



Community Policing Report Chippenham Area Board – 4th February 2019

Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

Christmas Drink/Drug Driving campaign launched in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Police supported the National Police Chiefs' Council Christmas Drink/Drug Driving Campaign that launched on the 1 December and runs until early January 2019. All Wiltshire Police officers and members of Tri Force Roads Policing Unit conducted 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 were also 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 drink or drug driving is simply not worth the risk."

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. Various dates throughout December were planned for the roadshows and held in different locations.

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 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.

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.

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.



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“I have been asked at some recent Town Council and Area Board meetings to provide a breakdown of incidents and crime that is reported within a specific town or area. In these days of reduced resource and trying to work smarter I am going to decline this request. All of the information that has been requested can be found through the links that are provided below. The information is that detailed that you are able to search on date, crime type and locality down to street level. Given this, I do not want our community coordinators to spend their valuable time updating data sheets and researching what has already happened, I would rather they focus their efforts in partnership working and problem solving to make our communities safer. Thank you for your continued support – Insp Mark Luffman”

Whilst the report below gives a summary of Key Impact Crimes in your area such as Burglaries, the interactive element will allow you to see the statistics of the reports for your area and your local Police contacts. The website address remains unchanged and the interactive map can be found by following the below link.

<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/832/Your-Area>

COMMUNITY MESSAGING



We are constantly reviewing our visibility and how we can develop this and work with our communities. We cannot physically be everywhere all of the time and we want to ensure consistent information with our communities and to be able to provide the information that matters to you when you need it. There has been some good feedback from our new way of working using Community Messaging so please sign up and use it. <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

Our CPT priorities can be accessed online, also persistent offenders and ongoing issues affecting the Community in line with our Force Control Strategy. Priority Offenders are established at a weekly Sector meeting, as a result priorities and taskings are raised as a way to effectively manage live intelligence and priorities that are developing in the northern hub.

CONTROL STRATEGY - Every year, the Force assesses its operational priorities for the year. Through a combination of research and consultation, the Intelligence team identify the areas of criminality that present the biggest threat, harm and risk to our communities as well as the areas where we most need to fill gaps in terms of our understanding, intelligence or capability.

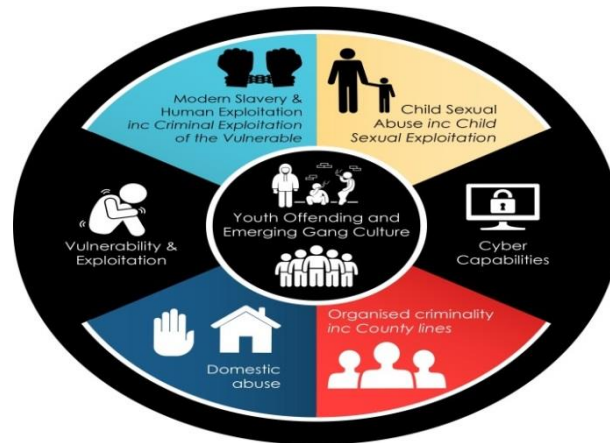
The resulting document is known as the Control Strategy which outlines the following operational priorities:

1. Modern Slavery & Human Exploitation (including Criminal Exploitation of the Vulnerable)
2. Child Sexual Abuse (including Child Sexual Exploitation)
3. Organised Criminality (including County Lines)
4. Domestic Abuse
5. Youth Offending and Emerging Gang Culture

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As has been the case in previous iterations of the Control Strategy, there are clear themes running through all the priority areas – ‘Cyber Capabilities’ and ‘Vulnerability and Exploitation’. Digital technology is used to carry out offending in all the above areas and at the heart of all the above there are vulnerable victims, witnesses or offenders that are often being exploited.

Below is our control strategy for your reference. This focuses on where how we conduct our operational Policing based on the Police & Crime Plan. We will continue to align our resources with the threat/harm/risks presented in line with the control strategy.



LOCAL ISSUES/CRIMES

Vehicle Crime –We have had a number of reports whereby both number plates have been stolen from their vehicles, do please report this as they are used to replace plates on other vehicles and then the cars are involved in crime, we would also urge members of the public to call the Police at the time if they see anyone acting suspiciously.

Warrants/Drugs – We are committed to disrupting criminal activity in relation to drugs. A Section 23 Misuse of Drugs warrant was executed at a property in Sidney Wood Court, a number of items have been seized and the adult male occupant has been arrested on suspicion of Possession with Intent to Supply Drugs, he has been released under investigation.

Another Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Warrant was executed at a property in Royal Close. Police have seized numerous drug paraphernalia including weapons and the male occupant was interviewed and later released under investigation. We would like to remind the community that concerns raised will always be kept confidential, or alternatively crime stoppers can be contacted anonymously.



