



Royal Wootton Bassett, Cricklade and Purton Community Policing Team Update



Hello and welcome to the area Board report for May 2019

I would like to make you aware that from 1st May, CPT North Wiltshire will welcome PC Rachel Davis as Community Co-ordinator covering

Royal Wotton Bassett and Malmesbury .

Rachel has been a police officer for 17 years and brings with her a wealth of experience having worked as a neighbourhood beat officer for Malmesbury and most recently as a community-policing officer in Royal Wootton Bassett.

I wish Rachel all the very best in her new role.

Community Policing - We're here to help

It is widely known that police forces across the UK are facing unprecedented challenges, trying to do more with ever fewer resources.

As part of our On The Beat campaign we asked our Community Policing Teams what they would like to tell the public about policing in Wiltshire.

Unsurprisingly, many officers and staff wanted the public to be aware of the pressures they are under and the limited resources that are available.

However, they also wanted local people to be reassured, and to know that they care and that they will do their best for the community.

Here are some of the comments from officers and staff:

We will do all we can, in the best way we can, to help

We're here to help and we will strive to do everything we possibly can to support and protect you.

Austerity has had an impact on policing but we have reshaped and still deliver a safe place to live.

We are there to provide support and to try to keep our communities safe.

We are here to help.

We are professional and willing to do the right thing to protect you.

It's not just 999 calls. We also engage with our communities and listen to and understand their concerns, we problem solve in partnership and target our work around the most vulnerable or those who pose the greatest threat

Inspector James Williams, who leads Wiltshire West CPT, said he was heartened by these comments and hoped the public would be reassured by these messages from the Force.

He said: "I think it's vital that we keep this positivity in mind.

"Everyone knows about the challenges facing policing and these challenges shouldn't be underestimated - our police officers and staff are incredibly busy, working long hours in often very difficult circumstances.

Wiltshire Police are supporting National Stalking Awareness Week

We are supporting the Suzy Lamplugh Trust's National Stalking Awareness Week from 8-12 April 2019.

This year the Suzy Lamplugh Trust are focusing on the impact of stalking on mental health as well as physical well-being.

Deputy Chief Constable Paul Mills, National Policing Lead for Stalking and Harassment, said: "This week as part of national stalking awareness week, we are looking to highlight the impact that stalking offences have on victims and we are encouraging anyone who believes they are subject of ongoing 'Fixated, Obsessive, Unwanted and Repeated' behaviour to come forward so we can work with them to keep them safe.

"Both nationally and locally there has been a significant rise in stalking offences and this reflects increased focus by the police to encourage victims to come forward and to ensure that these offences are properly identified, recorded and investigated".

Superintendent Sarah Robbins, Force Lead for Stalking and Harassment, said: "If a person's behaviour towards you is persistent and clearly unwanted, causing you fear, harassment or anxiety, then it is stalking and you should not have to live with it.

"We take all reports of stalking and harassment extremely seriously and recognise the catastrophic effects this can have on a victim. If you are being stalked or harassed, I urge you to report this to us.

"If you feel you are being stalked, then please call us on 101. However, if someone's behaviour is putting you at immediate risk then please call 999".

Steps to take to help deal with this type of behaviour

Keep a record with times, venue and description of what happened; write down information as soon as possible when events are still fresh in your mind

Record how the suspect looked and sounded - What they were wearing and the make and number plate of any vehicle involved

Stay alert and aware of your surroundings at all times

Think about your phone settings - Use a PIN with random numbers; turn off geo-location services in camera apps and your mobile settings; don't use apps that tell you where friends are, check you in etc

Use a safe computer - use a different computer, belonging to a friend or library, until you can install anti-spyware software on your computer; delete all online accounts; obtain several new e-mail addresses and don't use your name or nickname as a stalker could identify you; create new passwords and password protect your computer

Social networks are not secure - Your friends can easily share information that can help an abuser track you down. Make sure you use strict privacy settings or, if possible, delete your Facebook account.

Report it

Important - if you feel that someone's behaviour is putting you at immediate risk then call 999

If you feel that you are being stalked, we would prefer to speak to you on the phone by calling us on 101, or in person.

Support Services

Horizon Victim and Witness Care - [Contact us here](#)

Splitz - 01225 775276 or helpdesk@splitz.org

National Stalking Helpline - 0808 802 0300

Paladin National Stalking Advocacy Service - 020 7840 8960 or info@paladinservice.co.uk

Victim Support Wiltshire - 0808 281 0113 or wiltshire@victimsupport.org.uk

Crimes that have impacted the community

On the 29/03/2019 17:00 Unknown suspect/s have entered the building compound in Purton by removing the Heras fence clips. They have cut open bags of cement; Suspects have then opened the engine cover, cut the wires and punched holes in the radiator with unknown instrument. Suspect has put the fencing and clips intact.

Enquiries are on-going.

On the 03/04/2019 07:10 following a two vehicle head on Road Traffic Collision in Royal Wootton Bassett a known suspect was found to be under the influence of drugs. Suspect was also found to be in possession of a Class A and Class B drug.

