



## Royal Wootton Bassett ,Cricklade, and Purton Community Policing Team Update



Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

Wiltshire Police have been very busy over the last couple of months, with lots of campaigns including OP SEPTRE (knife Amnesty) County Lines.

I have included an update on OP SEPTRE and there is a new item on rural crime (Poaching) which gives a flowchart on what to do.

I would just like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year , please enjoy the festivities and stay safe.

### **GOOD NEWS STORY**

There have been some significant arrests and results in regards to the County lines exploitation of young persons in Wiltshire. There have been weapons, drugs, and cash seized, with major disruption over the county.

Over 70 addresses identified which have vulnerable occupants living in there.

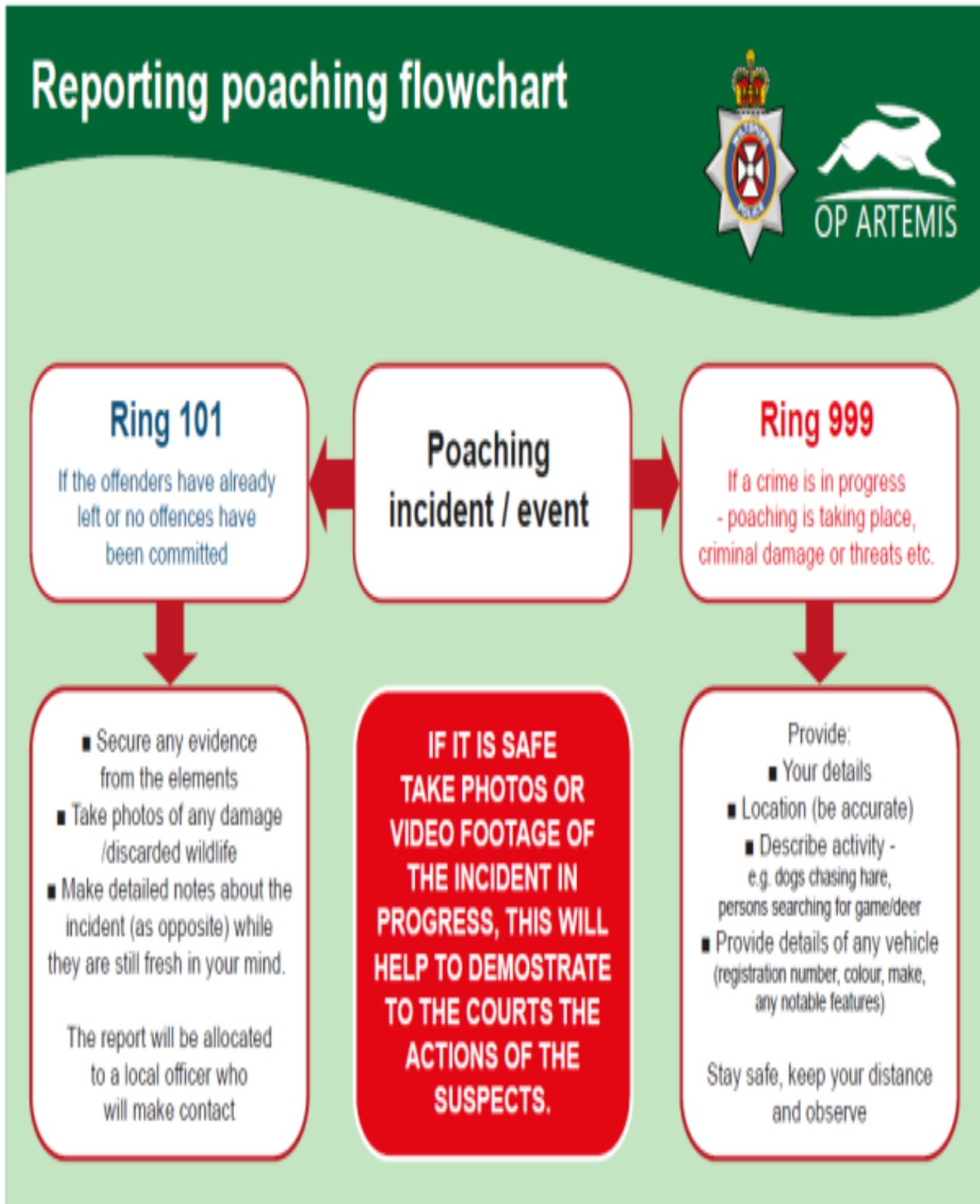
We will continue to disrupt these criminals in our county.

