



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



**Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.**

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New year.

It was a very busy period for the Wiltshire Police with lots of disorders and drunken incidents too deal with,

RWB police dealt with a large fire in Cricklade in December and this is currently being investigated by CID

### **GOOD NEWS STORY**

The Rickshaw Challenge came to Royal Wootton Bassett and this was a huge success. The BBC One show were very impressed with the town's spirit, commitment and how many of the residents join the very worthy cause.

Thank you to you all from your community coordinator.

# The Rickshaw Challenge

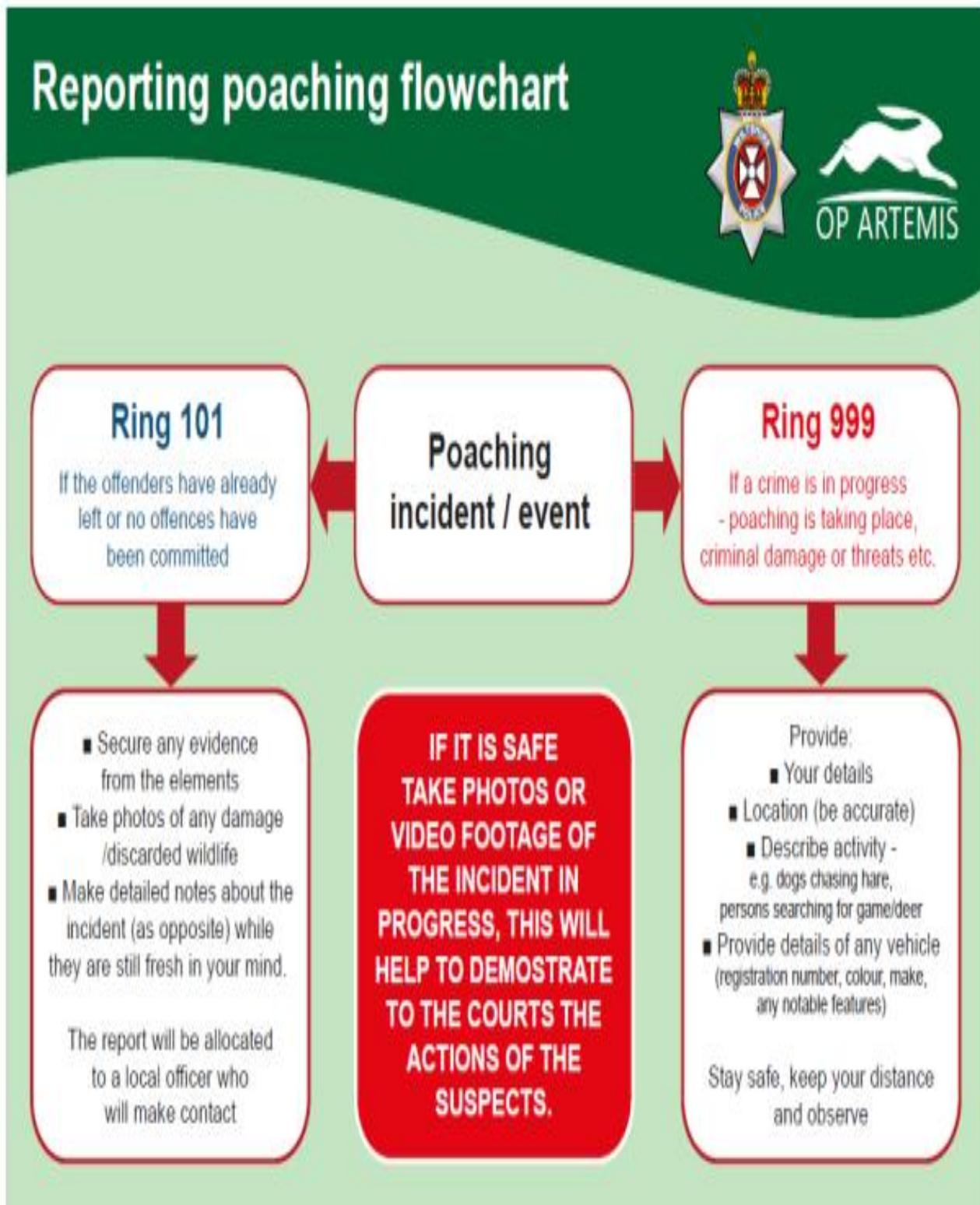
The One Show Rickshaw Challenge saw Matt Baker join six incredible young people taking on the challenge of a lifetime. Over 6 days they will cycle hundreds of miles on a custom-made Rickshaw bike to raise money for BBC Children in Need.

