

Devizes Area Board Police Report January 2019

1. East Community Policing Team

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Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report,

Targeted Patrols Devizes and surrounding areas:

THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

Wiltshire East CPT has seen an unusual rise in the number of reported thefts from vehicles parked up at the many beauty spots within the area. This is likely due to the weather, meaning that more people are visiting than usual.

Along with increased patrols of these areas we are urging members of the public to be vigilant when visiting these locations.

We are also offering the following advice to those who are visiting:

- Ensure valuables are either taken with you when you leave the vehicle or hidden well
- Ensure vehicles are locked and secure before you leave them
- If visiting in the evening, where possible, park in a well lit area

If when at beauty spot locations and car parks you see someone acting suspiciously, please call us on 999 straight away with as much information as possible.

PURSE THEFTS

Within the town centres of the 3 main towns that are covered by East CPT we have had an increase in the number of purse thefts. These have been occurring when people are in shops and are leaving their purses and wallets on the counter to pay and also when walking around town with the offenders taking them directly from bags. We are committed to not only reducing this but to also bring those that are identified as suspects to justice where possible. We are endeavouring to increase the foot patrol within the town centre of both uniformed and non uniformed staff in an effort to tackle this problem. Local PCSOs are also attending various places within the community where they are issuing those that want them with purse chains.

Please also take note of the following advice to keep your possessions safe during this busy shopping period.

- Where possible, dont put your purse down on counters. Place them back in your bag or pocket to keep them out of sight.
- Always fasten your bag when you are walking out in the street. This will prevent easy access for potential thieves.
- Avoid using the back pocket to store wallets and phones in. Items stored here are much easier to take than if they are in a pocket on the side or front.

As always, if you see anyone acting suspiciously then please call in and let us know.

Media

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

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

Drugs

There have been drugs offences recorded in the Devizes area between 03/11/2018 and 31/12/18. These drug offences include any Class of drug.

Domestic Abuse

Devizes CPT have dealt with 89 domestic incidents in the Devizes area between 03/11/18 to 31/12/18.

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

Missing Persons

Devizes CPT have dealt with 17 reports of missing persons between 03/11/18 – 31/12/18

These missing persons can vary between children, young persons, adults and the elderly. Each individual case is graded appropriately to the circumstances.


Devizes This Month

Devizes Police
Published by PC Dave McCalmont [?] · 28 December at 08:18 · 🌐

During plain clothes patrols of the Town Centre yesterday, officers from Community Policing Team 4 located and arrested a 16 Year old male who appeared to be handing a small package to another person.

The male in question was searched upon arrest, and numerous wraps of cannabis, cash and a flick knife were found on his person.

Following arrest, a search of the suspect's home address was conducted by officers and Police Dog BORIS for further evidence. ...
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Devizes Police
Published by James Robbins [?] · 23 December at 15:11 · 🌐

It may be Christmas but you still need Insurance. Team 2 seized this motor in Devizes town centre today. How would you like to be hit by an uninsured driver? It would certainly spoil our Christmas.



Devizes Police
Published by PC Dave McCalmont [?] · 17 December at 05:01 · 🌐

This morning, PC COLLINGS and PC McCALMONT were conducting patrols in Devizes when their ANPR equipped vehicle picked up this car for no tax. The car was seized as a result, and serves a reminder that if a car is not taxed and on a public highway, it runs the risk of being seized.

Please make sure your M.O.T., tax and insurance are up to date on your vehicle.





Devizes Police

Published by Paul Woodbridge [?] · 14 December at 12:01 · 🌐

One arrested for crimes against fashion this morning in Devizes – those shoes simply DO NOT go with those fetching tights...!

Officers met this jolly chap in Onestop Devizes, whilst out on patrols. He is dressing up to raise money for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, a fantastic local charity.

Steve has 6 outfits on standby from his personal stash and will be sporting them in the weeks approaching Christmas.



Good News

As a result of increased powers granted to Police, we have seen several more vehicles seized for having no road tax. This is another useful tool to enable us to disrupt criminality and restrict the use of the roads to criminals in the area.

Clearly not all untaxed vehicles are driven by criminals however it is still an invaluable tool.

Between Christmas and New Year, officers also disrupted a young male during what was thought to be a drug deal. He was found in possession of Cannabis, scales, cash and a lock knife. This stop resulted in the male being charged and he will appear in court in the new year.

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