



Corsham Community Policing Report Area Board – 14th November 2018

Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

As part of **Op Sceptre** - the national knife crime prevention initiative was launched, bringing together police forces co-ordinating ways to tackle knife crime, appealing for people to hand in unwanted or illegal knives and bladed weapons during the period of the amnesty: Monday 17 - Sunday 30 September. Our two week campaign featured case studies from people whose lives have been affected by knife crime - from the victim of knife crime to the police officer who had to deal with a serious stabbing. Knives are used as an everyday tool in the home and in industry, but when placed in the wrong hands or adapted for the wrong purpose can have devastating consequences.

A fine example of this was on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at approximately 14:00 hours a report was received from a member of public regarding a possible drink driver on Easton Lane. Police were on scene in minutes following a short pursuit and the male ran from his vehicle, the suspect was detained and arrested. On searching his vehicle a sword was found. The 29 year old male from Thingley has been charged with fail to stop, dangerous driving, drink driving and possession bladed article. Sgt Mark SIMPSON wanted to thank the member of public who called this in. Thank you



Special amnesty bins were available at six locations across the county: Swindon's Gablecross Police Station, Marlborough Police Station, Melksham Police Station, Chippenham's Monkton Park, Trowbridge Police Station and the Temporary Police Station at the rear of Five Rivers Leisure Centre in Salisbury. The knife amnesty gave people the chance to dispose of knives and weapons by simply taking them to one of the specified police stations and dropping them in to an amnesty bin. During the period of the amnesty those handing in knives and weapons will not face prosecution for possession of a knife or weapon and can remain anonymous.

Of the 43 forces across England & Wales, Wiltshire had the 29th highest number of serious knife crimes reported. However, for possession offences Wiltshire ranked 34th of 43 - only Gloucestershire was ranked lower within the South West.*

Between August 2017 and July 2018, there was a total of 800 offences in Wiltshire, where a knife or blade was used, a reduction of 3% on the previous year. **

However, any incidents of knife crime are a major concern but the public should be reassured that we will continue to vigorously investigate offences linked to any knives or weapons recovered.

Assistant Chief Constable Gavin Williams said: "We want to raise the awareness of the dangers of carrying a knife or owning an illegal weapon. As a county Wiltshire cannot be compared to what is happening in cities like London or Manchester but we cannot be complacent; we must take action to educate the public and do what we can to remove knives from our streets.

"Most people in Wiltshire or even in the country don't carry a knife; it should not be considered the 'norm'. A very small minority choose to leave the house with a knife or blade, but the reality is they themselves are more likely to get injured.

"I would also like to appeal to parents across the county to talk to their children. We know that some young people carry knives for what they consider to be protection, but it is placing them and those around them in danger.

Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, said: "Knife crime wrecks lives - not only the life of the victim but their families and friends. There are many people directly and indirectly linked to just one incident - not just the victim and perpetrator.

"The amnesty is great way to encourage people to do the right thing and hand in any illegal weapons.

"Parents and schools can do their bit by checking what their children are carrying in their bags; it's a good way to educate youngsters too that being caught with a knife could mean they end up in serious trouble as well as risking being injured themselves.

"Long term - good education and prevention means the wider community becomes a safer one."



An innovative campaign enabling those who feel vulnerable in pubs and clubs to discreetly approach staff and request assistance is being rolled out across Swindon and Wiltshire. Available at participating venues throughout the county, the 'Ask for Angela' initiative aims to reduce sexual violence and vulnerability by providing customers with a non-descript phrase they can use to gain assistance from staff members in order to be separated from the company of someone with whom they feel unsafe due to that person's actions, words or behaviour. The initiative was originally launched by Lincolnshire County Council in 2016 and since then has received nationwide attention.

By “asking for Angela”, an individual is alerting staff that they require help. They will be taken aside, or to a safer location, so they can speak in confidence to that staff member about what assistance they need.

Options available to staff include: offering to call a taxi for the individual; contacting their friends or family; or requesting that an individual causing the distress leaves the venue.