The suspect was arrested and has been released under investigation pending blood results.

On the 08/04/2019 07:57 Unknown suspect/s have broken into the warehouse in Braydon by breaking the lock of the door by unknown means and have stolen a Stihl Chainsaw, Hedge cutter, Small bolt cropper, Mitsubishi generator, Rotavator and a bag of fishing rods. Value of items unknown. The suspect/s have attempted to break into a vehicle and have gained entry to another vehicle. Nothing stolen. The suspect/s have also bolt cropped off the lock of a steel container. Nothing stolen.

Enquiries on going

On the 11/04/2019 19:20 known suspect as selected a pack of Carlsberg beers and has left the co-op store Lyneham without attempting to make payment. Cost of items unknown.

Enquires are ongoing.

On the 12/04/2019 00:14 Known suspect was seen walking between cars where he removed the wheels from a car.

Male identified, arrested, and released under investigation.

15/04/2019 18:00 unknown person has used a crowbar to gain entry to the back of the vehicle and take 3 chain saws and 2 hedge trimmers to the value of £2000.

Tasked to an officer to continue enquiries.

On the 18/04/2019, 17:54 police received a report of a disturbance in Claredon drive. When officers arrived, there was a strong smell of cannabis and the male involved admitted it was his. The male was dealt with by way of a cannabis street warning.

On the 21/04/2019 04:12 known male has been searched upon arrest and be found in possession of a knuckle-duster in a public place. The male suspect was arrested and given an adult caution for possession of an offensive weapon.

On the 21/04/2019, 15:00 Known Suspects(s) have entered two x new build homes that are currently still being built. They have front doors on them but they are not locked and the unknown suspects have entered these homes and thrown unknown objects at the windows to one of the homes, which has caused one inner pane window to smash, and four windows to have dents/marks. In the other property they have also made a fist shaped hole in the plasterboard and caused several markings where unknown objects have been thrown at the plasterboard. Unknown value of damage caused to both these homes.

Allocated to an officer who is investigating the matter.

Anglers could face £50k fine if caught finishing illegally during the close season



It is currently the fishing close season.

The close season, between 15 March and 15 June, is when coarse angling is suspended on rivers, streams and some specified canals and still waters to protect spawning fish.

Going fishing? We are asking anglers to make sure they know the law.

The maximum fine for fishing illegally during the close season is £50,000.

The majority of anglers follow the rules and enjoy finishing legally and with a license. Unfortunately there is a small minority that do break the law.

You can report anything suspicious by calling 101. Or call the Environment Agency incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60. See it. Report it. Stop it.

There are still opportunities to fish for coarse fish while rivers and streams are off limits. The vast majority of still waters and canals will be open and anglers should check their local byelaws (www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-fishing-byelaws) for the list of sites included within the statutory close season.

You can also find out where you can still fish locally via <http://www.gethooked.co.uk/>

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 Joshua Sherratt
Purton

Demand: What do people call Wiltshire Police about?

This week, as part of our month-long On The Beat campaign, we are talking about demand.

All police forces have been very open about the fact that the service is trying to cope with an increasing demand at a time when resources are stretched.

So what are the biggest demands on Wiltshire Police?

One way of answering that question is to look at the 999 and 101 calls coming into our Control Room and seeing what the public are phoning us about.

Last year we dealt with a total of 99,673 reports or incidents and the top five things that people called us about were:

1. Domestic incident. We received 8,881 of these (8.9 per cent of our calls) and this category can include quite a wide variety of things. It involves people who are known to each other, more specifically family members, but can take place in either a private address or a public place. It does not just refer to domestic abuse or violence between partners, but any kind of dispute between those who live together, including children.
2. Disorder. There were 6,181 reports (6.2 per cent) and again this can cover many different scenarios. Sometimes this will be a verbal argument or anti-social behaviour, and other times it could include large-scale public order offences.
3. Info/Obs. Last year there were 5,331 calls of this nature (5.3 per cent). This is when a member of the public has called us to report something which may not be a crime, but something that seems unusual or worrying. Some examples of this include reporting dangerous driving or a suspected drink driver, a person obstructing traffic by walking in the middle of a road, or a dog running loose in a children's play area.
4. Anti-social behaviour. This is something which people often ring us about, even if it is not a police matter and would be better referred to the local authority. Last year we received 4,948 calls (5 per cent) and these could be divided into three categories Personal, Nuisance and Environmental. You can read more on our website about the different types of anti-social behaviour and how they should be reported <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/ASB>
5. In fifth place were suspicious incidents, which accounted for 3,878 calls (3.9 per cent). Again, this can be quite a wide-ranging call type, but is an important type of report for us. It is when someone has seen someone acting suspiciously, but there is no specific evidence of a crime being committed. One example of this is cold-callers.

These are just the five most common categories, out of a total of more than 100 reasons why people call Wiltshire Police, and each call has to be categorised so we can analyse the demand and make sure we are best placed to respond to the concerns of our communities.

#OnTheBeat



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:

Twitter <https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice>

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.

