



## **SOUTH WILTSHIRE COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM – May 2018**

**Amesbury Area Board**

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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



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



<b>Public Order Offences</b>	54	65	20%	65	71	9%	249	234	-6%	34	34	0%	16	14	-13%	418	418	0%	2603	2455	-6%
<b>Misc Crimes Against Society</b>	11	12	9%	24	32	33%	48	56	17%	10	12	20%	4	5	25%	97	117	21%	714	790	11%



## NEWS

### **Wiltshire's overall recorded crime increase is half the national average according to crime statistics out today.**

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.

Recorded burglary was up 13.2% on the previous year's figures with 503 more burglaries, making a total of 4,318 break-ins for the year January 2017 to December 2017.

This increase is primarily down to how break-ins are recorded by the Force; since April 2017 the way burglary is recorded has changed nationally and new categories are not directly comparable to the previous ones i.e. shed break-ins are now classed as residential burglaries (home/property break-ins), whereas before they were categorised as non-dwelling (non-home/property break-ins).

Wiltshire Police has also improved how they record crimes with a 95.2% crime recording compliance rate.

Although the dramatic improvement in the quality of crime recording has impacted on the results, tackling burglary continues to be a Force priority and Wiltshire Police has also invested in crime prevention awareness concerning vehicle crime.

Over the past 12 months a burglary improvement plan has been developed which now forms the basis of all burglary investigations. Part of this has involved holding a series of public drop-in sessions across the county to take on board the concerns of people - our communities who are a vital resource in shaping our response to this type of crime. As part of this, burglary detection rates have nearly doubled since April 2017 from 3% to 5.8% and this continues to improve.

The ONS figures show an increase of 24.2% in theft from vehicles (2,064 in 2016 compared to 2,564 in 2017). Our analysis suggests that the majority of these incidents are from vehicles which are insecure or have valuables on display and are often beauty spot thefts.

Officers continue to run a number of crime prevention campaigns urging motorists to lock their vehicles and keep belongings out of sight.

Police and Crime Commissioner Angus Macpherson said: "Whilst it is always concerning to see an increase in recorded crime I am confident that our improved recording practices explain some of this increase.

"Although I continue to highlight the increases in crime as being reflective of recording practices, at no point am I, or the Chief Constable becoming complacent.

"The Force has recognised the increase in domestic burglary and vehicle crime, and I am pleased to see the Force is robustly responding to the concerns that I and the wider community have about these crimes.

"I have challenged the Chief Constable and his team frequently and will continue to do so on burglary, as this increase is not acceptable, and while detection rates are increasing more improvements need to be made.

"The Force has had some recent success in securing convictions for prolific burglars and I am reassured that this continues to be a Force priority."

Meanwhile, the number of overall recorded drug offences dropped by 15.2% with 187 fewer offences in 2017 compared to 2016.

The number of recorded rapes has increased by 37%, with 30% of this increase being accounted for by non-recent reports and 70% being reported within 12 months of the incident.

This increase also accounts for multiple reports of crime coming from the same victim.



Angus Macpherson added: "I'm committed to ensuring that victims of crime have the confidence to report crime to Wiltshire Police and receive support from their very first call and throughout the criminal justice process when they do.

"And I will continue to fund a number of victim support services across the county to ensure that this continues to be the case."

The figure reflects that more victims are feeling confident to come forward and report a sexual assault thanks to international awareness campaigns like #MeToo, which went viral in October 2017, and the publicity around high profile historical sex abuse cases.

Detective Superintendent Jeremy Carter said: "We take reports of rape and sexual assault incredibly seriously and we always work hard to provide the appropriate support for victims of these types of crime so they feel able to report the offence and work with police so we can get a successful prosecution.

"We have recently employed a lawyer with expertise in sexual offences to give our staff additional training to ensure they are well equipped to conduct thorough investigations to maximise the opportunities for prosecutions.

"We always encourage people to report these types of crime to us, so they can be investigated thoroughly. Through our Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) we will always signpost additional support for victims through what is often a very traumatic time. Victims can seek help and counselling from the SARC based at the New Swindon Sanctuary - they can be contacted on the 24-hour helpline 0808 168 0024.

"Crimes can be reported to police by calling 101, or 999 in an emergency."

Assistant Chief Constable Craig Holden said: "Our crime increase is lower than the national and regional figures and compared to similar sized Forces we are well below the average crime figures; however we are not complacent and remain focused when it comes to tackling all crime and criminals.

"Our crime recording is consistently high and stable as reflected by our HMICFRS grading. The figures we are seeing are now an accurate picture of crimes in our county and the work we are doing to combat criminal behaviour is reflected in this too.

"As a Force we are constantly changing our processes and are pro-actively putting into practice the recommendations made. A good example of this is the introduction of the Community Tasking Teams (CTT) last year and their on-going work, with burglary continuing to be a Force priority.

"The CTTs have targeted the small number of prolific offenders responsible for most of burglaries in our communities. This has resulted in a high number of arrests, remands in custody, convictions and custodial sentences.

"The CTTs will continue to work relentlessly to improve how we engage with the communities we serve, and ultimately to reduce future offending."