The Rickshaw Challenge came to Royal Wootton Bassett on November the 12th and what a success it was. It was a fantastic turnout and from the community and the BBC One show has expressed their personal thanks to the town.



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 November 2018 to January 2019.**

On the 18/11/2018 Offender(s) have smashed front window using a brick to gain entry to a property on the High street in Royal Wootton Bassett.  
Once inside an untidy search has been conducted. It does not appear as if anything has been stolen, which may be due to the alarm being activated.  
Enquiries are still on going with the officer in the case.

On the 19/11/2018 at 23:10 Suspect(s) have broken into the owner's property in Purton and stolen their vehicle. The crime is being investigated and the officer in the case is in the process of identifying a suspect. The vehicle has been located in Gloucester and been recovered back to Wiltshire.

On the 27/11/2018 21:15 an unknown suspects have gained entry into the owners property in Marlowe way Royal Wootton Bassett.  
Entry has been gained by smashing the patio doors at the rear of the property.

Enquiries are ongoing and forensic results pending.

On the 27/11/2018 at 20:00 a male suspect has smashed the house electricity box, other property and thrown his bicycle around, causing injured party to panic and become upset.  
The youth was interviewed and given a youth caution.

On the 04/12/2018 23:24 four unknown suspects have gained entry to a youth centre in Cricklade by smashing a window and climbing through. They have then been caught on CCTV leaving by the front door.  
A suspect has been identified and he will be formally interviewed under caution. Enquires are on-going.

On the 13/12/2018 at 12:00 an unknown suspect has stolen the owner's quad bike and an Ivor Williams trailer from the farm yard he rents from in MARLBOROUGH ROAD.  
The property has been recorded as stolen on the police national computer and enquiries are being conducted.

On the 26/12/2018 at 10:20 the reporting persons wife has gone out and found till Drawer, had approximately £100.00 still in it had been stolen.  
A suspect has been identified and will be arrested and interviewed.

On the 26/12/2018 16:00 an unknown suspect has smashed the front and rear windows of the owners vehicle in parsonage Farm Cricklade.  
Enquiries are on-going with a view to identifying a suspect.

On the 29/12/2018 19:55 unknown suspect has opened outdoor heating oil, suspect has then ignited this has destroyed the garage containing vehicles costing £300.000. The location of the fire was LEIGH CRICKLADE.  
Swindon CID are investigating the crime.

On the 29/12/2018 the Delivery office at Royal Wootton Bassett has come across a parcel which the reporting person suspects contains drugs.  
The package was confirmed to be drugs (cannabis), local officers will now make enquiries with the postal address.

On the 03/01/2019 Male driver found to be in possession of cannabis and when a drug swipe was completed on the driver he tested positive for drugs. He was arrested for possession of cannabis and driving a vehicle whilst under the influence of drugs.  
The case is ongoing and the suspect has been released under investigation.

## Wiltshire Police is a top disability employer

The BASE Practitioner Awards celebrate remarkable work that goes on across the country by supported employment services, education establishments and employers to promote the employment aspirations of disabled job seekers.



Wiltshire Police was nominated by WorkFit in the Best Employer Practice category at the annual awards presented at the BASE Conference in Milton Keynes on Tuesday 27 November 2018.

WorkFit is a service offered by the Downs Syndrome Association to support and train employers about the learning associated with people with Down's syndrome and finding the right employment opportunities for jobseekers.

Wiltshire Police has established a strong track record providing a range of opportunities for people with Down's syndrome and actively supports fundraising for the Downs Syndrome Association.

Two members of the team, Luke Newton and Jeremy Grew, who both have Down's Syndrome, picked up the award, alongside Chief Constable Kier Pritchard and senior managers from the 24 hour Crime and Communications Centre (CCC) who have led the way in encouraging greater diversity in the workplace



"We were honoured to have been nominated by WorkFit for this award," said Head of Contact Management John Flynn. "We're passionate about supporting people with disabilities into Wiltshire Police - reflecting our communities within the workplace is simply the right thing to do."

"The award focussed on the work we've done helping people with Downs Syndrome gain employment or become a volunteer, enabling them to fulfil their personal goals, while adding value to our organisation.

"Equality and inclusion are core values we believe in and we are proud to have welcomed many disabled people into our workplace."

Chief Constable Kier Pritchard joined Luke and Jeremy on stage to collect the award and said afterwards "It was amazing to join you all for the evening, celebrating the huge difference that is brought through inclusion. The WorkFit programme is important to us and integral to our culture."

Luke works part time in the CCC and recently achieved a City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Employability Skills. He now wants to study for an NVQ in Business Administration. Jeremy has been a volunteer at Devizes HQ in the Fleet Team for just over a year and also volunteers at his local fire station.



