

# Amesbury Area Board Police Report March 2018

## 1. East Community Policing Team

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

**Sector Deputy:**

**Community Coordinator:** Pc Lucy Wileman

**Amesbury PCSO:** PCSO Levi Morphy

**Durrington/Bulford/Larkhill & Figheldean PCSO:** PCSO Pippa Brewer

## 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.

To learn more about Community Policing (note this refers to the current set-up, before the boundary change) please visit our [website](#)

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**If you have any questions about any of the above,  
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### **Wiltshire Police will have a new Deputy Chief Constable as of 5 March.**

Following Chief Constable Mike Veale's appointment at Cleveland Police, changes have been made to the Force's leadership.

Current Assistant Chief Constable Kier Pritchard will become Temporary Chief Constable and he has now appointed Paul Mills, who is also currently an Assistant Chief Constable, 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 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."



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## **2. CPT - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:**

### **Current Priorities Amesbury and surrounding areas.**

#### **Theft from Motor Vehicles**

This priority continues for the whole patch. Since our last report there has been an increase in Theft from Work vans but pleased to say this dropped off

We have a surplus in beauty spot signs which Area Board funded. Over the coming month Pc Wileman will contact Parish Clerks to see who would like some signs to put up on their areas at suitable locations.

#### **Theft from Work Vans**

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.

### **Target Patrols Amesbury and surrounding areas**

#### **The Croft Newton Tony**

Following a series of repeated thefts at the location, a target patrol commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 To date 16 patrols have taken place, we are pleased to say that no further incidents have been reported.

## Neighbourhood Tasking Meeting

The next NTG is booked for 7pm at the Bulford Village Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

### Media

### Consultations

Your PCSO's are carrying out consultations on their areas.

### Update re Rural Crime Partnership

Rural crime operations continue, in our efforts to target what is often cross border organised criminal activity.

### 3. 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.



### Child sexual exploitation and abuse

Young people often enter the criminal justice system as a direct result of being exploited by others for financial or sexual gain. This has been recognised recently with a shift in focus to these young people being dealt with as Criminally Exploited and Vulnerable (CEV) individuals. Where circumstances dictate, this will mean that the safeguarding of these young people will take precedence over any criminal offences they may have committed. Those doing the exploiting are the individuals that should be targeted.

Please be vigilant for young people who may be being exploited in this way and report to Police through the normal channels.

## **Organised criminality**

Operation Sirius is a dedicated response team investigating Asian Gold burglaries, one of which recently occurred within this area. Our local officers have also been engaging with businesses in the town requesting they report anything or anyone acting suspiciously in their neighbourhood, unknown or unexpected doorstep traders, unusual vehicles, many offenders use high performance vehicles. Please be mindful if you see such a vehicle driving around your area. We work closely with forces nationally, sharing information, helping to tackle this criminality which occurs throughout the country.

## **Cybercrime**

Our Cyber Crime Prevention Officer is working closely with our partners within the region including attending Area Boards.

Many of the cyber scams which succeed occur following an individuals response to act quickly to an instruction or use distraction techniques so that less concentration occurs on the task in hand.

## **County Lines and the Criminality Exploited**

Two men have been sentenced to a total of six years and six months imprisonment after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

Thomas Houston, aged 22, from Laverstock, was sentenced to two years and six months and Daniel Agostini-Brown, 21, from London, was sentenced to four years in prison when they appeared at Winchester Crown Court on Friday 26 January.

On 18 September 2017, Houston was stop checked by police along the river walk near Waitrose in Salisbury after he was seen to conduct a suspected drug deal.

Officers suspected he had something in his mouth - he subsequently spat out five wraps that were found to contain crack cocaine.

He was arrested, interviewed and released under investigation while further enquiries were carried out.

On 8 November 2017, Houston was located within a local drug users address in Exeter Street with Agostini-Brown.

Inside the address, officers discovered 39 wraps of crack cocaine and heroin as well as cutting and bagging materials. Agostini-Brown also had £1,335 in cash on him. It is believed he had travelled from London to Salisbury for the sole purpose of supplying class A drugs to local users.

Both were arrested, charged and remanded for drug supply offences.

PC Luke Barnett, of the Dedicated Crime Team, said: "Disrupting the supply of class A drugs in Salisbury continues to be a priority for us as once again we have seen an individual travelling into our county to take over a vulnerable drug user's house using violence, intimidation and exploitation for the sole purposes of making money through selling drugs.

"Agostini-Brown was found to have pictures on his phone that he had sent out on social media boasting about how much money he had earned in Salisbury - these individuals do not use class A drugs themselves nor do they care about the harm they are causing to others.

"We will continue to target these individuals to ensure they are put before the courts and the most vulnerable people within our communities are protected."

To report drug activity in your neighbourhood, please call 101.

## **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.

## Modern Slavery and Human Exploitation

### Domestic Abuse

A third of DA perpetrators are repeat offenders. A quarter of offenders have also been the victim of DA.

#### **James Williams**

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