



## **Community Policing Report Chippenham Area Board – 3rd June 2019**

Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

Wiltshire Police has again been graded as 'good' in all three key areas in an annual report. The annual inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) looks into police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy (PEEL). It considers whether forces keep people safe and reduce crime (how effective a force is), whether these activities are sustainable and provide value for money (how efficient a force is), and how forces are ensuring their officers and staff behave fairly, ethically and within the law (the legitimacy of a force). Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon Angus Macpherson welcomed the annual report and has praised officers and staff for the dedication shown every day to the communities they serve. The report findings have been announced just days after official statistics revealed that Wiltshire saw a drop of 3 per cent in the number of overall recorded crimes between January 2018 and December 2018 - compared to the previous 12 months.

Angus said: "This report is yet another endorsement of the service Wiltshire Police provides to our communities across the county and I am extremely proud of what is being achieved. Running, and maintaining, an effective and efficient Force is no mean feat and it is testament to the hard work and dedication I see across the Force each day. This year's inspection was also undertaken during one of, if not the, most demanding and challenging years in the history of the Force. Thankfully, I was able to increase the precept which enabled me to invest more money into our Community Policing Team model. Specifically, it has enabled me to increase the number of Community Co-ordinators across the county who are an integral link between the Force and the public. It is also in spite of the funding imbalance we see from Government which means Wiltshire is one of the poorest funded Forces in the country. I am particularly pleased that the report acknowledges the support available to our most vulnerable people - a key priority for me has been to put victims and witnesses at the heart of everything we do. I am pleased to see this has been recognised, along with the investment the Force is making in tackling emerging criminality – such as cyber-crime. Of course, there is no room for complacency and to maintain these ratings I will ensure the Force continues to drive up standards both externally and internally."

We hope you find these updates useful, for the latest news, crime prevention advice and appeals please follow us on:

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## COMMUNITY MESSAGING



We are constantly reviewing our visibility and how we can develop this and work with our communities. We cannot physically be everywhere all of the time and we want to ensure consistent information with our communities and to be able to provide the information that matters to you when you need it. There has been some good feedback from our new way of working using Community Messaging so please sign up and use it. <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

Our CPT priorities can be accessed online, also 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 taskings are raised as a way to effectively manage live intelligence and priorities that are developing in the northern hub.

**CONTROL STRATEGY** - Every year, the Force assesses its operational priorities for the year. Through a combination of research and consultation, the Intelligence team identify the areas of criminality that present the biggest threat, harm and risk to our communities as well as the areas where we most need to fill gaps in terms of our understanding, intelligence or capability.

The resulting document is known as the Control Strategy which outlines the following operational priorities:

1. Modern Slavery & Human Exploitation (including Criminal Exploitation of the Vulnerable)
2. Child Sexual Abuse (including Child Sexual Exploitation)
3. Organised Criminality (including County Lines)
4. Domestic Abuse
5. Youth Offending and Emerging Gang Culture

As has been the case in previous iterations of the Control Strategy, there are clear themes running through all the priority areas – ‘Cyber Capabilities’ and ‘Vulnerability and Exploitation’. Digital technology is used to carry out offending in all the above areas and at the heart of all the above there are vulnerable victims, witnesses or offenders that are often being exploited.

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. Thank you for your continued support – Insp Mark Luffman”

Whilst the report below 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>

### **LOCAL ISSUES/CRIMES**

**Warrants/Drugs** – We are committed to disrupting criminal activity in relation to drugs.

The area of Westmeads Lane is currently a Sector Priority for the Community Policing Team and on the 17<sup>th</sup> May at approximately 20.10 hours, Officers were carrying out pulse patrols of the area when they witnessed suspicious activity. They stopped to speak to a few people involved, a search of an 18 year old male was found to be in possession of a large quantity of Cannabis and was arrested for Possession with the Intent to Supply a controlled drug. Officers also found a bladed article, scales and other paraphernalia. He was released under investigation.

A man was arrested and drugs, weapons and cash seized following proactive patrols in Chippenham on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Officers had been carrying out targeted patrols in the Westmead Lane area following concerns from local people about drug dealing in the area. At around 9pm, plain clothes officers spotted suspicious activity and followed a vehicle, a silver Volkswagen Passat, out of the town along the A4 towards Corsham. They then pulled the car over, just past the Chequers roundabout, and searched the driver and the vehicle. They seized a large quantity of cash, a mobile telephone and 45 clear snap bags containing white powder, believed to be Class A drugs. The driver, a 31-year-old man from Bath, was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs and conveyed to Melksham Police Station. Officers then visited an address in Corston, Bath, and seized a large quantity of white powder, believed to be Class A drugs, drugs paraphernalia, a Taser, a knife, a knuckle duster, and another vehicle - a silver Mercedes. PC James Isaac, from the Community Tasking Team, said: "This arrest and the seizure of a significant quantity of items believed to be related to the supply of Class A drugs, has directly come from intelligence from the local community.

"We are constantly asking the public to help us by telling us about their concerns and suspicions relating to drug dealing, and this case proves that we will take action. If the local community works with us then we can target those who deal illegal drugs, and help tackle the knock-on impact that this type of criminality has on the people of Wiltshire."

