



Trowbridge Area Board Report - May 2019

Hello and welcome to this month's Community policing report.

Crime stats - latest quarterly figures

Wiltshire has seen a drop of 3 per cent in the number of overall recorded crimes in the county, according to crime statistics out today (25/04).

Between January 2018 and December 2018, Wiltshire Police recorded 42,483 crimes overall – a decrease compared to the previous 12 months.

Burglaries and vehicle crime dropped by 25 per cent and 26 per cent respectively, while thefts from a person dropped by 15 per cent and thefts, in general, went down by 10 per cent.

Angus Macpherson, Wiltshire and Swindon's Police and Crime Commissioner, welcomed the latest figures and said they showed Wiltshire was continuing to 'punch well above its weight' for a small, rural force and was working hard to deliver the best service possible within the funding awarded.

He said: "Overall, Wiltshire is a safe county and I am pleased to see these latest figures really highlight the hard work that is being done by the Force to continually maintain this aspiration for our communities.

"We are a small, rural force that is striving to punch above its weight in delivering first-class policing and these figures show that we are continuing to deliver.

"Our improved recording practices, which Wiltshire Police has been focusing on 18 months ahead of most other forces, has helped with the accuracy of these figures.

"It is heartening to see that burglary and vehicle crime have dropped considerably and this is a result of me challenging the Chief Constable and his team on the improvement on burglary and vehicle crime numbers.

"This type of scrutiny is essential to ensure Wiltshire Police continues to deliver for the communities it serves."

Despite the overall drop, recorded robbery saw an increase of 79 incidents in 2018 compared to 2017 figures (that's a 31 per cent increase), alongside a 25 per cent increase in stalking and harassment.

Angus added: "The increase in any crime, especially robbery, stalking and harassment, is concerning to me, however I am pleased to see the Force is robustly responding to the concerns that I, and the wider community, have about these crimes.

"As a county, the average number of robberies is low compared to other areas of the country and even small increases push the percentages up.

"I remain committed to ensuring that victims will be heard and have the confidence to report crime to Wiltshire Police and receive support from their very first call - and throughout the criminal justice process - when they do.

"My pledge is to continue to fund a number of victim support services across the county to ensure that this continues to be the case."

Assistant Chief Constable Craig Holden also welcomed the figures.

He said: "The reduction in the overall crime figures is really positive news; however we are not complacent and remain focused when it comes to tackling all crimes and offenders.

"It is concerning to see a rise in robbery as I know this is an offence that can increase the fear of crime to communities. As a small force with a large rural footprint, robbery offences are generally low.

"This means that when there is a small increase in numbers of recorded crimes, the percentage increase can be high, as seen in the statistics. It's worth noting that these robbery figures returned to normal after just two spikes in February and June 2018.

"We have robust methods of scrutiny and compliance to ensure we have accurate recording of crime, including robbery and we believe that this high level of recording accuracy has contributed to the figures for Wiltshire.

The introduction of the Community Tasking Teams has been a positive step in targeting priority offenders. They have had a significant impact in reducing burglaries and the same teams are applying a similar focus to robberies, which I believe will support a reduction over the next few months."

CHANGES TO THE WEST WILTSHIRE COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM (CPT)

Following Inspector James Williams' recent promotion, we will be welcoming Police Sergeant Dan Green to the West Wiltshire Community Policing Team as Deputy Sector Sergeant.

Pc Helen Daveridge has been successful in becoming a Community Coordinator and will be taking over the Westbury, Warminster, Tisbury and Mere area.

Pc Lee Pelling will be moving areas, and will be the Community Coordinator for the Melksham area.

CRIME EXCEPTIONS DATA

These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.

ET11 – Trowbridge Town Centre

April showed 99 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 95.5 offences for this same month over the last two years. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 89% of ET11 crime are as follows :

Violence against the person showed 39 reported crimes, compared to an average of 32.5 offences.

Theft showed 32 reported crimes, compared to an average of 29.7 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 12 reported crimes, compared to an average of 11.2 offences.

Public Order showed 5 reported crime, compared to an average of 6.7 offences.

ET12 – Adcroft, Seymour and Paxcroft

April showed 51 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 61 offences for this same month over the last two years. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 86% of ET12 crime are as follows :

Violence against the Person showed 23 reported crimes, compared to an average of 20.1 offences.

Theft showed 11 reported crimes, compared to an average of 15.9 offences.

Burglary showed 6 reported crime, compared to an average of 5.1 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 4 reported crimes, compared to an average of 9 offences.

ET13 – Trowbridge Park and Longfield

April showed 43 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 46 offences for this same month over the last two years. The largest three crime groups that accounted for 75% of ET13 crime are as follows :

Violence against the Person showed 14 reported crimes, compared to an average of 14.5 offences.

Theft showed 11 reported crimes, compared to an average of 15.2 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 7 reported crimes, compared to an average of 5.7 offences.