Sgt Stephen McGlynn, Licensing Lead for Wiltshire Police said: “We want people to feel safe and enjoy their time across Swindon and Wiltshire’s pubs and bars however; there are times when an individual can be made to feel uneasy and not quite know how to remove themselves from a potential harmful situation. Popularity of dating apps means more people might find themselves in difficult situations. The Ask for Angela campaign aims to make people feel safer in these situations.

“Our licensing teams, alongside both Swindon and Wiltshire council are working with licensees to promote the scheme and will offer guidance to staff on how to manage these situations when they arise.”

The initiative has also been supported by Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon. He said: “Anyone who finds themselves in a precarious or uncomfortable position in a pub or club in Wiltshire needs to be safe in the knowledge that there is help at hand. I would encourage people to spread the word and make sure their family and friends are aware. This is an excellent example of how partnership working, between Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council and participating venues can make a difference within our communities and keep people safe.”

Officers from Wiltshire Polices’ Licensing teams will be delivering the posters advertising the service to venues across the county. They will be placed in the toilets of those establishments, so as to be discreet.



We're launching a new campaign that aims to increase the amount of intelligence we receive on modern day slavery.

The campaign, called #TellUsWhatYouSee, aims to educate the public on the signs and indicators of various forms of Modern Day Slavery, and how to report this information, in order to help us tackle this crime.

Forces in the South West have seen a 5% increase in intelligence reporting between 2016 and 2017, receiving a total of 3272 pieces of intelligence. Forces anticipate this figure will rise next year, having already surpassed the 2017 figure with two months left till the end of the year.

While the increase is positive and in part down to increased media attention on modern slavery in nail bars and car washes, there are still many forms of lesser-known modern slavery going on, in neighbourhoods and local communities across our force area.

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Labour exploitation, which is linked with industries such as car washes, nail bars and building sites, is the most common form of intelligence we've received information on, followed closely by sexual exploitation, which covers brothels and sex workers. Reports of criminal exploitation and domestic servitude are minimal and are lesser known to the public as modern slavery.

We know domestic servitude is happening across the UK but there is very little information on it due to how invisible this form of modern slavery can be. Only one force has received a report of domestic servitude out of the hundreds of reports we've received year on this form of modern slavery. We are keen to hear from anyone who suspects domestic servitude is happening. Some of the signs to look out for include an individual who is not only responsible for children 24 hours a day, but also for the cleaning or day-to-day housework and is never allowed to leave home alone.

Assistant Chief Constable Craig Holden, Chief Officer Lead for Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking at Wiltshire Police, said: "I welcome the fact that intelligence submissions we receive from the public are already up on the previous year. This goes to show that the local communities of Wiltshire and Swindon are taking this issue seriously and are supporting us in our fight against this horrific crime.

"However, we need the public to continue being our eyes, telling us what they're seeing and sending that information in, either direct to police on 101 or through the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700."

We hope you find these updates useful, for the latest news, crime prevention advice and appeals please follow us on:

Twitter <https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice>

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

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

Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police.



COMMUNITY MESSAGING

We are constantly reviewing our visibility and how we can develop this and work with our communities. We cannot physically be everywhere all of the time and we want to ensure consistent information with our communities and to be able to provide the information that matters to you when you need it. There has been some good feedback from our new way of working using Community Messaging so please sign up and use it. <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

CONTROL STRATEGY - Every year, the Force assesses its operational priorities for the year. Through a combination of research and consultation, the Intelligence team identify the areas of criminality that present the biggest threat, harm and risk to our communities as well as the areas where we most need to fill gaps in terms of our understanding, intelligence or capability.

