



## **SOUTH WILTSHIRE COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM – JANUARY 2019**

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**Sector Deputy:** Sgt John Hutchings

A very Happy New Year and welcome to the fourth edition of the South Wiltshire Community Policing Team Area Board report.

As usual, this report encompasses the entire South Wiltshire CPT within its pages with the idea being that it will give a much greater understanding of the issues facing South Wiltshire as a whole community, rather than in isolation by single area.

My policing team operate on the basis of 'One Team' and as such, resources are moved around on a daily basis according to demand. Whilst each Police Officer and our PCSO's will still retain ownership of a given area in terms of longer term problem solving approaches, the very nature of policing and answering calls for service often dictate that officers are brought together from the wider area to respond to given circumstances. This has always been and will continue to be the case.

Once again and moving forward, I will continue to report on the efforts of our Special Constabulary without whom our job would be very much more difficult and as such we are so incredibly proud of our Special Constabulary Officers.

The time they give, the effort they make, the results they produce, the confidence and support they provide to both colleagues and our communities is nothing short of incredible.

The document is broken down in to 6 parts:

1. Introduction
2. Staffing – listed are the Community Coordinators and PCSO's for your given area.
3. Community Engagement – How to contact us and where we are due to be.
4. Particular Issues and Crime Series
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### **Operation Fairline / Fortis Update**

As has been widely reported the clean-up operation for Christie Miller Road has been extended with the decision to completely remove the roof of the effected property. Whilst significantly scaled down, this operation is now using police resources solely from Wiltshire and as such does draw on available officers, albeit this is from across the County and in the main, this is provided on a volunteer overtime basis. This work is likely to continue through to March as it stands.



## **Staffing**

With the recent changes in CPT boundaries I am proud to say that I now have available some 147 officers and staff under my command. This does not include over 40 members of our Special Constabulary. Whilst I would love to list them all, I have limited the information to the officers that make up the immediate community team whom have the closest relationships and links with our communities, those being our Community Policing Coordinators and PCSO's. These officers are pivotal in maintaining strong working relationships with the whole community, be it business or public and they all work exceptionally hard at doing just that. I would like to welcome those latest officers joining us and have highlighted a few below. I am sure that you will quickly get to know them and together we can continue to help keep Wiltshire as being one of the safest counties in the country.

A couple of changes to the staffing since my last report:

Pc Elle Darcy will be returning to join Team 5 imminently and she will be replaced in the short term by Pc Caroline Ralph as a City Centre coordinator. Caroline comes with a superb background in local policing and I am confident that she will fit in very quickly with all our affected partners.

We also have several new PCSO's joining the team who are currently in their tutorship. I welcome their addition to our vibrant and diverse team and look forward to you meeting them on their given areas.

PCSO John Taylor – Salisbury City Centre  
PCSO Jonathan Akehurst - Tidworth and Ludgershall  
PCSO Mark Douse – Amesbury Town

Sadly we will shortly say goodbye to Luke George who moves to pastures new over at Trowbridge CPT Good Luck to him, he has been an excellent PCSO for the area and shall be missed.

## **Salisbury**

Pc 1792 Al Cromwell - Coordinator  
Pc 2687 Caroline Ralph – Coordinator  
PCSO 3951 Val BROWN - City Centre  
PCSO 8686 Gareth JAMES - City Centre  
PCSO 9465 John Taylor – City Centre  
PCSO 3985 Laura KING – Southampton Road and the Friary  
PCSO 8704 Kady GREEN – Castle Road and Bishopdown  
PCSO 8195 Kim ORZA – Bemerton Heath  
PCSO 9001 Matthew MURRAY – Churchfields and St Pauls  
PCSO 6025 Simon WARD – Harnham



## **South Rural**

Pc 1157 Matt HOLLAND – Coordinator  
PCSO 6227 Matt SMITH – Downton Rural  
PCSO 6314 Nicola CLARK – Wilton Town/ Rural  
PCSO 6150 Jenny MOSS – Laverstock and Old Sarum  
PCSO 8076 Simon NASH – Alderbury Rural

