



Royal Wootton Bassett, Cricklade and Purton Community Policing Team Update



Hello and welcome to the Area Board report for March 2019.

This report 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>

Our CPT priority: 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 tasking's are raised as a way to effectively manage live intelligence and priorities that are developing in the northern hub.

“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.

Police dogs Tyke and Max retire after successful careers at Wiltshire Police



Two of our most popular police dogs bid a fond farewell to Wiltshire Police last month and are now settling into retirement having devoted years to fighting criminals and protecting our communities.

Having clocked up almost 15 years of service between them, police dogs Tyke and Max have now stepped aside for the new pups in town. PD Tyke has worked alongside PC Cindy Hargreave since he was licenced back in 2013. Now he has retired, he will continue living with PC Hargreave, who has just started training with a new puppy called Betty.

"My first shift with Tyke was an evening shift, and you always worry if the dogs will perform for real, like they do in training," she said.

"We were lucky to get an early result as we attended a report of a burglary in progress at a pub in Swindon, where two men had been seen leaving the back of the pub and into woodland. I deployed Tyke for a straight chase and he secured one man some distance away.

The man was arrested by officers and while we headed back to the pub for a search, Tyke dragged me into the undergrowth and started growling. He'd found the second offender."

Not only has he had positive results when it comes to locating offenders, PC Hargreave describes Tyke as her life saver, after he protected her when a man charged at her with a petrol barrel while she was dealing with another man armed with an iron bar during an illegal rave.

"Tyke had seen the danger before I did, and he deployed onto the man's arm, bringing him to the ground and holding him there until a support team arrived," said PC Hargreave.

"He really did prevent me from receiving a very serious injury.

"Tyke is full of character. He's goofy as well as being tenacious; he has the ability to be sociable but always switched nicely to being a Police Dog when required. He was a driven, determined and strong willed police dog, but most of all just wanted to please and work. Something which, now he's retired, is not sitting well with him, especially when he has to stay at home when I go to work, but the welcome I get when I return home is the best.

"Tyke was the best team mate and partner I could ever have wished for."

Also hanging up his harness for a well-earned rest is Police Dog Max, who worked alongside PC Tracy Doughty. She became his handler when he reached the age of four.

PC Doughty said: "During my first shift with Max we had a report of two men decamping from a car in Swindon. We attended and Max got on the scent straight away. Both men ran and Max chased one who sensibly gave up! The second man evaded us for a while but we found all the property he had dumped and then eventually found him."

One of Max's proudest moments as a police dog was locating offenders involved in a series of burglaries in Swindon, as well as receiving two awards where Max's skills were pivotal to locating a suspect.

"Max has a very strong presence," said PC Doughty.

"He's a big boy with a few battle scars and a very big mouth. His bark is felt deep in your stomach. He has been challenging to work with but he's a big softy really, and I'll miss his 'verbal opinion'.

"He will remain living with me, and he is already loving being inside on the sofa. He's looked after me, so it's up to me now to do the same for him."

Tyke's replacement is PPD Betty, while Max will be replaced by PPD Rudi.

They are currently in training with PC Hargreave and PC Doughty and once they gain their licences, they will be out and about protecting the people of Wiltshire.

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



Warrants – We continue to develop intelligence to assist with the preparation of further warrants in the future, so they may be executed in line with the Force Control Strategy.

In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Please join us either on Facebook or Community Messaging.

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

Events - 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 organizing 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 license's 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 e-mail address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing Team is cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.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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Crimes that have impacted the community for March 2019 report

On the 24/01/2019 in Marlborough road unknown suspect has stolen electric fencing, two batteries, 2 energizer units and poly posts from an unnamed field near to the location. Theft of £2000.

No suspects have been identified and the case has been closed.

Over a three day period from the 25/01/2019 Unknown suspect(s) have forced entry into the site by undoing the clips on the surrounding fence, suspect(s) have then stolen a hydraulic breaker TVO £1000. No suspects have been identified.

On the 30/01/2019 an unknown male suspect has entered shop and handed over English £50 note to pay for a single can of energy drink. Staff have challenged the suspect, advising him that the note was a fake. Suspect then left the store leaving the £50 note with staff. Investigation ongoing.

