



BRADFORD ON AVON AREA BOARD REPORT – MAY 2018

Hello and welcome to this month's Community policing report

We would like to welcome Sergeant James Williams, who has joined the West Wiltshire Community Policing Team as the Sector Deputy, having taken over from Gill Hughes who has recently been promoted to Inspector.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Gill for all of her hard work during her time with us.

James joined Wiltshire Police in 2001, aged 27. He began his career as a Community Beat Officer for the Studley Green area of Trowbridge.



Having been promoted, James moved on to Chippenham as a response Sergeant, before spending a number of years based in the Melksham Custody Unit, where he was responsible for implanting the changes to police bail for Wiltshire Police under the Policing and Crime Act.

In October 2017 James moved to the East Wiltshire Community Policing Team, where he covered as Acting Sector Inspector for a period of six months, before joining us at the end of March.

RURAL CRIME

Three years ago the last National Rural Crime Survey was conducted, which revealed the huge cost of crime to our rural communities – both financial, at £800 million per year, and fear, with chronic under-reporting.

The National Rural Crime Network produced a series of recommendations and, in many areas, the police took steps to improve matters. So now we want to know what's changed.

Questions cover a range of issues – from whether you report crimes that you or your business suffer, to the impact crime and anti-social behaviour has on you and your area, and whether you believe enough is done to catch those who carry out the offences.

The survey is available at www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net and is open for submissions until Sunday 10th June.

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Mr. Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, said “I hope that anyone living or working in a rural community will spare a few minutes to complete this survey. It will provide a clear picture of what has improved, what challenges remain and what more government, police forces and organisations can do to support the most isolated parts of the country.

One of this year’s focuses as we rerun the research is whether rural crime continues to be under reported. Three years ago, one in four said they didn’t report the last crime they’d been a victim of because they didn’t see the point.

It’s being carried out by the National Rural Crime Network. The organization brings together Police and Crime Commissioners, police forces and organisations that play a key role in rural communities – like the Country Land and Business Association, the National Farmers Union, Neighbourhood Watch, Crimestoppers, Historic England and the Countryside Alliance”.

The results will also feed into the National Police Chief’s Council’s Rural Affairs National Strategy for 2018-2021 which is due to be launched later this year.

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

There continues to be reports of theft from motor vehicles, both in Bradford Town and the surrounding village areas. Although these are few, they are still occurring in small sporadic amounts. Work vans are often a common target for tools and equipment. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following crime prevention advice:

Thefts from Vehicles

- Don’t leave anything in your car – if it’s not there, then it can’t be stolen.
- Thieves aren’t picky, so don’t leave even low-value items in your car. Often thieves will smash and grab first and look later to see if what they’ve stolen is valuable.
- Don’t hide it – if you hide items under the seat or in the glove box, chances are someone will have watched you. If you cannot avoid leaving something in your car, put it in your boot before you begin your journey.
- Don’t leave valuables in your car even for a minute – it only takes a thief a few seconds to smash a window and get what they want, so don’t take the chance.
- Don’t leave your house keys or anything with your address on it in your vehicle – someone could steal your keys and then let themselves into your home.

Securing Cars

- Always secure your car.
- Always lock your car and wind your windows up, even if you are just posting a letter or going into a petrol station.
- Get a car alarm – they not only deter a thief from stealing the car, but also from stealing items from inside it.
- Immobilisers stop the engine from starting if the car is being stolen .

Beauty Spot Vehicle Advice

- Try to park in sign-posted parking areas.

- Be cautious about parking your car in isolation, thieves can be put off when other people are around.
- Do not leave anything in your vehicle. A jacket or coat left behind may be of very little value to you, but a thief may think it has been used to hide a laptop or handbag, and will break into your vehicle to find out.
- Before you leave home, think about what you need and leave any unnecessary items of value at home.
- Whilst enjoying the sights make sure you keep your bag and possessions with you.

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 *****

MARCH 2018 DATA

EA - Bradford on Avon Area (Town and Villages EA11 and EA12 Beats)

March 2018 showed total of 35 crimes for the whole EA Area against the average of 55.1 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.
The three largest crime groups accounted for 91% of EA crime as follows;

Theft showed 18 crimes compared to the average of 23.7
Violence Against the person showed 8 crimes compared to the average of 14.9
Criminal Damage showed 6 crimes compared to the average of 10

This breaks down into the two Bradford on Avon Beat areas as follows;

EA11 (Bradford on Avon Town)

March 2018 showed a total of 24 crimes for the EA11 Area against the average of 34.5 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.
The three largest crime groups accounted for 92% of EA11 crime as follows;

Theft showed 12 crimes compared to the average of 15.6
Violence Against the person showed 6 crimes compared to the average of 8.3
Criminal Damage showed 4 crimes compared to the average of 6.1

EA12 (Wingfield, Westwood, Limpley Stoke, Winsley, Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall, Holt, Staverton)

March 2018 showed a total of 11 crimes for the EA12 Area against the average of 20.6 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

