

# Marlborough Area Board Police Report January 2019

## 1. East Community Policing Team

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## Target Patrols Marlborough and surrounding areas:

### Burglaries

East CPT have unfortunately once again seen a rise in the number of burglaries. The majority of these have been taking place at peoples houses with things like car keys and jewellery being taken. We are actively looking to counter this by increasing the patrols and visibility in the area. This also includes support from our Community Tasking Team who have been tasked with the investigation of the burglaries due to the similiarity between some of them. They have been following up on all reasonable lines of enquiry to try and determine the identity of the culprits. As mentioned in the guidance below we are encouraging everyone to be vigilant and to report suspicious activity and vehicles.

*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.*
- *Consider purchasing a faraday box to store fobs for “keyless” entry cars*

### **Media**

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

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

We have recently started publishing weekly impactful crime updates through community messaging. Please sign up to receive them via email.

### **Consultations**

Your PCSO's or Police officers are available to speak with regularly during consultations.

All dates will be posted on our Marlborough Police Facebook Page so please keep an eye out.

### **Drugs**

Marlborough CPT have dealt with 12x Drug offences during 23/10/18 – 17/01/19.

### **Domestic Abuse**

Marlborough CPT have dealt with 50 domestic incidents in the Marlborough area during 23/10/18 – 17/01/19

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

### **Missing Persons**

Marlborough CPT have dealt with 8 reports of missing persons during 23/10/18 – 17/01/19

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

## Whats been happening in Marlborough



**Marlborough Police**

Published by CrowdControlHQ [?] · 10 January at 08:39 · 🌐



A 19-year-old man is currently in custody after he was arrested on suspicion of drug driving and possession of a class B drug.

The man, who is from Aldbourne, was stopped by officers while driving a Volkswagen Polo in Marlborough at approximately 2.30am this morning.

A roadside drug wipe was conducted and cannabis was located following a search. ... [See more](#)





**Marlborough Police**

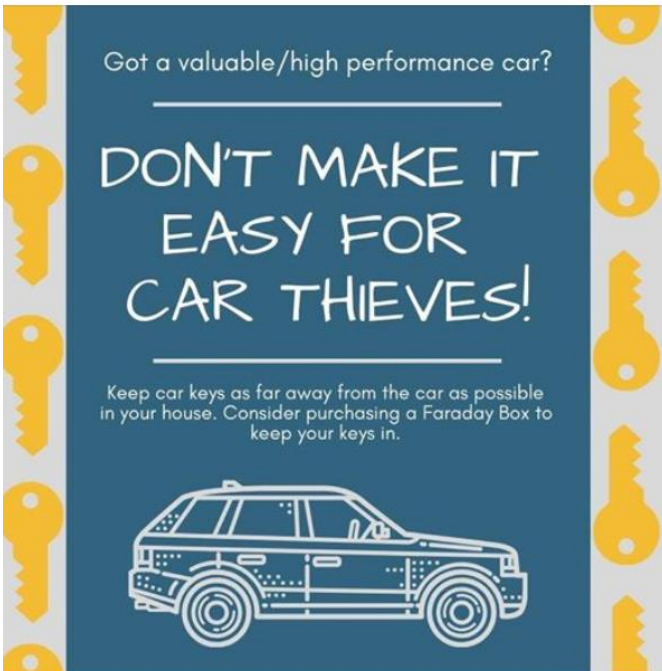
Published by James Robbins [?] · 6 January at 00:12 · 🌐

Team 2 seized this Silver Golf this morning. Apart from having no tax, the driver tested positive for Cocaine and had alcohol in his system above the prescribed limit. He also had a quantity of Cocaine in his pocket. We think he can expect a significant driving ban.



**Marlborough Police** shared a photo.

Published by Paul Woodbridge [?] · 2 January at 12:17 · 🌐



**Wiltshire Police**

2 January at 11:58 · ⚙️

**Marlborough Police**  
Published by CrowdControlHQ [?] · 18 December 2018 at 13:16 · 🌐

A man who robbed a village post office at knifepoint has been jailed for 44 months.

Matthew Stepp, aged 37, of no fixed abode, Swindon, pleaded guilty to robbery and possession of a bladed article in a public place at Swindon Crown Court on 14 December.

At approximately 4.30pm on 14 November, Stepp entered the Post Office in Aldbourne with a knife in one hand and a bag in the other. He asked the female shop assistant to hand over the contents of the till. The woman handed the money over to the man and he left the scene quickly.

Staff from the shop took a detailed description of the man, with one chasing after him before he too was threatened by Stepp.

Sgt Pete Foster said: "Officers attended the scene and, thanks to the detailed descriptions given by those at the Post Office, were able to identify and arrest him within 24 hours.

"The Post Office is at the heart of this small village community and this incident no doubt shocked those living and working there.

"The member of staff working behind the till at the time was understandably upset, shaken and extremely scared by Stepp's actions and threatening behaviour – it is totally unacceptable to carry a weapon in a public place at any time and doing so is a criminal offence.

"Following the robbery, Stepp quickly left the scene and used the money he had stolen to pay off debts and buy drugs. He was found in possession of six wraps of crack cocaine and he pleaded guilty to this offence when he appeared in court on Friday.

"I'd like to praise the officers involved who were able to carry out a swift arrest and put Stepp before the courts."

As well as the 44 months imprisonment, Stepp must also pay a victim surcharge of £170.

**Marlborough Police**  
Published by PC Dave McCalmont [?] · 16 December 2018 · 🌐

Whilst on routine patrols in the early hours of Saturday morning, Wiltshire East officers PC COLLINGS and SPC THOMAS stopped a vehicle travelling towards the High Street, Marlborough. The vehicle in question had extensive damage to its front, including a completely deflated nearside tyre that was caused by a collision with a road sign further down the A4. A 22 year old male from Swindon was arrested and charged with driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol after providing an evidential breath reading of 129, nearly 4 times the legal limit.

If you are planning to drink over the festive season then please make alternative arrangements for travel and make sure that you do not take control of a vehicle.



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**Marlborough Police**

Published by Emily Sykes [?] · 14 December 2018 · 🌐

PCSOs Johnson & Sykes on foot patrol in Marlborough this afternoon.  
Lovely baubles. 🌲🎄🌲



**Marlborough Police**

Published by Mark Braithwaite [?] · 5 December 2018 · 🌐

PCSO Braithwaite will be holding a drop in surgery on Friday 7th December from 10:00-11:30. This will be in the coffee shop in Waitrose Marlborough.





**Marlborough Police**

Published by Emily Sykes [?] · 30 November 2018 · 🌐

Marlborough CPT enjoying the Christmas light switch on! 🌲 ❄️ 🎄



**Marlborough Police**

Published by CrowdControlHQ [?] · 23 November 2018 · 🌐

A woman has been charged following a disorder in Kingsbury Street, Marlborough during the evening of Tuesday, November 20.

Jennifer Blades, aged 39, of Pewsey, has been charged with possession of an offensive weapon in a public place and use of threatening, abusive, insulting words or behaviour with intent to cause fear of or provoke unlawful violence.

She is due in Swindon Magistrates Court on 12 December.



### Dangerous and Persistent offenders

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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.

**Chris Martin**

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