## **Amesbury**

Pc 1596 Lucy WILEMAN – Coordinator  
PCSO 8098 Pippa BREWER – Durrington, Larkhill, Bulford and Figheldean  
PCSO 9031 Luke George – Ludgershall  
PCSO 9362 Jonathan Akehurst – Tidworth / Ludgershall  
PCSO 3972 Levi MORPHY – Amesbury Town  
PCSO 9364 Mark DOUSE – Amesbury Town  
PCSO 6623 Amy JONES – Ludgershall  
PCSO 6716 Luke HOSKEN – Tidworth  
PCSO 3961 Tina ROYLANCE – Amesbury Rural

## **Contact Us**

**Contacting Wiltshire Police by phone –101 should be used for non-emergencies such as:**

- Reporting a non-urgent crime or incident (unless the crime or incident is in progress, when you should dial 999)
- Contacting local officers
- Making us aware of policing issues in your local area (consider email as below)
- Making an appointment with a police officer
- For any other non-emergency, such as making a complaint

**999 should be used for an emergency, when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.**

You can also contact local officers about non-urgent issues via **email** –  
**General Community Policing enquiries - [CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)**

For crime updates and local policing news via email, please sign up to our **Community Messaging** scheme at –  
[www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

You can also follow us on **Facebook** – search ‘Salisbury Police’ ‘Amesbury Police’ or ‘Tidworth Police’ or on **Twitter** - **@SouthWiltsCPT**

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## **Community Engagement**

I am once again pleased to report that since my last attendance at all Area Boards where I promised that if you asked, we would endeavour to deliver; this has been achieved yet again. I would encourage your members to continue to engage with our CPT staff either individually or via the e-mail inbox with requests for attendance to specific events.

This is a key area of our work and comes in many forms, from our physical presence on the traditional beat or through PULSE patrols, to our mobile and cycle patrols as well of course as our social media footprint.

This trend has continued over the Christmas period and has no doubt assisted us greatly in the reduction of otherwise seasonal criminality.

Wherever possible our teams are engaging with the community at every level and one of these ways is through community consultations, where a member of staff will be made available to speak to our community on any given day and time. These consultations are a great way to meet and greet my staff that are local to you and are a great way for you to raise any issues that you may have directly with an officer or PCSO at that time.

Community Consultations will take place at the following venues and dates:

Waitrose, Churchill Way – Dates to be confirmed via social media and messaging, 1400 x 1600hrs

Salisbury Charter Market – Dates to be confirmed via social media and messaging, 1000 x 1200hrs

Downton - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January Downton Parish Council – Matt Holland

SWW – Community Safety Group Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> February at Tisbury Leisure Centre

Dates and times will be advertised through social media and community messaging so please make sure that you follow us to receive them. Further venues across the area are being sought at the moment and if you have any event or venue suggestions please let us know via the CPT e-mail listed above and we will endeavor to be there!

## **Neighbourhood Tasking Meetings**

The next Tidworth/Ludgershall NTG is planned for 5<sup>th</sup> February at 14.30 hours in Ludgershall at the Town Council Office.

The next Amesbury/Durrington/Bulford/Larkhill/ Figheldean NTG is planned for 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 1900hrs at Amesbury Police Station.

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Amesbury Rural's next meeting is planned for 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **Independent Advisory Group (IAG)**

This year has seen the development and setting up of the first IAG for the South of the County which sits 4 times a year. This group is made up of members of the public from a diverse background to assist us as an organisation with advice from the ground on certain aspects of our work. This has included consultation on the use of Spit Hoods for example to see how such items of equipment might be viewed by our communities and this source of feedback has proved very useful.

The next strategic IAG will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup>. This includes the Chairs from each IAG across the County.

Our next local IAG meeting is planned for 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### **Particular Issues and Crime Series**

#### **Salisbury City.**

Over the Christmas period, we unfortunately experienced significant disruption to the Christmas Market as a result of the activities of a group of unruly youths who were fighting and causing much ASB around the city. This activity was resource draining and resulted in our having to issue Sect 35 ASB exclusion orders for the city on several occasions over the period. These exclusions were robustly enforced resulting in the arrest of one of the ringleaders for breaching it and another for an assault which occurred during the same period of disruption. Both youths have been charged for their part in the incidents and more youths are being spoken to in relation to the same. As is typical with such things, the larger group is attracted by a small number of ringleaders and we are working with our partners in diverse ways to target these individuals with a view to breaking the cycle of behaviour.

