



SOUTH WILTSHIRE COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM – May 2018

Southern Wilts Area Board

Sector Head: Insp Pete Sparrow

Sector Deputy: Sgt John Hutchings

Community Coordinator: Pc Matt Holland

Alderbury Rural Beat - PcsO Simon NASH

Downton Rural Beat - PcsO Matt SMITH

Laverstock/ Old Sarum - PcsO Jenny MOSS

Local officers will be attending Downton Cuckoo Fair this Sat 5th May

Current Local Priorities –

-Speed enforcement checks - (see below report for more detail) Teams supporting Community SpeedWatch Teams – areas for targeting selected using data from active CSW Teams – current areas – Coombe Bissett, Landford, Whiteparish and Firsdow

-Theft of lead from buildings – targeted patrols of hotspots – ongoing series – repeat offences in Downton, Redlynch and Coombe Bissett

Area Board Report

Over the last few months South Wiltshire CPT has responded to unprecedented demands, the impact of which has been felt locally and around the world. Much has been said about this major incident in local, national and international media and we still see cordons in and around the city. I'm pleased that we are now moving from crime scenes towards the lengthy clean up phase and that the 4 persons who were physically affected are all showing positive signs of recovery. I apologise for the impact these cordons have had upon both individuals and businesses and can assure you that Wiltshire Police continue to work closely with our colleagues in Counter Terrorism and DEFRA to balance the needs of the investigation without sacrificing the safety of the public.

The incidents of 4th March 2017 have instigated an expression of public support for their emergency services. The community spirit has been based around unity. Acts of kindness continue with offers of warm drinks on cold days and ice-cream in the heat. There have even been offers of roast dinners and haircuts! But what really struck me were the messages of support and good wishes towards the recovery of those affected and the efforts of the emergency services



that have been received from around the World. There really have been too many to respond to, but each and every one has been gratefully received.

I am incredibly proud of the way my officers responded on the day as well as the way the wider Policing family have united to meet the demands. No Police service could manage an incident of this scale without the support of mutual aid. We still have over 80 officers per day working on managing the cordons with countless others working on the investigation and cleaning operation. The 'can do' attitude of everyone involved is heartening. They have embraced the true meaning of Community and have immersed themselves with engagement at every opportunity to help reassure the public and soften their impact.

It is worth noting that Major Incidents do not happen very often. However, South Wiltshire CPT responded to two within a week. The officers who attended to the medical needs in the Maltings were the same officers who had been working extensive hours to help rescue motorists trapped in the snow during their preceding shifts. Again, this demonstrated the community spirit that exists in South Wiltshire with support from farmers and 4x4 drivers coming to help.

When the Community Policing Team Model was introduced in October 2016, the Policing areas were based on demand profiles. A recent decision was made to bring Amesbury and Tidworth area away from the East CPT and into the South CPT, which came into place at the start of April. This is a move that I welcome as it provides me the resilience I need to move resources to meet the demand. My focus now is to increase the number of frontline deployable officers, help these two areas work as one team and deliver the best possible service to our community.

I noted with interest the latest media release from the ONS on Crime Statistics, which reported that between January 2017 and December 2017, Wiltshire Police recorded 44,043 crimes overall – an increase in 7.9% compared to the national average of 15.3% and 11.1% regionally. Statistics are often blunt tools and caution should always be taken when trying to interpret them, particularly when the sample size is small. In no way would I want to represent that a rise in crime is good, but crimes in Wiltshire were rising at a slower rate than the national picture.

I have reviewed our 12 month figures for South Wiltshire to the end of March 2018, where we witnessed a 3% rise in All Crime. I have broken them down to each Area Board to provide you with an opportunity to appreciate the scale and direction of various crime types and local variance. The most significant figures that I would like to highlight are:

Robbery – Down by 42%; Possession of Drugs Down by 28%, but Trafficking of Drugs Up by 79%. This is the reflection of the targeting of County Line Drug Networks, particularly in Salisbury. The focus on dealing and not simple possession has led to improved community intelligence, supporting the use of closure orders and protection of vulnerable addicts who can be directed



toward rehabilitation. Although a Salisbury based focus, the tendrils of Class A drug addiction impacts on crime rates on a much wider area.

