Devizes Area Board Police Report June 2018

1. East Community Policing Team

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Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report,

Targeted Patrols Devizes and surrounding areas:

Beauty Spot Theft from Motor Vehicles:

On the 16th January 2018 we relaunched this priority due to this area of the county still suffering a significant amount of thefts. The difference being that this time, we have identified potential suspects and are following numerous intelligence leads.

Since the above date officers and PCSOS are making daily patrols around the beauty spots especially taking in to consideration the warmer weather; however thieves appear to be favouring:

DOWNS LANE, MANTON, MARLBOROUGH ROUNDWAY HILL, DEVIZES EAST/ WEST KENNETT WIDDINGTON HILL, UPAVON WOOTTEN RIVERS, PEWSEY AVEBURY A4 SILBURY HILL ALTON BARNES GRAND AVENUE, SAVERNAKE



You will be pleased to hear that after securing funding from the 'Area Board' Wiltshire Police have been able to erect 'Warning Signs' at the majority of these.

PCSOs have been issues leaflets to members of the public and parked cars in the areas in order to highlight the issues.

Burglaries



Unfortunately East CPT has seen a rise in burglaries over the past 8 weeks, alongside our increased patrols we are offering the following security advice to residents;

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

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even if you're in the garden, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox a thief knows all the hiding places
- Keep all keys, purses and wallets out of sight and away from the letterbox
- Consider installing a burglar alarm, and only use a company that is registered or certified with the NSI or the SSIAB
- Do not open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting. Always check by using a spy-hole or look through a window

- Make sure that you have up to date contents insurance
- Register all serial numbers from electrical items, tools and garden equipment with Immobilise.com (the free national property register). Mark items without serial numbers with an artificial DNA property marker such as Smartwater or SelectaDNA
- Do not keep large amounts of cash at home it is much safer in a bank or building society
- Trim back any plants and hedges at the front of your property to no higher than 1 metre to remove hiding places
- Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel
- Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not at home
- Take photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks and keep them safe. Also consider using an artificial DNA property marker on jewellery or other valuable items
- Make sure any bolts are low enough so they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate.

Media

Facebook https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/

Or sign up to Community Messaging https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/

Drugs

There have been 12 drugs offences recorded in the Devizes area between 01/05/18 and 01/07/18. These drug offences included a number of different Class of drugs.

Domestic Abuse

Devizes CPT have dealt with 66 domestic incidents in the Devizes area between 01/05/18 and 01/07/18.

A number of these incidents resulted in criminal action being taken.



Splitz is an independent charity and leading provider of domestic abuse support services in southwest England. We have a key role in shaping strategy and policy through our participation in local strategy groups, domestic abuse forums and by lobbying local, regional and national government.

Missing Persons

Devizes CPT have dealt with 25 reports of missing persons between 01/05/18 – 01/07/18 These missing persons can vary between children, young persons, adults and the elderly. Each individual case is graded appropriately to the circumstances.

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."

Devizes This Month



East CPT have joined forces with Community Speed Watch to support them in their role. Officers are given 4x areas to cover over a 2 week period. These areas are decided by our Crime Prevention Team.

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.

This month we have accumulated one new offender – we see this as a positive move as the SWITCH team can manage this person.

Inspector Chris Martin

Wiltshire East CPT