

# Devizes Area Board Police Report September 2018

## 1. East Community Policing Team

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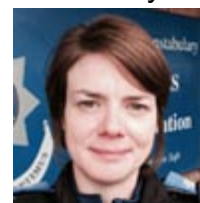
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Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report,

### Targeted Patrols Devizes and surrounding areas:

#### Burglaries

Unfortunately East CPT has seen a rise in burglaries over the past 8 weeks, due to this we have now ensured this is a priority for East CPT.

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 10 drugs offences recorded in the Devizes area between 01/07/2018 and 22/08/18.

These drug offences include any Class of drug.

**Domestic Abuse**

Devizes CPT have dealt with 52 domestic incidents in the Devizes area between 01/07/18 to 22/08/18.

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

**Missing Persons**

Devizes CPT have dealt with 21 reports of missing persons between 01/07/18 – 22/08/18

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 Rural Crime Team

24 July at 12:58 · 🌐



The NFU has partnered with the charity Crimestoppers to launch the Rural Crime Reporting Line, a service through which you can anonymously give information about four rural crimes.

Rural crime is on the rise and it is a serious issue for farmers, businesses and those who live in the countryside. Whether it is fly-tipping, hare coursing, livestock theft or machinery theft, rural crime has a devastating effect on farms and other rural businesses.

Those responsible for this blight on our countryside are suspected of having links to organised crime. It is vital we bring them to justice.

That's where you can help.

You can either call the dedicated Rural Crime Reporting Line on 0800 783 0137 or visit [www.ruralcrimereportingline.uk](http://www.ruralcrimereportingline.uk) to give information anonymously about one of these four crimes:

- Large-scale, industrial fly-tipping
- Hare coursing
- Livestock theft
- Machinery theft

The service was unveiled to MPs at a launch event in Westminster, where they were urged to encourage constituents to use the service and give information about these crimes in their area.



## Devizes This Month



### Devizes Police

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Devizes Police will be targeting people cycling on the pavements in the town centre especially the Brittox and Little Brittox. If you are a cyclist please remember that you cannot cycle on the footways. We have received a number of complaints from pedestrians.





**Devizes Police**

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A 23-year-old Devizes man is currently in custody after he was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class B drugs and possession of a firearm.

At approximately 9.20pm on 6 August, officers attempted to stop a man seen acting suspiciously in the area of Windsor Drive, Devizes, but the man ran off into Proudman Road and down an alleyway.

A black holdall was located in the alleyway which contained a number of wraps of cannabis, approximately £590 in cash, weighing scales, a Taser and a PAVA canister.

Officers located and arrested a man and he was taken to Melksham custody for questioning.

Anyone with information should call police on 101 and quote crime reference number 54180073822.

Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Sunday afternoon patrols in Devizes.



## Good News

Due to the increased patrols from Police officers and PCSO's, alongside the signage erected at our beauty spots we have managed to reduce the amount of theft from motor vehicles.

This is a fantastic achievement and as such this is no longer a priority for the East CPT Sector.

We will however continue issuing advice to all parties regarding the security of their vehicles and property inside.

### **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