Violence with injury is Up by 16%. This rise is across all areas and will need some more research to appreciate how this rise compares when split between private and public space violence and any relationship with Domestic Abuse.

Sexual Offences are Up 21%. This is principally due to one ongoing investigation and inappropriate to comment further.

Cycle Theft Up 65%. We have recognised this and PCSO Simon Nash is organising a cycle marking and register event in partnership with www.bikeregister.com from the Five Rivers Leisure Centre. Once we have details we will circulate them on our Social Media and Community Messaging.

I hope these figures reassure you that the South Wiltshire area remains a safe low crime area.

South Wiltshire CPT have also joined forces with our local Community Speed Watches. We are now being provided the data that they collect to help direct our officers in prioritising where they should be conducting speed enforcement. I often hear from various Area Boards that speeding is one of their top concerns and that they never see a Police Officer... well here is an opportunity for the various Area Boards to set up and support more CSW programs. I will commit that South Wilts CPT will attend the top 3 locations based on collected speed data and 1 further location that is rotated to allow us to attend all CSWs over the year. These areas will change on a fortnightly basis and we will keep publicising where we are going, although not the times we will be out. Sometimes we will do this with the CSW and at others not. Not only is this a great way to support another volunteer sector, it is also an opportunity to demonstrate that our officers are getting out onto their areas.

Pete Sparrow
Sector Inspector,
Wiltshire South CPT



	Tidworth			Amesbury			Salisbury			Southern			Wilton			South Wiltshire Total			Wiltshire Police Total		
	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	%	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	%	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	%	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	%	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	%	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	%	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	% chan ge
All Crime	798	899	13%	1368	1464	7%	3625	3720	3%	812	841	4%	463	389	-16%	7066	7313	3%	41681	43618	5%
Burglary	73	83	14%	118	127	8%	225	239	6%	148	125	-16%	59	35	-41%	623	609	-2%	4019	4076	1%
Robbery	2	1	-50%	3	2	-33%	27	15	-44%	1	0	-100%	0	1	-	33	19	-42%	224	291	30%
Crim Damage & Arson	120	139	16%	210	225	7%	599	572	-5%	133	129	-3%	102	75	-26%	1164	1140	-2%	5994	6099	2%
Sexual Offences	48	39	-19%	47	63	34%	128	136	6%	22	54	145%	17	24	41%	262	316	21%	1488	1709	15%
Possession Of Drugs	23	16	-30%	42	42	0%	116	84	-28%	13	3	-77%	9	1	-89%	203	146	-28%	995	797	-20%
Trafficking of Drugs	3	1	-67%	5	7	40%	34	66	94%	1	3	200%	0	0	-	43	77	79%	191	211	10%
Vehicle Crime	60	52	-13%	125	126	1%	195	225	15%	82	75	-9%	60	43	-28%	522	521	0%	3431	3814	11%
Cycle Theft	8	14	75%	8	9	13%	48	77	60%	2	10	400%	3	4	33%	69	114	65%	768	912	19%
Shoplifting	24	53	121%	45	52	16%	412	394	-4%	9	7	-22%	15	6	-60%	505	512	1%	3666	4196	14%
Theft from the Person	1	0	-100%	13	3	-77%	68	66	-3%	4	3	-25%	4	0	-100%	90	72	-20%	409	396	-3%
Other Theft	67	101	51%	156	193	24%	388	396	2%	121	118	-2%	53	52	-2%	785	860	10%	3976	4436	12%
Violence with Injury	136	145	7%	197	241	22%	445	497	12%	81	114	41%	49	52	6%	908	1049	16%	5595	5655	1%
Violence without Injury	166	172	4%	301	266	-12%	614	642	5%	147	152	3%	72	77	7%	1300	1309	1%	7332	7502	2%
Possession Of Weapons	2	6	200%	9	5	-44%	29	21	-28%	4	2	-50%	0	0	-	44	34	-23%	274	279	2%
Public Order Offences	54	65	20%	65	71	9%	249	234	-6%	34	34	0%	16	14	-13%	418	418	0%	2603	2455	-6%
Misc Crimes Against Society	11	12	9%	24	32	33%	48	56	17%	10	12	20%	4	5	25%	97	117	21%	714	790	11%