On a more positive note, the increased policing activity has once again proven to be an effective deterrent for other seasonal crime and as such I can report that specific crime is very low again this year.

#### **Purse Thefts**

December 2016 – **17** reported purse/ wallet/ handbag thefts – indicating active offender or pickpocketing team

December 2017 (first year of Pulse patrols) – only **2** reported purse/ wallet/ handbag thefts

December 2018 – (Second year Pulse patrols) – only **4** reported purse/ wallet/ handbag thefts



Thefts generally in the City Centre have shown a year on year decrease over the period which is a really positive result and a high detection rate to run alongside it. (80% shoplifting detection).

My Community Tasking Team intercepted a suspected shoplifting team which was monitored moving in to the area and the subsequent disruption activity applied by officers caused them to move on and not return over the period.

Salisbury City Centre CCTV have been instrumental in providing live coverage in many instances over the period and whilst it has been operating in the background for some time, it is really great to see it back up and running with staff operating from the Bournehill control room. The images and footage available is usually of excellent quality and we will continue to work alongside SCC and Salisbury BID in keeping Salisbury safe.

**Dangerous Drug Networks (DDN's)** – This will continue to be a regular feature within these reports and I make no apology for that. DDN's continue to infiltrate the south of the county pedalling drugs and preying on our most vulnerable within the community. This is a struggle that unhappily we will continue for some considerable time I fear, with our 'wins' only ever stemming the flow for short periods. Such is the resolve of the drug barons, that they poke and prod our communities for any slight weakness which is quickly and decisively exploited.

We cannot be complacent in our effort and attention to this area of our business, as the tendrils of drug addiction and the destructive behaviour that it breeds are prevalent in every town on our area.

Closure orders continue to be an effective tool to assist in the prevention of crime and safeguarding of the vulnerable within the City Centre.

Any intelligence in this regard is always welcome and can be fed in to the system via speaking to an officer or member of staff, e-mail or through **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**.

### **Harnham**

No ongoing concerns reported at this time.

### **South Rural**

- **Lead Thefts** – Downton and nearby villages from houses and buildings. Additional patrols to deter and detect thefts of roofing lead. Visits to local scrap metal dealers to gather intelligence and identify those involved in selling large quantities of lead/ scrap metal. Suspect vehicle identified – update next report.
- **Patrols to target Rural Crime and Poaching** - Patrols by Police officers and PCSO's to target both daytime and night poaching at identified hotspots (recent reports Odstock/ Wick Down)



- **Burglaries to outbuildings (garages/ sheds etc)** - Targeted patrols in hotspots – currently Redlynch/ Lover/ Hamptworth – to deter/ detect offences. Ongoing investigations and cross border intel sharing to identify offenders

### **Amesbury and Tidworth**

We recognise the ongoing concerns of Amesbury Town Centre and the ARC regarding perceived issues around the night time economy. We are working with our partners and the various vendors to reduce disruption to the lowest possible levels and will continue to offer visibility and robust policing at peak times if and when offences are disclosed.

#### Target Patrols Tidworth/Ludgershall and surrounding areas

Extra patrols commenced at Tidworth Leisure Centre due to increased issues around anti-social behaviour and damage caused to the Nursery. In total 31 patrols were actioned from 8<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Reassurance patrols commenced on 8<sup>th</sup> November in Pickernell Road following a burglary - In total 18 patrols were actioned. The patrol closed down on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

On 9<sup>th</sup> November additional patrols commenced in the Tidworth/Ludgershall area following incidents of violence and concerns around drug use - To date 128 patrols/actions have taken place and during the 2 month period of targeted activity the overall violent crime rate for the area was significantly reduced from 33 in November to only 12 in December.

#### Target Patrols Amesbury and surrounding areas

On 13<sup>th</sup> November reassurance patrols commenced at Queen Manor Farm, Boscombe due to fuel thefts. Patrol closed on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 24 patrols were actioned.

On 12<sup>th</sup> December we commenced additional patrols in Vancouver Gardens, Bulford due to some suspicious activity. To date 18 patrols have been actioned. Patrol continues at this time.

### **Community Speedwatch**

Amesbury and Salisbury have now combined this priority and actively engage both in company with and independently of CSW teams. Communities have reported back positively with regard to the visible police presence this affords them and this activity will continue across the South.