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A Swindon male was arrested for 11 burglaries that occurred in Swindon and Royal Wootton Bassett. The local male has been charged and remanded to custody until his court case.

The Rural Crime Team is noticing a rise in activity by poachers / hare coursers around the A4 corridor close to Yatesbury and Avebury. A number of farms have been effected, which has included abandoned vehicles, threats and damage and the RCT will continue to support those effected.

Since August, Operation ARTEMIS has been running which is the forces response to poaching across the county. We are asking members of the public to report any incidents of poaching via 101 or 999



## **Crimes that have impacted on the community from September to October 2018.**

On 17/09/2018 at Royal Wootton Bassett two known suspects stole alcohol and other items, to the value of £1946.00, belonging to SAINSBURYS. The suspects were arrested and charged with theft, they have been put before the courts and received a suspended sentence as well as compensation to be paid and a rehabilitation order.

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On 18/09/2018 18:30 an unknown Suspect(s) broke down the wooden picket boundary fence and entered the farm yard. The Suspect(s) removed the CCTV camera. The Suspect(s) jemmied the door locks off and forced the doors open causing damage around the door frames. The Suspect(s) entered the premises and disconnected the internet and unplugged the CCTV. The Suspect(s) smashed open the metal tool boxes and removed grinders, welders, diagnostic equipment, polishers and specialist marine tools TVO £35,000 - £40,000.

No suspects have been identified.

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On 21/09/2018 17:30 in Saffron Close RWB, a known suspect has forced access into the property through the back patio doors and has written obscenities on the main wall of the living room in felt tip. Suspect has then carried out an untidy search and stole approximately £1400-£1500 worth of jewellery. A Swindon male was linked to this and other burglaries in RWB and Swindon.

The Swindon male was arrested for 11 burglaries that occurred in Swindon and Royal Wootton Bassett he has been charged and remanded to custody until his court case.

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On 27/09/2018 17:00 two known suspects have set fire to grassland area in RWB and caused damage.

Both suspects were arrested and have been released under investigation.

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On 28/09/2018 23:15 several known youths were located in Otter way RWB smoking cannabis in the play park, two small bags of cannabis were located close by. The cannabis was seized and sent for destruction. The youths were dealt with on the street.

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On the 29/09/2018 20:16 a male and female were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply drugs namely cannabis in RWB. Both have been interviewed and released under investigation pending further enquiries.

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On 03/10/2018 unknown suspect has stolen power tools to the value £4000 from a secured business outbuilding in Parsonage farm, by cutting a padlock with a power tool.

Investigation is ongoing to identify any suspects.

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On 06/10/2018 13:15 in Bradenstoke an unknown suspect has forced entry via front door and whilst in the property an untidy search was conducted and a purse containing foreign currency has been stolen.

A suspect has been identified and is linked to other caravan burglaries. Enquiries are ongoing.

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On 07/10/2018 22:36 two unknown suspects have entered Tesco's store Cricklade and filled bags with air fresheners TVO £70 and possibly other items. Males have been aggressive and have left the store making no attempt to pay. Enquiries are ongoing.

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On the 30/10/2018 18:00 Unknown suspect has broken into the injured parties unlocked van which was parked on his drive way. Various items have been stolen from inside including the IP's bank card which has been used at a number of places.