Officers in Chippenham discovered a cannabis factory at an address in the town, shortly after 8am on 25th January, officers attended the address off Langley Road and gained entry through a broken window. The four upstairs rooms of the address had been converted into a cannabis factory, with approximately 120 plants. While no one was present at the address, enquiries remain ongoing.

Community coordinator PC Hazel Anderson said: "This case highlights the importance of community intelligence – if you suspect drug activity in your area, please always report your concerns to police and we will act on information we receive in the most appropriate way."

To report drug activity in your neighbourhood, call 101.

Police have issued a number of Cannabis Street Warnings to individuals as a result of stop checks/searches taking place.

We continue to develop intelligence by adopting a joint multi-agency approach to assist with the preparation of further warrants in the future, so they may be executed in line with the Force Control Strategy.

Violent Crime – The Community Policing Team have been busy over the festive period, but it was very pleasing that there was only a few incidents which was alcohol related. The mobile CCTV van was deployed during night time economy and the Street Pastors kindly volunteered their time to help support those who were celebrating over the festive period which is very much appreciated.

Burglaries - There have been very few burglaries reported to us. Do please ensure that you secure your property when unattended, leave lights on if you are not at home in the evening, keep valuables eg jewellery, electronic devices out of sight. If you have an elderly family member/relative/neighbour, do please advise them not to allow themselves to be distracted at their front door, to place the safety chain on before opening and if those involved do not have identification, do not let them into our home and call the Police. Ask your neighbours to keep 'an eye' on your home and report anything suspicious immediately.

Rogue Traders – By law cold callers must provide a 14 day cooling off period in writing when providing a quote for work to be carried out, if not it is fraud. We have had a few reports whereby no paperwork has been issued when calling to carry out work and concerns are being raised if the prices quoted are too high and not reasonable.

Rough Sleepers – We are very pleased that those who were sleeping rough have been using the 'sit up' service at Unity House (Alabare) which can be used until the 31st March 2019 regardless of the temperature or weather conditions. The number of reports of ASB within the town has also reduced, this is partly due to Unity House allowing those using the service to stay indoors throughout the day, coupled with officers from the Community Policing Team showing an increased presence in the town to reduce ASB and ensure that the PSPO in place is adhered to. This has been a Sector Priority for the teams and in particular over the festive period. We will continue working in partnership with other agencies including the new Rough Sleepers Initiative team for Wiltshire Council.

Shoplifters – OP ELF

The Community Policing Team increased their foot patrols in Chippenham Town centre and major supermarkets in all towns to prevent shoplifters especially over the festive period. OP ELF was launched in December and officers have been liaising with staff in shops, Chippenham BID, Security at Emery Gate.



We have had a small number of purse thefts reported to us. We released CCTV images after an elderly lady (94 years old) withdrew £500 from Lloyds Bank, High Street, on leaving the bank this lady was followed by two females into WH SMITHS where one of the females has distracted the lady whilst the other female has stolen her money and purse from her shopping trolley. If you have elderly family members, neighbours and friends, please advise them not to withdraw large amounts of cash from ATMs and if so, to try and do this discretely, always close handbags and wear them over their shoulder and across their chest to make access to their purse more difficult.

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) - The number of reports has reduced significantly, however the Police will continue to monitor/focus on particular areas and liaise with agencies if necessary.

Other – The number of Police Officers and PCSOs have increased at our Monkton Park base mainly due to recruitment of Probationers and transferees.

The Chippenham Community Policing Teams continue to be busy attending Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's) especially as the weather is getting colder. The demand on resources increase and we have therefore encouraged drivers using social media to drive in accordance to the current weather conditions.



Events - The Community Policing Team attended the Christmas Lights Switch on along with the Police Cadets.



Police Cadets who are aged 13-16 years of age can attend local events and assist with community engagement, they are very keen to get involved in future events, please e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

If you are planning any event and require assistance from the Police to assist, please e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk in advance as you may be required to complete an 'Events Form' and there may also be a cost incurred to ensure that you have dedicated officers throughout. If you would like the Cadets to assist with community engagement at events please e-mail the address above, there is no charge for this.

EVENTS... Don't forget that a toolkit is available from Wiltshire Council which gives fantastic guidance and advice for organising most types of events, including topics ranging from traffic management to toilets, and gives contact details for which agencies and departments need to be contacted when applying for various licences or road closures.

It can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf>, In essence, all organisers must be responsible for identifying any risks and putting in measures to remove or reduce them.

The Force now has a dedicated cybercrime Facebook page. If there are any local businesses who would value having this information do please e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Chippenham CPT has 6807 followers on Facebook, please join us either on Facebook or Community Messaging.

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>

The e-mail address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing Team is
[**cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk**](mailto:cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

Please phone 101 (non emergency) or 999 (emergency) to report any incidents or crimes, reports cannot be taken via the above e-mail address.

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