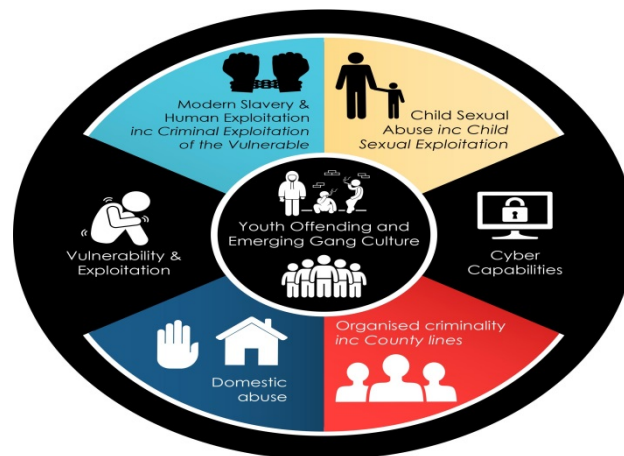
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The resulting document is known as the Control Strategy which outlines the following operational priorities:

1. Modern Slavery & Human Exploitation (including Criminal Exploitation of the Vulnerable)
2. Child Sexual Abuse (including Child Sexual Exploitation)
3. Organised Criminality (including County Lines)
4. Domestic Abuse
5. Youth Offending and Emerging Gang Culture

As has been the case in previous iterations of the Control Strategy, there are clear themes running through all the priority areas – ‘Cyber Capabilities’ and ‘Vulnerability and Exploitation’. Digital technology is used to carry out offending in all the above areas and at the heart of all the above there are vulnerable victims, witnesses or offenders that are often being exploited.

Below is our control strategy for your reference. This focuses on where how we conduct our operational Policing based on the Police & Crime Plan. We will continue to align our resources with the threat/harm/risks presented in line with the control strategy.



Whilst the report below gives a summary of Key Impact Crimes in your area such as Burglaries, the interactive element will allow you to see the statistics of the reports for your area and your local Police contacts. The website address remains unchanged and the interactive map can be found by following the below link.

<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/832/Your-Area>

Our CPT priority: Persistent offenders and ongoing issues affecting the Community in line with our Force Control Strategy. Priority Offenders are established at a weekly Sector meeting, as a result priorities and taskings are raised as a way to effectively manage live intelligence and priorities that are developing in the northern hub.

LOCAL CRIMES

01/08/2018 00:00 - 01/09/2018 12:00 Unknown suspects have climbed on the roof of a property on Priory Street and stripped 12 feet of lead from it.

24/08/2018 09:00 - 28/08/2018 08:30 Unseen persons have climbed onto the pitched roof of the box cemetery chapel, damaging the guttering and stone work of the same.

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07/09/2018 19:00 - 07/09/2018 19:30 Unknown suspect has stolen a wallet containing a driving licence, cards and a mobile phone whilst left unattended in the male toilets at the Red Lion pub, Lacock.

15/09/2018 12:00 - 15/09/2018 19:00 Unknown suspect has gained access to a locked barn at Showell Nurseries and stole a steel back pack blower.

17/09/2018 11:10 - Unknown suspect(s) has stolen a parcel that was left outside an address on Beechfield Road.

17/09/2018 13:49 – An adult female from Corsham was caught shoplifting at Whitehall Garden centre, items to the value of £40-£50, she was issued with a Fixed Penalty Ticket.

17/09/2018 08:30 - 17/09/2018 12:26 An unknown suspect or suspects have entered a property on Upper Potley after forcing entry through the front door, jewellery and cash were stolen.

19/09/2018 17:59 A 36 year old male from Corsham was stopped and searched in Leafield Industrial Estate and was found to be in possession of Cannabis, a Cannabis street warning was issued.

19/09/2018 15:00 - Unknown suspect has stolen a wallet from a bag which was left unattended in the changing rooms at Springfield Community Campus whilst she was at the gym.

22/09/2018 15:29 - Unknown suspect was disturbed whilst in the elderly males property on Kings Avenue, security cameras and cash have subsequently been found to have been taken.

26/09/2018 10:00 - 29/09/2018 18:38 Unknown Suspects have caused damage to a grey Honda CRV parked on Easton Lane.

30/09/2018 12:02 Known male suspect along with 2 unknown females stole a number of items from Wadswick Stores to a high value. Officers responded swiftly and located all three involved all from Bristol, they were arrested and later charged with theft of goods and appeared at Swindon Court on the 17th October.