ET14 – Drynham and College

April showed 28 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 39 offences for this same month over the last two years. Crime as a whole is showing as an exception, as the number of offences are lower than we would expect to see. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 86% of ET14 crime are as follows :

Violence against the Person showed 9 reported crimes, compared to an average of 14 offences.

Theft showed 6 reported crimes, compared to an average of 9.1 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 5 reported crimes, compared to an average of 6.1 offences.

Vehicle Offences showed 4 reported crime, compared to an average of 2.2 offences.

ET15 – Studley and Broadmead

April showed 25 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 22.5 offences for this same month over the last two years. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 84% of ET15 crime are as follows :

Violence against the Person showed 9 reported crimes, compared to an average of 10.2 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 5 reported crimes, compared to an average of 4.7 offences.

Vehicle Offences showed 4 reported crimes, compared to an average of 1.7 offences.

Public Order showed 3 reported crimes, compared to an average of 2.4 offences.

ET16 – Trowbridge Rural

February showed 33 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 32.4 offences for this same month over the last two years. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 76% of ET16 crime are as follows :

Violence against the Person showed 15 reported crimes, compared to an average of 13.1 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 7 reported crimes, compared to an average of 4.6 offences.

Theft showed 3 reported crimes, compared to an average of 3.9 offences.

COMMUNITY POLICING PRIORITIES WITHIN YOUR AREA

WEEKLY TASKING MEETING

Inspector Andy FEE chairs a weekly internal “tasking meeting” where emerging community issues and concerns are raised and discussed for the whole West Wiltshire CPT area. From this meeting, priorities and actions are set and a tasking document produced. This involves developing strategies and the targeting of resources (including partner agencies) into tackling the issue or concern.

Vulnerability – Regular checks continue to be made by officers at an address in Trowbridge following concerns that the male occupant was being taken advantage of, by a number of known persons.

Ongoing safeguarding work is being completed and offences identified are being dealt with. Unfortunately due to this male's vulnerability, no further information can be provided.

ASB – Patrols in areas identified as attracting antisocial behaviour, continue to be patrolled by the community policing team.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)

Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speedwatch Schemes across West Wiltshire are selected by Leanne Homewood for CPT support (additional targeting, enforcement and patrols) to supplement the CSW team planned sessions. These are included in our weekly tasking document for action and update. All the results from the supplementary speed checks conducted are fed back to the relevant town and parish Councils in their individual Police Reports. The current Speedwatch Schemes being supported are as follows;

Wynsome Street, Southwick – One check was completed on the 4th April, two drivers were given words of advice with regards to their speed.

Wingfield Road, Trowbridge – One check was completed on the 4th April, three drivers were given words of advice with regards to their speed.

Frome Road, Southwick – One check was completed on the 5th April, no vehicles were observed speeding.

CHARGES TO NOTE

On the 7th April, officers were called to reports of a break in during the early hours of the morning, at a commercial property near to the Canal Road Industrial Estate. Alan MARTYN, 44 year old male from Frome and Tony HEWLETT, 46 year old male from Trowbridge, were both arrested. Both males have been charged with Criminal Damage and Theft, and have been bailed to appear before Salisbury Magistrates Court on the 10th May 2019.

On the 7th April, officers stopped a male in a vehicle in the White Horse Business Park, who was subsequently searched. He was found in possession of a knuckle duster. The 36 year old male from the Trowbridge area has received an Adult Caution for Possession of an Offensive Weapon.

On the 11th April, officers were called to reports of a disorder in the area of Lambrok Road, Trowbridge. Cerri FIPPEN, 36 year old female from an address in Millhand Villas, Trowbridge, was arrested and charged with 2 x Assault by beating and Using threatening / abusive behaviour. She has been bailed to appear before Salisbury Magistrates Court on the 10th May 2019.

On the 17th April, officers were called to Tesco, County Way following reports of a shoplifter. Garry NALDI, a 37 year old male from the Chippenham area was arrested and charged with Possession of a class A drug, Driving with no insurance and Theft from a shop. He has been bailed to appear before Salisbury Magistrates Court on the 10th May 2019.

On the 18th April, officers were called to a disturbance at Tesco, County Way. Mark PARKER, a 22 year old male from Langford Road, Trowbridge was arrested and charged with Using threatening / abusive behaviour. He has been bailed to appear before Salisbury Magistrates Court on the 10th May 2019.

On the 21st April, a 24 year old male from the Trowbridge area was arrested for being Drunk and Disorderly following an incident in the early hours of the morning in Castle Street. The male was later issued with a £90 Fixed Penalty Notice.

On the 22nd April, Debra DUNN, a 38 year old female from Union Street, Trowbridge, was arrested and charged with 2 x Theft from a Shop. She has been bailed to appear before Salisbury Magistrates Court on the 17th May 2019.

On the 26th April, an 18 year old male from Bradford on Avon was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting from JD Sports, Trowbridge. He received an Adult Caution for theft and possession of a class C drug.

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

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