



WESTBURY AREA BOARD REPORT – JUNE 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)

I am pleased to confirm Inspector Andy Fee has returned to lead the team once more, following a period of secondment, to Public Protection Department

Following Inspector James Williams’ recent promotion, we have welcomed 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 Richard Salter will join the team shortly as a new Community Coordinator, and will be taking over Tisbury and Mere from Pc Daveridge, and new responsibility for Military liaison and parts of Salisbury Plain area

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

Pc Charlotte Chilton remains as the Community Coordinator for Trowbridge area

Pc Darren Foulger has been successful in becoming a Community Coordinator for Bradford on Avon area

Bringing our team of Community Coordinators to 5

PCSO News

PCSO Josh Fish will join EG11 – Westbury Town

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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'.

***** Domestic Abuse figures will also be included in the values as it is on our Control Strategy but here will be no details shared on these cases *****

Westbury Town and Villages combined (Area Board)

Westbury Area Board includes 2 Beat areas, 1 for the Town (EG11), and one for Rural and Villages (EG12). The Data is as Follows;

MARCH 2019 DATA

March 2019 showed a total of 70 crimes for the whole Westbury Area Board region against the average of 77.6 for this same month over the last 2 years. This is within the parameters we would reasonably expect. There are no exceptions within the data.

EG11 (Westbury Town Beat)

March 2019 showed a total of 62 crimes for the EG11 area against the average of 63 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.
The 5 largest crime groups accounted for 85% of this recorded crime as follows;

- Violence Against the person showed 25 crimes compared to the average of 25
- Theft showed 10 crimes compared to the average of 10.9
- Criminal Damage showed 6 crimes compared to the average of 9.9
- Burglary showed 7 crimes compared to the average of 3.8
- Public Order showed 5 crimes compared to the average of 4.3

EG12 (Westbury Rural and Villages Beat)

March 2019 showed a total of 8 crimes for the EG12 area against the average of 14.6 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.
The 5 largest crime groups accounted for 100% of this recorded crime as follows;

- Violence Against the person showed 4 crimes compared to the average of 4.6
- Vehicle Crime showed 1 crime compared to the average of 1.6
- Theft showed 1 crime compared to the average of 1.9
- Miscellaneous crimes showed 1 crime compared to the average of 1.6
- Sexual Offences showed 1 crime compared to the average of 1.3

APRIL 2019 DATA

April 2019 showed a total of 73 crimes for the whole Westbury Area Board region against the average of 78 for this same month over the last 2 years. This is within the parameters we would reasonably expect. There are no exceptions within the data.

EG11 (Westbury Town Beat)

April 2019 showed a total of 55 crimes for the EG11 area against the average of 63.2 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

The 5 largest crime groups accounted for 89% of this recorded crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 18 crimes compared to the average of 25.2

Theft showed 18 crimes compared to the average of 11.3

Criminal Damage showed 7 crimes compared to the average of 9.8

Vehicle Crime showed 3 crimes compared to the average of 3.7

Drugs showed 3 crimes compared to the average of 1.8

APRIL 2019 DATA

EG12 (Westbury Rural and Villages Beat)

April 2019 showed a total of 18 crimes for the EG12 area against the average of 14.8 for this same month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

The 5 largest crime groups accounted for 89% of this recorded crime as follows;

Violence Against the person showed 8 crimes compared to the average of 4.8

Vehicle Crime showed 3 crime compared to the average of 2.5

Public Order showed 2 crimes compared to the average of 1

Burglary showed 2 crimes compared to the average of 2.2

Theft showed 1 crime compared to the average of 1.9

Crimes and Updates of note

Please see the regular Community messaging email updates for community impactful crimes in your area.

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

<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>

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,

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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.

West Wiltshire CPT currently has the following matters;

RURAL CRIME – “**Police STOP ME between 20:00-05:00**” Stickers are now available for rural communities to apply to their agricultural vehicle. The idea being if the machinery is seen on the roads between those hours by officers who are not already committed to a call, they can stop check the vehicle to ensure it is being used by the rightful owner

OP KARINE - Pro-active work and patrols to look at specific people and address which may be targeted by out of county drug dealers (Country Lines Networks) which seek out low level drug users or vulnerable persons to “cuckoo” their address to operate from for a while. We have done work to identify specific people and addresses that may be vulnerable to this practice.

We would encourage members of the public who suspect County Lines drug activity by phoning us on 101 to allow us to attend and investigate and take appropriate action.

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;

The current locations selected for supplementary speed checks are:

LOCATION	ACTION REQUIRED
Bratton, Westbury	30mph zone - Trowbridge Road
Hindon, Warminster	30mph section – Stops Hill
Bishopstrow, Warminster	30mph section – Pitsmead Lane
Southwick - Near to puffin crossing	30mph - Near to Puffin Crossing

EVENTS

For those looking to organize an even within the community, please have a look at the toolkit available from Wiltshire Council, which gives guidance and advice with regards to most types of events, including information about traffic management and which agencies / departments need to be contacted when applying for various licenses / road closures.

It can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf>.

Please email out Operations Planning team with details;

opsplanning@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

CONTACT US

Please use 999 in an emergency or crime in progress. Use 101 for all past or non-urgent crimes/incidents and issues or visit Wiltshire Police's new website at;

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/>

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