No suspects identified.

On the 03/11/2018 00:00 an unknown suspect(s) have entered a bolted gated compound in RWB and stolen a Sterling Quartz Caravan worth £14,000.

Enquiries are ongoing.

## Police action to disrupt drug gang activity in Wiltshire known as county lines has lead to a number of arrests.

With full results still to be collated, the week-long period of intensive law enforcement activity has so far delivered:

- Four males arrested in Swindon.
- 64 wraps of crack cocaine recovered
- Three weapons seized
- £1,000 seized
- At least 70 addresses identified which have vulnerable occupants (also known as cuckooing addresses)



Also, the operations found a number of young and vulnerable people at risk of being exploited by drugs gangs. These are now being safeguarded through on-going multi-agency work.

Head of Crime Prevention for Wiltshire Police Sonja Leith said: "County lines is everyone's responsibility and I would urge members of the public to be vigilant and look out for some of the most visible signs that county lines drugs gangs are operating in neighbourhoods and to report this to police.

"Together with our partner agencies across Swindon and Wiltshire, we work hard to identify where county lines are exploiting vulnerable children and adults, to proactively disrupt these networks and to safeguard and protect those at risk of harm. The intelligence we receive from our communities is crucial in helping us, our partner agencies and neighbouring forces tackle county lines.

"By raising awareness of the issue, I hope more people will be able to spot the signs and feel comfortable in reporting information to the police. Your call could save lives."

## **Your Local PCSO's**

Below are a list of the PCSO's that cover Royal Wootton Bassett/Cricklade/Purton and their specific area's of responsibility. If you need to make contact then you can use the email address,

northwiltshirecpt@wiltshire.police.uk

This is monitored by a number of officers who may be able to answer your query if your local PCSO isn't on duty.



PCSO Andrew Singfield  
Royal Wootton Bassett



PCSO Nicola Allan  
Cricklade



PCSO Erin Davis  
Royal Wootton Bassett Rural



PCSO Joshua Sherratt  
Purton

**\*\*\*OP SEPTRE UPDATE\*\*\***

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.

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."

## Know the crime What is modern slavery?



#TellUsWhatYouSee

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.

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."

Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Swindon and Wiltshire, said: "Protecting the most vulnerable in society is one of the four priorities of my Police and Crime Plan.

"Modern slavery is a serious, complex and challenging issue for police forces and partners across the country. It is not just a 'big city issue'. Wiltshire is a safe place to live but that doesn't mean it is immune.

"The Chief Constable and his team will continue to 'lift the stone' on this toxic crime in our communities. I want to see offenders brought to justice wherever possible through close cooperation with our partners."

There were 93 active on-going investigations linked to potential modern slavery within the South West force area as of 15 October and these investigations rely heavily on information received from the public, also known as intelligence.

Put simply, intelligence is information, which can arrive in a number of ways to us and plays a crucial role in the disruption and prosecution of Modern Day Slavery. One piece of intelligence could be the missing piece an investigator needs to carry out a safeguarding visit or issue a warrant for an arrest. That's why it's vital that the public tells us what they see and report any activity they suspect could be linked to modern day slavery.

Since 2016 forces in the South West have made 541 referrals through the National Referral Mechanism, which is a framework for identifying victims of human trafficking or modern slavery and ensuring they receive the appropriate support.



**The link below is for Community Messaging. The Community Coordinator for this area sends out a daily message, if there has been any crime that will benefit the community to be aware of. This includes thefts, scams and burglaries, the aim is to inform you of what is happening in your area, help you take any actions to avoid becoming a victim of crime and to alert you as a potential witness to any crime. Its easy to sign up and only messages, relevant to your area, are sent to your email inbox.**

<https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

The email address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing team is  
northwiltshirecpt@wiltshire.police.uk

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crimes

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This report has been prepared by PC 1952 Steve Carroll

Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police.