### **Special Constabulary Update**

Our SPC's continue to provide fantastic support to the local policing teams across the county and in particular the South and the assistance provided over the Christmas and New Year period was nothing less than outstanding.

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In total, the Special Constabulary provided some 75,121 voluntary hours to Wiltshire in 2018 which is simply incredible and testament to their fantastic community spirit.

During November and December over 1540 hours were provided supporting South Wiltshire CPT and once again I would like to place on record how incredibly proud and grateful I am for their service.

## **Items of Note**

### **Remembrance Day Parades**

Officers in Number 1 uniform attended many of the parades across the South of the County placing wreaths to commemorate 100 years, on behalf of a grateful Wiltshire Police. We also undertook our own service at Police HQ in Devizes to commemorate members of our own police family who were killed in action both overseas and at home. I know my officers were very proud to be able to honour the brave in such a way and each one was supported by other uniform colleagues providing all important security during what are clearly difficult and unpredictable times in terms of the national threat to such events.

The cadets were resplendent in Salisbury representing us once again in the Guildhall Square.

### **Winter Solstice**

Some 5000 or so people attended the Winter Solstice this year and once again the policing response was proportionate to the scaled down event that it has become with the continuation of Managed Open Access arrangements provided by English Heritage.

Part of our concern and responsibility is around wider ASB issues including the potential for illegal unauthorised festivals in and around the monument. We have worked successfully with our partners once again to ensure that no such gathering took place as activity to commence one was quickly averted by my teams.

### **Salisbury City Centre**

Visible patrols and public engagement in Salisbury City Centre. This priority focus is on anti-social behaviour, street drinkers and disorder. CPT are working in partnership with Venture Security, BID and pub watch. It also aims to speak with rough sleepers, some of which are vulnerable in order to check on their welfare and signpost them to other agencies via [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk) which triggers intervention from the local authority/outreach service that can provide help and assistance.

Officers are also making regular welfare visits to various addresses within the City Centre and the immediate surrounding area of vulnerable residents who are drug and alcohol dependent. Some of these addresses have been targeted by drug gangs from out of the area. Officers take positive action by way of arrest.

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We will continue to publicise these checks via social media.

On a lighter note.....

### **Motorcycle Santa?**

As you would expect, our officers wear many hats with different specialisms brought in to play during any given year. One worn by my Sector Deputy Sgt John Hutchings is that of a police motorcyclist and one of his duties over the Christmas period was ensuring the safe passage of Santa through the streets of Swindon to Great Western Hospital, whereupon Santa presented 100's gifts to the very sick but delighted children who sadly were spending Christmas in hospital. The Swindon Pinkertons Motorcycle Club, raise money and gift donations throughout the year culminating in a mass fancy dress motorcycle ride out through the town escorted by police motorcyclists of which Sgt Hutchings was one. This is a special volunteer duty for all those involved and one which always causes a smile.

Never off duty though and despite dreadful weather conditions, Sgt Hutchings still managed to spot a local to Salisbury vehicle on his way back from Swindon which he believed was being driven by someone with no documents. He was able to stop the vehicle, which subsequently led to its seizure and the driver being reported.





## Movember Update

Many of you were made aware at the last Area Boards of our efforts over November to raise money for the Movember Foundation which raises awareness and money to support men's health with a view to stopping men dying young.

I wish to thank those of you who supported us in this, as you helped us gain the coveted title of top Fund Raising Police Team in England and Scotland with a total raised of over £6300.