29/09/2018 00:01 - 04/10/2018 23:59 Unknown suspect/s have cut slats into the soft top of a green Mazda which was parked on Ashwood Road, Rudloe.

04/10/2018 10:45 - 04/10/2018 11:00 A man was out running along Middlewick Lane and a dog has bitten him in an unprovoked attack, causing deep puncture wound and bleeding

06/10/2018 03:00 - Unknown male has caused damage to a fence on Springfield Close, this was caused whilst walking past the house in a presumed intoxicated state. Damage caused is a number of slats are broken and snapped. Damage cost is unknown at the moment.

07/10/2018 00:15 In unknown circumstances, some sort of disorder has occurred at the Three Brewers Public House during which intoxicated male suspect has smashed a glass, a window and a door at premises, he was arrested and released under investigation.

05/10/2018 23:00 - 07/10/2018 09:30 Unknown suspect has poured a liquid substance over a silver Ford Focus which stained the paintwork. The following night, the same vehicle has been keyed along both sides whilst parked on Dickens Avenue.

07/10/2018 23:00 - 08/10/2018 07:15 Unknown suspect/s have stolen a trailer which was attached to his vehicle outside a property on Ditteridge. TVO: £2,500

12/10/2018 23:59 - 13/10/2018 07:30 Unknown suspect has spray painted lines over the wall and front door of a property on Charles Street.

15/10/2018 02:13 - A 26 year old male from Corsham who was asleep in a stationary parked vehicle at the side of a road in Colerne, was found in possession of a small quantity of cannabis. He was issued with a Cannabis street Warning.

15/10/2018 18:27 - Unknown suspect has scratched a silver BMW Convertible parked at Lackham College, from the left passenger side on the front/side of the car to the boot. The scratches have gone deep down to the metal in places.

23/10/2018 14:00 Unknown suspect has stolen a watch from the changing room in Springfield Campus.

24/10/2018 06:30 - 24/10/2018 14:41 Unknown suspect has gained access to a property on Bradford Road and carried out a search of the property, money and jewellery were stolen.

22/10/2018 12:00 - 24/10/2018 07:45 Unknown suspect(s) has damaged a silver Mini Cooper by causing a dent to the passenger side door.

27/10/2018 18:30 - 27/10/2018 20:15 A lady left her mobility scooter outside the Springfield Campus as it had broken down, it has since been reported stolen.

27/10/2018 10:00 - 30/10/2018 09:00 Unknown suspect(s) have stolen a set of external doors TVO £1000 from the building site at Pickwick Court.

31/10/2018 12:00 - 31/10/2018 12:35 Unknown male suspects have stolen an Alan Payne childrens tweed coat from Wadswick Stores.

Other – The Community Policing team will be attending the Remembrance Parade in Corsham and Box.

Warrants – We continue to develop intelligence to assist with the preparation of further warrants in the future, so they may be executed in line with the Force Control Strategy.

In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham CPT Facebook has 2341 followers. Please join us either on Facebook or Community Messaging.

Police Cadets who are aged 13-16 years of age can attend local events and assisted with community engagement, they are very keen to get involved in future events, please e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

If you are planning any event and require assistance from the Police to assist, please e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk in advance as you may be required to complete an 'Events Form' and there may also be a cost incurred to ensure that you have dedicated officers throughout. If you would like the Cadets to assist with community engagement at events please e-mail the address above, there is no charge for this.

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EVENTS... Don't forget that a toolkit is available from Wiltshire Council which gives fantastic guidance and advice for organizing most types of events, including topics ranging from traffic management to toilets, and gives contact details for which agencies and departments need to be contacted when applying for various licences or road closures. It can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf>, In essence, all organisers must be responsible for identifying any risks and putting in measures to remove or reduce them.

The e-mail address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing Team is
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Please phone 101 (non emergency) or 999 (emergency) to report any incidents or crimes, reports cannot be taken via the above e-mail address.

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