## **Other News**

### **Our Tri-Force police dogs and their handlers need your help**

We are looking for new venues within Wiltshire to train our police dogs. Do you know of any empty or disused buildings for our firearms support/general purpose German Shepherd police dogs?

Or do you know of any office complexes, large houses, colleges, stadiums or other venues for our drugs or explosive search dogs? These dogs can happily search safely around people so these premises do not need to be empty like the ones required for our German Shepherds.

If you have empty buildings awaiting to be let or sold, we would be interested in these too, even if they are only available for a few weeks – our dog handlers (and dogs) would be extremely grateful.

It is really important for the development of our police dogs that they receive training in realistic venues to prepare them for



operational duties. If you have any buildings or land which you would be happy for our dog handlers and dogs to use for training purposes, please contact our dog training manager Ian Partington via email on [ian.partington@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ian.partington@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk).

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

### **Night Time Economy Amesbury Town Centre**

Following the recent Amesbury/Durrington/Bulford/Figheledean Neighbourhood Tasking Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March it was decided amongst the group, that we would work on night time economy for Amesbury Town Centre. 80 surveys have been hand delivered to residents and shops in the town centre on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Once returns have been received further directions will be passed to the shifts. To date 10 surveys have been returned.

The Amesbury Rural Neighbourhood Tasking Group met on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, no priorities were set, numerous local issues were raised and these will be addressed amongst the teams.

### **Theft from Motor Vehicles & Work Vans**

This priority for the whole patch was agreed prior to the up and coming NTG Meetings for Amesbury/Durrington/Tidworth/Ludgershall in December 2017. This patrol commenced on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Following a slight increase in Vehicles offences, it was decided that this needs to be in place. In particular work vans were being broken into with an unknown device. According to some local companies this was happening all of the South West. Some analytical work took place. Pc Wileman and the PCSO's carried out crime prevention work. Numbers were low locally. The patrol closed down on 11<sup>th</sup> April. In total 109 actions took place.

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

### **Barleycroft, The Common Shrewton**

On 10<sup>th</sup> March a target patrol was instigated at the location due to the farm being targeted for battery thefts. Patrols stopped on 11<sup>th</sup> April with a total of 28 patrols/actions.

### **Primrose Place reassurance patrols re indecent exposure**

Due to a report of an indecent exposure in Primrose Place, Durrington an additional patrol commenced on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This was to offer reassurance to the residents and gather further intelligence. Due to no further incidents the patrol closed on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Reassurance Patrols due to series of Criminal Damages to Wing Mirros**

Due to events during half term additional patrols commenced around Amesbury on 12<sup>th</sup> April. This patrol remained in place till 8<sup>th</sup> May. In total 32 patrols were actioned. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to the offences.

### **Community Policing Teams Support Community Speed Watch – Went live 9th May 2018**

In support of our Community Speed Watch volunteers our Community Policing Teams from Amesbury will be carrying our speed checks over the coming weeks in the following areas:

- Allington,
- Cholderton,
- Middle Woodford,
- Winterbourne Earls.

Insp Pete Sparrow added, "We are proud to support our fantastic Community Speed Watch Volunteers by allowing them the opportunity to identify to us the areas where we should prioritise for enforcement. We



will continue to review our priority speed check areas based on the data they collect on our behalf. We make no secret of these areas and are happy to inform you of where we will focus our attention. Of course this does not prevent speed checks in other areas and I can only encourage you to please drive carefully and watch you speed."

### **Neighbourhood Tasking Meeting**

The next Amesbury/Durrington/Bulford/Larkhill/ Figheldean NTG is booked for 14.30 hours on 23<sup>rd</sup> July in the Ludgershall Town Council Office

Amesbury Rural's meeting is planned for September 2018. Date to be agreed shortly.

### **Media**

We continue to use our Amesbury Facebook page and Wiltshire Community Messaging.

### **Consultations**

Your PCSO's continue to arrange drop ins and local events and plan their own sessions.

### **Update re Rural Crime Partnership**

Wiltshire Police, working with our partners Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Devon and Cornwall Police, Dorset Police and Gloucestershire Constabulary are pleased to pledge our ongoing commitment to Operation Badger, which is an intelligence-led nationwide police operation gathering evidence of badger persecution and targeting offenders.

All five south west forces are sharing the new set of posters agreed by the UK Priority Badger Group depicting the plight of the badger and urging members of the public to report any illegal activity they are aware of.

Chief Inspector Richard Pegler The Senior Rural Crime Officer from Gloucestershire Constabulary said: "We are pleased to join our partners in our ongoing commitment to Operation Badger, which we hope will once again raise awareness of the cruel and illegal activities carried out against them.

"Badgers are a protected species, and defined as a priority group by the National Wildlife Crime Unit.

"There are many levels of persecution; such as sett interference, shooting, poisoning, snaring, or badger baiting, all result in either a loss or disturbance of their habitat, suffering or death. These offences are sadly all too frequent events across the UK. There is also a link between some of the activity and the involvement of organized crime groups.

"We appeal to everyone to be our eyes and ears - together we can make a difference.

"If you believe a crime is taking place call 999, or you have any information call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

### **Pete Sparrow**

Sector Inspector,  
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