole Town – Cycle/bike gangs. We have had several reports of youths on pushbikes (ranging from 5 to 15) riding together in an anti-social manner in various locations in Trowbridge, this has also led to criminal damage to vehicles on at least one occasion. In recent days the number of reports has dropped off, and we believe the group arrested for burglary (see below are connected to these reported incidents.

In Trowbridge 3 youths have been identified for intensive scrutiny due to their level of offending. CPT is working closely with the Youth Offending Team (YOT) for intervention work, and any crimes or investigations linked to these individuals are being expedited and passed from shift to shift to ensure a swift and robust approach to dealing with their behaviour.

### **BURGLARY ARRESTS UPDATE**

Officers are investigating a series of burglaries in Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford on Avon and Westbury areas which have all occurred in the last few weeks. In the majority of the burglary cases, offenders have entered a property via insecurity (mainly the front door) or able to obtain front door/car keys via access through the letterbox. In total, 13 cars were stolen from 11 burglaries in less than a two week period. Both High visibility and plain clothes patrols were carried out by the CPT and the CTT teams.

As a result, 4 males, 3 of them juveniles, were arrested on the 27<sup>th</sup> February in connection to the investigation. The CTT (Community Tasking Team) took on responsibility for coordinating the investigation. The update so far;

Two teenagers have been charged following a series of arrests relating to car key burglaries in west Wiltshire.

A 17-year-old from Warminster has been charged with aggravated taking a vehicle without consent, driving while disqualified and driving without insurance. He has been bailed and is due to appear at Salisbury Youth Court next month. He was also arrested on suspicion of burglary and has been released on conditional bail pending further enquiries.

A 17-year-old from Trowbridge has been charged with aggravated taking a vehicle without consent. He has been bailed and is due to appear at Salisbury Youth Court next month. He was also arrested on suspicion of burglary and has been released on conditional bail pending further enquiries.

A 16-year-old and 19-year-old, both from Trowbridge, who were arrested on suspicion of burglary, have been released on conditional bail.

To improve the security in and around your home, we are asking residents to remember the following advice:

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- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows
- Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not home.
- If you buy large or valuable items such as a bicycle, ensure any serial numbers are registered with [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- Ensure keys and handbags are not on display in your premises
- Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel
- Make sure any bolts on garden gates are low enough so that they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate
- Never leave a key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox – a thief knows all the hiding places.

### DRUGS ARREST UPDATE

On the 6<sup>th</sup> March in Dursley Road Trowbridge, Officers stopped and searched a male in his 20's and female in her 30's, both from Trowbridge under Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act. As a result, the male was arrested on suspicion of possession of class B (Cannabis) and suspicion of Class A drugs with intent to supply. He was later released under Police investigation (RUI) for further enquiries. The female was also interviewed on suspicion of possession of a Class A drug and released for further enquiries.

### COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)

**Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speedwatch Schemes across West Wiltshire are selected by Leanne Homewood for CPT support (additional targeting, enforcement and patrols) to supplement the CSW team planned sessions. These are included in our weekly tasking document for action and update. All the results from the supplementary speed checks conducted are fed back to the relevant town and parish Councils in their individual Police Reports. The current Speedwatch Schemes being supported are as follows;**

LOCATION	INFORMATION
Chitterne	Added 07/03/18
Frome Road, Southwick	Added 07/03/18
Westwood	Added 07/03/18
Steeple Ashton – Common Hill	Added 07/03/18

### OTHER INFORMATION

#### PCSO UPDATE

Since the last Area Board report, Trowbridge CPT welcomes back PCSO Rose BALDOCK. Rose has many years' experience as a PCSO in the Melksham area and has previously worked in the Trowbridge area. This brings us up to the full complement of 10 PCSO's for Trowbridge. Rose will be working alongside PCSO Mat TILL covering the ET14 Beat (Drynham and College).

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We have also been impressed with the way the 4 new PCSO's who have been working in Trowbridge for the last few months have hit the ground running, given our community capability a huge boost.

Examples of just some of their work include:

Jack Hannis has been working closely with partners, Anne Jordan from Turning Point, Sarah Robinson from Wiltshire Council and Street Link in relation to the rough sleepers. He is ensuring all that can be done to support, signpost and house these vulnerable people and where appropriate, referring them to the bi-monthly Rough Sleepers Multi-agency panel meeting.

Megan JOBBINS has switched to a different team to Nina MARSH to provide a broader coverage of the ET12 beat and has taken on personal responsibility as the lead PCSO for the Primary Schools on the Beat. Megan was also involved in the identification and recovery of a Stolen Motorbike.

Rhianna ANNETTS has been highly visible on the Longfield beat area working alongside long standing Laura WALLACE, conducting "Pulse Patrols" where there have been issues with young youths causing some low level crime and anti-social behaviour around the Community Centre and surrounding roads.

Melissa GLOVER has been leading and directing patrols and enquiries in relation to a dangerous derelict house in Green Lane used by local youth for drinking and ASB. This house is due for demolition next week. Melissa is also building connections with the Parish Councils and Clerks for the villages and ensuring they receive monthly reports and will attend when on duty and able.

Below is the up-to-date list of all Trowbridge Area PCSO's and their Beats.

PCSO	BEAT AREA
Simon Partington	ET11 (Town Centre, Newtown)
Jack Hannis	ET11 (Town Centre, Newtown)
Nina Marsh	ET12 (Seymour and Paxcroft)
Megan Jobbins	ET12 (Seymour and Paxcroft)
Rhianna Annetts	ET13 (Longfield)
Laura Wallace	ET13 (Longfield)
Matt Till	ET14 (Drynham and College)
Rose Baldock	ET14 (Drynham and College)
Elizabeth Harmsworth	ET15 (Studley and Broadmead)
Melissa Glover	ET16 (Rural - Villages)

## EVENTS

For those looking to organize an even within the community, please have a look at the toolkit available from Wiltshire Council, which gives guidance and advice with regards to most types of events, including information about traffic management and which agencies / departments need to be contacted when applying for various licenses / road closures.

It can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf>

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

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## **CONTACT US**

Please use 999 in an emergency or crime in progress. Use 101 for all past or non-urgent crimes/incidents and issues or visit Wiltshire Police's new website at;

**<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/>**

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