The three largest crime groups accounted for 82% of EA12 crime as follows;

Theft showed 6 crimes compared to the average of 7.8
Violence Against the person showed 2 crimes compared to the average of 6.2
Criminal Damage showed 1 crimes compared to the average of 3.9

APRIL 2018 DATA

EA - Bradford on Avon Area (Town and Villages EA11 and EA12 Beats)

April 2018 showed a total of 41 crimes for the whole EA Area against the average of 52.4 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

The 4 largest crime groups accounted for 88% of EA crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 14 crimes compared to the average of 14.3
Theft showed 10 crimes compared to the average of 13
Vehicle Offences showed 8 crimes compared to the average of 5.4
Burglary showed 4 crimes compared to the average of 8.7

This breaks down into the two Bradford on Avon Beat areas as follows;

EA11 (Bradford on Avon Town)

April 2018 showed a total of 29 crimes for the EA11 Area against the average of 32.6 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

The 4 largest crime groups accounted for 93% of EA11 crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 10 crimes compared to the average of 8.4
Theft showed 8 crimes compared to the average of 9
Vehicle offences showed 6 crimes compared to the average of 3.8
Burglary showed 3 crimes compared to the average of 5

EA12 (Wingfield, Westwood, Limpley Stoke, Winsley, Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall, Holt, Staverton)

April 2018 showed a total of 12 crimes for the EA12 Area against the average of 19.8 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

The three largest crime groups accounted for 75% of EA12 crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 4 crimes compared to the average of 6
Vehicle Offences showed 2 crimes compared to the average of 2.4
Theft showed 2 crimes compared to the average of 3.9
Burglary showed 1 crimes compared to the average of 3.6

Burglary Crime Update

Overnight on the 23rd into the 24th April the CO OP on Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon was broken into and targeted for the theft of cigarettes. This followed a similar burglary at the same store at the end of March which also targeted cigarettes. There have also been similar burglaries in Corsham, Box, Chippenham and Longbridge Deverill as well as in the Avon and Somerset area. It is believed that these are all related to the same offenders, and detectives in Wiltshire have been working with our neighbour detectives.

We are pleased to report that the investigation lead to the recent arrest of two males on suspicion of Burglary, and a vehicle has been seized. A male in his 50's from Paulton (Bath and NE Somerset) has been released RUI (Under Police Investigation) and a male in his 30's from Bath has been charged with offences in A and S and some of the Wiltshire burglaries including the CO OP store incidents. We are awaiting a confirmation update for his court date at this time

Drugs crime update

On the 8th May near Staverton Marina. Following Police patrols and a stop check on a male acting suspiciously at the location, a juvenile male from Bristol, was arrested on suspicion of possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply. He was later released under Police investigation. We believe this male to be involved in a wider cross border Drug Network which we are keen to disrupt and prevent establishing themselves in our area. Enquiries are ongoing.

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

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

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.

The focus for the Bradford on Avon has been Dwelling Burglary. Although these remain at low levels, there were 3 burglaries and a criminal damage that happened in the town overnight between the 29th and 30th March at Methuen Close, Palairret Close and Elm's Cross Drive (The criminal Damage was Moulton Drive – Smashed window to a front door, no entry gained). The main target appears to be jewellery although a vehicle, a Nissan Navara Pick-up in Black was stolen from one of the addresses. We believe these crimes are linked to other dwelling burglaries in Trowbridge and the North of Wiltshire that occurred the same night. The investigation so far suggests that the group of individuals linked to these crimes have travelled into Wiltshire and are from an out of force area, possibly Gloucester or beyond, and using vehicles on cloned plates. Enquiries into these crimes are ongoing with surrounding forces.

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Again, we promote the following security information in a bid to reduce the likelihood of a resident being a victim of crime:

- 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
- 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.

Other incidents of note include some damage on the site of Christchurch Primary School which happened over the Easter period including damage to windows, a water fountain as well as play equipment. Sadly there are currently no suspects for this and enquiries have not turned up any useful leads for us to pursue.

Early April also saw entry gained to 2 parked up unattended vehicles (Trowbridge Road and Budbury circle) , one was definitely insecure, and property stolen from within, so again we urge people to check that they close all windows and lock cars securely, including those parked on private driveways as well as on the roads.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)

Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speed Watch 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.

Between the 4th and 18th April the CSW locations were A350 Beanacre, Snowberry Lane Melksham, Atworth village and new Terrace, Staverton. The locations selected on the 18th April to the beginning of May were Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon, Dilton Marsh and Hindon. The current selected locations are as follows:

LOCATION	ACTION REQUIRED
Dilton Marsh	Near to the Prince of Wales.
Hindon	30 mph - Stopps Hill.

Bath Road, Bradford on Avon	40 mph – Anytime.
A350, Beanacre, Melksham	30 mph – After 1900 hours.

COMMUNITY MESSAGING

PLEASE SIGN UP! Community messaging to receive regular emails regarding crime updates, crime prevention advice and public appeals specific for your area. - <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

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>

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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