Earlier this year Wiltshire Police became the first police force in the country to be awarded Disability Confident Leader status by the Government, in recognition of its work on disability and employment

## **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

## **Do you suspect someone of dealing drugs in your neighbourhood?**

Signs can include:

An unusual number of people visiting 24/7

Drugs paraphernalia left outside

Tenants/home owners having an unusually lavish lifestyle.

## **What to do if you find drugs paraphernalia such as syringes and needles.**

If you find drugs paraphernalia, call your council who'll arrange for a safe clean up. For your safety please do not touch anything you find, as it could be dangerous. Make a note of its location and report it immediately.

You can contact your local council at:

[Report to Wiltshire Council](#)

[Report to Swindon Borough Council](#)

## **How to spot a cannabis factory**

Lights left on all day and night

Curtains constantly drawn or windows blacked out

Strong pungent smell and high humidity in the property

Different people, coming and going at strange times

Visits by people for short periods

Venting protruding from the roof and the constant sound of cooling fans.

## **Landlords, watch out for the following:**

Your tenants insist on paying their rent in cash

They may be vague or rarely available at the property

A sudden jump or fall in electricity bills.

For more information and advice visit the [National Landlord's Association](#).

## **Report it**

To report drug dealing in your local community, in your rented property or to let us know about any suspicious behaviour you may believe is drug dealing call us on 101.

You can also report it anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via [their online form](#).

## **Support from local councils**

You can seek support from [Wiltshire Council services](#) as well as [Swindon Borough services](#).

### [Christmas Drink/Drug Driving campaign launched in Wiltshire](#)

Wiltshire Police is supporting the National Police Chiefs' Council Christmas Drink/Drug Driving Campaign that launches today (1 December) and runs until early January 2019.

All Wiltshire Police officers and members of Tri Force Roads Policing Unit will be conducting high profile roadside checks at all times of the day and night, to catch those who pose a huge risk to themselves and the lives of other road users.

Officers will also be screening for drugs at the roadside as it has been found that drivers who have consumed both drugs and alcohol are 23 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than sober drivers.

Sergeant Simon Drewett, of the Wiltshire Road Safety Unit, said: "Christmas is a busy time of the year with lots of social events taking place. We don't wish to spoil the fun but it's important that people plan ahead and make arrangements to get home safely when out and about. Just as important is the morning after... and if you are relying upon another driver to get you home safely then please ensure that they stay sober. Drink or drug driving is simply not worth the risk."

"If people do choose to drink alcohol to excess or take drugs before getting behind the wheel then they need to understand the potential consequences, both in respect of themselves and others in doing so. I would urge the public to call our Drink Drive Hotline and report any driver who fails to heed this warning, as we will actively target any driver we suspect to be driving under the influence."

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, Angus Macpherson, said: "I fully support Wiltshire Police in its determination not to tolerate motorists who take the risk of driving while unfit through drink or drugs.

"The message is that anyone who thinks of getting behind the wheel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs will run the terrible risk of endangering pedestrians, cyclists other drivers and their passengers.

"Police forces now have smart detection devices to screen for a range of drugs and they are adopting an intelligence-led approach, combined with local knowledge, to locate the dangerously irresponsible minority who seem prepared to ruin their lives and those of other road users at what should be a time of peace and goodwill."

As a member of the Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership, Wiltshire Police, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council will be holding Drink/ Drug Drive Roadshows around the county in order to highlight the dangers of drink/ drug driving.

As part of the roadshow a crashed car from a fatal Road Traffic Collision will be used as an educational tool, along with a drink drive simulator which allows members of the public the opportunity to see how alcohol affects their ability to drive. The dates for these will be:

Monday 10 December 10.am - 2pm - Orbital Shopping Centre, Swindon

Wednesday 12 December 10.am - 2pm - Guildhall, Salisbury

Friday 14 December 10.am - 2pm - Town Bridge, Chippenham

Tuesday 18 December 10am - 2pm - County Hall, Trowbridge

The consequences of being caught drink or drug-driving which can include a 12-month driving ban, a large fine, a criminal record, and serious implications for insurance premiums, once the offender can drive again. It can also have a huge impact on personal lifestyle with people losing their jobs and suffering relationship breakdowns and can mean travel restrictions overseas to some countries.

Anyone wishing to report an incident of drink/drug driving should call Wiltshire Police on 101 and select option 4 for the Drink Drive hotline.

**In an emergency always dial 999.**





**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

Please phone 101, or 999 in an emergency to report any incidents or  
crimes

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

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

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

This report has been prepared by PC 1952 Steve Carroll

Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police.