For more information about how you can report your concerns about drug dealing, please go to our website: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/1112/Suspect-drug-dealing->

Police were called by a member of public reporting that they had witnessed potentially a drug deal during the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Police responded and detained 3 males involved in drug supply, upon searching, Police located evidence of cannabis supply, several mobile phones, case and an air pistol. A 21 year old male was in possession of these items and was arrested and conveyed to Melksham Custody, he was released under investigation.

Police have issued a number of Cannabis Street Warnings to individuals as a result of stop checks/searches taking place.

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We would like to remind the community that concerns raised will always be kept confidential, or alternatively crime stoppers can be contacted anonymously. To report drug activity in your neighbourhood, call 101.

We continue to develop intelligence by adopting a joint multi-agency approach to assist with the preparation of further warrants in the future, so they may be executed in line with the Force Control Strategy.

**Vehicle Crime** – Chippenham and other neighbouring areas have experienced some theft of tools from vans. Crime prevention advice has been circulated on social media.

**Truckstop, Draycott Cerne** - There was a number of reports of damage caused or thefts from lorries parked up at the Truckstop a few months ago. The CPT conducted Pulse patrols initially as a preventative measure, followed by the Community Tasking Team carrying out plain clothes operations coupled with close liaison with neighbouring forces. As a result, a number of arrests have been made and other preventative measures have now been put in place.

**Burglaries** - There have been very few burglaries reported to us which is pleasing, however due to the warmer weather and windows being left open we would encourage neighbours to keep ‘an eye’ on your home and report anything suspicious **immediately by calling 101**.

**Rogue Traders** – By law cold callers must provide a 14 day cooling off period in writing when providing a quote for work to be carried out, if not it is fraud.

**Nottingham Knockers** – Due to Police stopping males in February and seizing all of their goods also reporting them for court, the number of reports in North Wiltshire have reduced. These are predominantly males from outside of Wiltshire, stating they have recently been released from prison and use homemade identification, they may look to target the elderly/vulnerable and are generally aggressive towards occupants when selling. **If they cannot produce a Valid Pedlars Certificate and they are selling items, then this is an offence. Please report to the Police at the time.**

**Rough Sleepers** – The number of reports of ASB within the town has reduced and the PSPO is in place. A local male has been arrested a number of times due to being drunk and disorderly and breaching the PSPO. CPT are also liaising with Housing Associations and recently Injunctions have been served to prevent the rough sleepers from entering Croft Court and any Greensquare properties. We are aware that Wiltshire Council have received several complaints about a female sleeping in the bus shelter on the A4 outside Sainsburys. The ASB officer along with an outreach worker and Police have approached the female to offer support which has been refused and she will not engage. Further enquiries are being made before enforcement will take place. We will continue working in partnership with other agencies.

**Shoplifters** – Supermarkets are reporting thefts of alcohol to the Police. Contact has been made with the Managers and Security with the aim to reduce further reports. Officers have been encouraged to work remotely in their cafes when time permits.

**Purse Thefts** – We continue to have a small number of purse thefts reported to us in Chippenham High Street and also from victims when shopping in supermarkets. If you have elderly family members, neighbours and friends, please advise them not to withdraw large amounts of cash from ATMs and if so, to try and do this discretely, always close handbags and wear them over their shoulder and across their chest to make access to their purse more difficult. Also, do not leave handbags unattended in shopping trolleys whilst you select your shopping.

**Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)** – Due to the increase of high visibility patrols in particular areas eg Derriads/Cepen Park South, the number of ASB reports have reduced significantly however we have received a number of complaints of youths climbing on roofs of commercial premises in the town centre. Patrols will continue in particular John Coles Park and Monkton Park during half term. Police will continue to monitor/focus on particular areas as our Sector Priority and liaise with agencies if necessary.

**Criminal Behaviour Orders** – Two applications have been made to CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) on two individuals in Chippenham who persistently breach their Community Protection Notices to stop them from calling 999 when it is not a genuine emergency. They have been arrested recently and are due in court in June and it is hoped that the CBOs will be agreed and served at Court.

**Other** – The format for the next Area Board report will be changing to adopt a corporate approach for the County.

**Community Speed Watch** – As part of our weekly Sector Priorities, officers from the Community Policing Teams are tasked to carryout speed checks in various locations within rural locations.

**IAG's, Independent Advisory Group** – Members of the IAG serving North Wiltshire met at Royal Wootton Bassett with Sgt Don Pocock. They discussed Domestic Abuse, Use of Force, the NDM (National Decision Model) and briefly discussed Human Trafficking.

**LYN – Local Youth Network** – PC Hazel Anderson along with other members of the LYN have been organising a 'Club Night' for the youths of Chippenham to be held at the Neeld Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 which it is a free event.



**Events/Community Engagement** – The local Community Policing Team continue to engage with schools and offer support/reassurance during recent tragic circumstances. They also attend local events, the most recent being the Chippenham Folk Festival.

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

If you are planning any event and require assistance from the Police to assist, please e-mail [CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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.

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**EVENTS...** Don't forget that a toolkit is available from Wiltshire Council which gives fantastic guidance and advice for organising 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 licences 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 Force now has a dedicated cybercrime Facebook page. If there are any local businesses who would value having this information do please e-mail [CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk).

In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Chippenham CPT has 7791 followers on Facebook, please join us either on Facebook or Community Messaging.

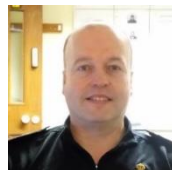
For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>

The e-mail address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing Team is  
[\*\*cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk\*\*](mailto:cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.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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