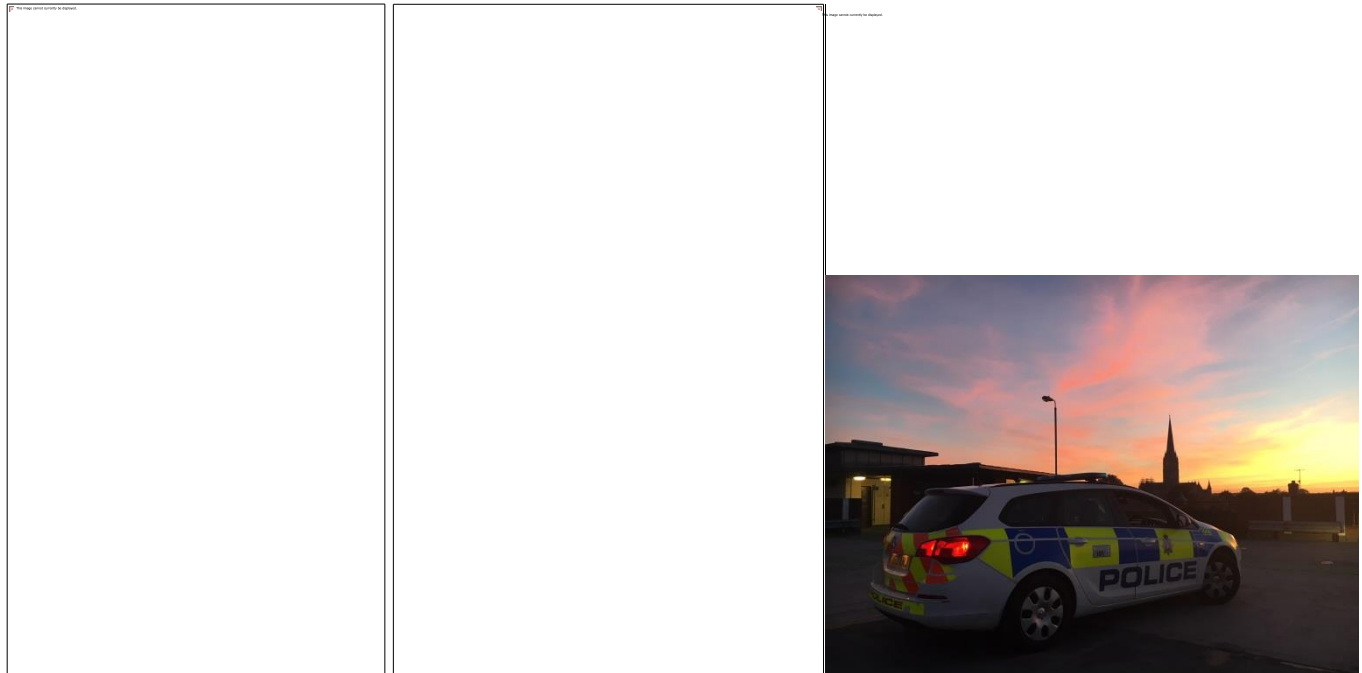
The team rowed, ran, cycled or walked over a million metres over the month, amazing!

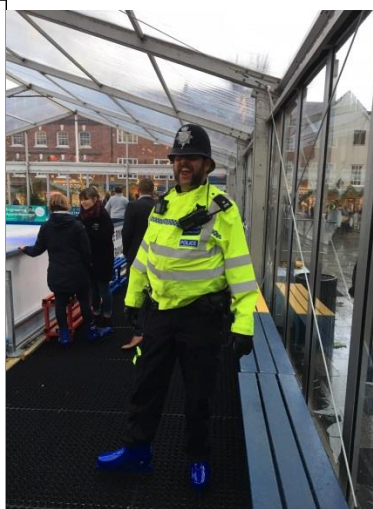
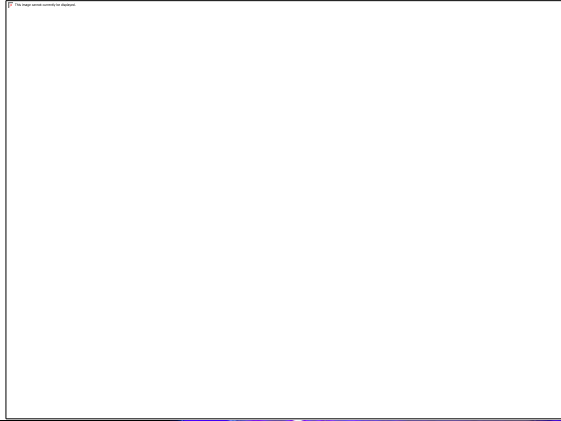
A fantastic effort that could not have been achieved without the support of our communities.

Thanks Very Much 😊

## Selection of pictures from recent weeks.....

From L to R Nutcracker Trail with PCSO Orza and Clarke, Birthday Boy, Beautiful City Scape from Culver Street Car Park, BID Santa, Cadets in Cathedral, Cadets Christmas Party, more Santa Security, Stocking fillers, it's the Pol-ice....., Christmas light switch on.





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