On the 01/02/2019 two unknown male suspects have forced entry via front bay window, £250 cash has been stolen and unknown amount of jewellery. This occurred in Royal Wootton Bassett.

Ongoing investigation.

On the 25/01/2019 in Purton unknown suspects have gained entry to the premises by cutting a hole in the fence. They have then driven their vehicle a mile down the track, where the suspects have cut off the padlocks to some containers and stolen solar panels and associated equipment.

Enquiries on going.

On the 08/02/2019 after an argument at the family home the suspect has left the premises and was arrested for possession of drugs. Male has been charged for possession of cannabis and criminal damage.

On the 09/02/2019 a male suspect has been driving a vehicle whilst under the influence of alcohol, stop by the police and arrested in Flaxlands. The male was also in possession of cannabis and further arrested for that as well as drink driving.

The male was given an adult caution for possession of cannabis and the court result for the drink driving offence was disqualified for 12 months from driving.

On the 14/02/2019 an unknown suspect(s) has smashed the rear window of owners garage then suspect(s) have cut the chain on the front door of the garage by unknown means. Entry has been gained and 2x motorcycles have been stolen.

Motorbikes placed on the police national computer, no further enquiries can be done.

On the 17/02/2019 the owner has gone out to his truck this morning and found that unknown suspect/s have tried to break into the back of it causing damage to the approx. value of £500.00 .

On going investigation.

On the 02/03/2019 a known male youth arrested after being suspected of spitting in the face of a doorman and being in possession of a knuckle duster. The suspects has been interviewed and released under investigation.

On the 03/03/2019 an unknown suspect(s) has gained access to the building by ripping the metal cladding off. Whilst inside, suspect(s) has stolen a number of power tools approx. to the value between £1000-£2000.

No suspects identified

Clamping down on rogue traders - partnership operation a success

A week-long operation to clamp down on rogue traders in Wiltshire took place this week, to prevent Wiltshire residents, particularly those who are vulnerable, from becoming victims of crime.

Wiltshire Council officers from trading standards and environmental services launched national campaign Operation Rogue Trader locally, a national campaign, with Wiltshire Police and other partner agencies.

Activities included roadside stop checks and conducting intelligence-led patrols in areas where older or vulnerable people live.

During the operation enforcement officers carried out checks on 64 businesses, who were stopped by Wiltshire Police. Trading standards issued advice to 22 businesses, environmental enforcement officers identified 10 businesses carrying waste without a waste carrier's licence or waste transfer documentation. These offences will be followed up by officers which could result in fixed penalty notices being issued to offenders if documentation cannot be provided. In addition, officers were looking at all manner of businesses who deal with commercial waste, garden/tree works and construction vehicles. These checks were conducted to reduce the amount of illegal deposits or fly-tipping of waste throughout Wiltshire.

Rogue traders often offer gardening, roofing or driveway work or maintenance services at initially cheap rates but the quality of work is substandard or unnecessary and the final price extortionate. They regularly use aggressive sales techniques to pressurise often vulnerable consumers into making hasty decisions.

Jerry Wickham, cabinet member for public protection, said: "A rogue trader on TV or in movies is often portrayed as a cheeky wheeler-dealer type, but the reality couldn't be further away from that. These doorstep criminals target often vulnerable members of our communities to part with their hard earned money for unnecessary, overpriced and low-quality work - and the effects can be devastating.

"The vast majority of businesses in Wiltshire are good, honest and hardworking, and it's a real shame that there are criminals out there that can damage their reputation.

"I am pleased with the action we've seen this week and I hope it sends out a clear message that this type of activity will not be tolerated, and we'll do everything in our power to stop it from happening."

Detective Sergeant Anthony King from the Wiltshire Police Community Tasking Team said: "Operation Rogue Trader is an important reminder to us all that there are people out there who are trying to take advantage of those most vulnerable in our county.

"We all need to be vigilant to this type of crime, which can have a long lasting financial and emotional impact for its victims.

"As a Force we want to send a clear message out to the perpetrators of this crime, it will not be tolerated in Wiltshire. Together with our partners we will work to educate the public and prosecute those who carry out this crime.

"We ask that the community follow advice from Trading Standards, look out for any vulnerable or elderly friends and relatives who might be particularly at risk and do your homework before engaging anyone to carryout work on your property."

