







# **AREA BOARD MEETING - DEVIZES DEVIZES POLICE OFFICERS:**

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#### NEWLY APPOINTED COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR

We are fortunate enough to be able to welcome a new Community Co-ordinator who will be covering the Wiltshire East area. You may have already seen her at community enagaments however, for those who haven't PC Beth BUTWELL is looking forward to meeting and getting to know everyone.

Beth served as a Special Constable within Gloucestershire Constabulary for five years before joining Wiltshire Police as a Police Community Support Officer based in Swindon Town Centre. Beth remained as a

## PRIORITIES IN YOUR AREA

PCSO for two years and became a Police Officer covering Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey in 2016.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour - Devizes Town and Market Lavington

It is essential that we tackle anti-sociable behaviour (ASB) within our community. ASB is defined as, "Acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household." We have had an increase in reports of this type of behaviour in both Devizes and Market Lavington.

#### **ADVICE:**

Please report any behaviour as defined above to 101.

### Rural Crime – Hare-coursing and Beauty Spot Thefts

It is imperative that we maintain a high visible presence within our rural county. As the spring/summertime is fast approaching, we anticipate an increase in visitors to both our Beauty Spot areas and countryside. We will be aiming to regularly patrol our Beauty Spots and our rural sites that unfortunately do become a target of vehicle and rural crime.

#### **ADVICE:**

It is important for members of the public not to leave any valuables within their vehicles. It is also important for members of the Public to report any suspicious activity to us.

#### **Vehicle Crime- Community Speed Watch/Drink Driving**

Keeping our roads safe is extremely important within our area as we have several A Roads that pass through DEVIZES. We will be receiving fortnightly updates from our Community Speed Watch Teams with specific areas to target.

#### **ADVICE:**

It is important that we work with the general public to identify unsafe road users within our county. We hope to show how hard we will be working to target the Roads through our Social Media updates.

#### **Burglaries:**

Although burglaries is not a current priority for your area, we are still receiving reports of burglaries occurring. In some cases the supects are braking into the houses in order to steal jewlery, money and vehicle keys. We encourage everyone to be vigilant and report any onoing suspicious activity to 999. To improve the security in and around your home we are asking residents to remember the following advice:

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even if you're in the garden, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox a thief knows all the hiding places
- Keep all keys, purses and wallets out of sight and away from the letterbox
- Consider installing a burglar alarm, and only use a company that is registered or certified with the NSI or the SSIAB
- Do not open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting. Always check by using a spyhole or look through a window
- Make sure that you have up to date contents insurance
- Register all serial numbers from electrical items, tools and garden equipment with Immobilise.com
  (the free national property register). Mark items without serial numbers with an artificial DNA
  property marker such as Smartwater or SelectaDNA
- Do not keep large amounts of cash at home it is much safer in a bank or building society
- Trim back any plants and hedges at the front of your property to no higher than 1 metre to remove hiding places
- Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel
- Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not at home
- Take photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks and keep them safe. Also consider using an artificial DNA property marker on jewellery or other valuable items
- Make sure any bolts are low enough so they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate.

## **OUR MEDIA COMMUNICATION WITH YOU:**



As you may have seen over the last month both our PC's and PCSO's have been active on all forms of Social Media. Our PC's and PCSO's have been keeping you updated of their patrols and community enagagements. PC 2802 Beth BUTWELL has also been updating you on a weekly basis of the ongoing reported crimes occurring with your area. If you wish to receive the updates please visit Facebook

<a href="https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/">https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/</a> Or sign up to Community Messaging <a href="https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/">https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/</a>

## **CRIME STATISTICS WITHIN DEVIZES:**

• Vehicle Crime:

There has been 8 reported incidents of vehicle crime since 1st April 2019

• Drugs:

There has been 10 reported incidents of drug related activity since April 2019

• ASB:

There has been 13 reported incidents of ASB related activity since 1st April 2019

• Criminal Damage:

There has been 19 reported incidents of Criminal Damage since 1st April 2019

• Theft:

There has been 14 reported incidents of Theft since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

• Burglary:

There has been 9 reported burgalries since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.