Householders are advised:

'If in doubt, keep them out!'

Never work with cold-callers and don't be rushed into home repairs

Consumers are legally entitled to a 14-day cooling off period in most home improvement contracts formed at their home

Check the identity of the caller by phoning the company they claim to be from. Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider

Check whether traders are members of the Consumer Codes Approval Scheme, the local Authority Assured Trader Schemes or the Government Trust Mark scheme.

Ask a neighbour or friend nearby to check out the caller before you open the door to them or agree to have work done. Some areas in the country have 'nominated neighbour schemes' you can sign up to. Check with your local police to find out if there is one in your area

Never pay cash up front

Always get at least three quotes before agreeing to have work done

Use the Trading Standards approved "Buy with Confidence" traders. These businesses are vetted and audited by Trading Standards Officers. To find a Buy with Confidence trader visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or alternately a list of approved traders can be obtained from Wiltshire Council's Trading Standards service.

If anyone suspects a rogue trader is at the door, they should contact the police by dialling 101. In an emergency, call 999. People can also report rogue traders to local trading standards by calling the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506.

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 Andrea HECTOR
Royal Wootton Bassett



PCSO Nicola Allan
Cricklade



PCSO Erin Davis
Royal Wootton Bassett Rural



PCSO Joshua Sherratt
Purton

COUNTY LINES IN WILTSHIRE



Young and vulnerable people living in our communities are being exploited by drugs gangs. It's happening right now. And we need your help to protect them.

County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas in the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of 'deal line'. They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money, and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence and weapons. gangs based in cities like London are targeting the most vulnerable people in small towns across the country to sell class A drugs on their behalf.

This type of behaviour is a significant threat to our communities and will not be tolerated. It's one of the many hidden demands on our police force and we are raising awareness as part of our 'Beyond the Beat' summer-long campaign.

But we need your help to spot the signs and act on your concerns. Your voice will be heard and will make a difference.

Director of Intelligence Sonja Leith said: "County lines is everyone's responsibility and I would urge members of the public to be vigilant and look out for some of the most visible signs that county lines drugs gangs are operating in neighbourhoods and to report this to police.

"Our intelligence teams work hard to identify where county lines are exploiting vulnerable children and adults, and to proactively disrupt these networks. The intelligence we receive from our communities is crucial in helping us, our partner agencies and neighbouring forces in tackling county lines and safeguarding people.

"By raising awareness of the issue, I hope more people will be able to spot the signs, and feel comfortable in reporting information to the police. Your call could save lives."

Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, said: "Two of my priorities for the next four years, as outlined in my Police and Crime Plan 2017 - 2021, are to prevent crime and keep people safe, and protect the most vulnerable people in society. It is these very people who are being targeted by individuals from large metropolitan cities, who are travelling to rural counties like Wiltshire, with the belief that they will be able to deal drugs from the properties of these vulnerable people. As a result, vulnerable people are being threatened and exploited, often in their own homes.

"I am aware that many people still consider drugs as a victimless crime. This is not the case, and we want to ensure that people who find themselves in these situations have support.

"The Force will continue to work with local authorities to reduce the harm and prevent the crime caused by alcohol and substance misuse, but I would also urge the residents of Wiltshire and Swindon to help us combat drug supply - we cannot do it alone and the police often rely on information from the public to build up an intelligence picture. Please continue to help by reporting any information to 101."

Signs to look out for:

Exploitation

- Has a child or young person gone missing from school or home?
- Are they meeting with unfamiliar adults?
- Have you noticed a change in their behaviour?
- Are they using drugs and alcohol?
- Has there been a breakdown in relationships with family and friends?

This could be a sign that they are being coerced and controlled to commit crime.

Call 101 to report it.

Cuckooing

Drug dealers will often take over the homes of vulnerable people as they use it as a base to deal drugs in the area. The vulnerable person may be being kept inside against their will.

- Have you noticed more people calling at an address? Sometimes at unsociable hours?
- Have you noticed a neighbour has not been seen for a while?
- Are there suspicious smells coming from an address?
- Are there suspicious or unfamiliar vehicles outside the address?

Cuckooing could be taking place. Look out for your neighbours and report suspicions to 101.



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

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

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Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police.

