

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper

Calne Community Area Board

April 2011



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Phil CONNOR
Patrol Officer: Emma REED

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Hans MONAHAN
PCSO – Gaynor BENNETT
PCSO – Barry MUSSARD
PCSO – Shelly GRAY
PCSO - Nicole YATES (We welcomed PCSO Nicole Yates to the Town Centre Team in February and she has settled in very well and got stuck into police duties at Calne.)

Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC Alan BLAKE
PCSO – Sarah HARDWIDGE

We are also supported by a team of 3 Special Constables:

SPC – Millis MILLER
SPC - Daniel RUDDOCK
SPC - Elizabeth NORRIS

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

- **Calne Town Priority** – Anti-Social Behaviour in The Pippin, Calne town centre. In recent weeks a trend has developed where a group of 13-15 year old young persons have been engaging in Anti-Social Behaviour. This has included underage drinking, spraying graffiti and being disrespectful to vulnerable members of the community. In response to this Calne Police will be liaising with our partner agencies and carrying out targeted foot patrols.

Important Update

On Monday 4 April the structure of our Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) is changing. Currently most NPT geographical areas do not align to local authority areas – known as community areas within the Wiltshire Council area and clusters within the Swindon Borough Council area. To help improve effective partnership working by defining the same geographical community areas, NPTs are being realigned to these council community areas /clusters.

This will result in the number of NPTs reducing from 76 to 27, larger but still local teams by bringing together neighbouring NPTs.

Calne will no longer be split in two as Town and Rural - we will just be known as one NPT.... Calne.

Police Authority Representative:

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

3. Performance and Other Local Issues:

The implementation of Local Resolution and Restorative Justice Project...

Local Resolution was introduced to Wiltshire Police last year and allows officers to use discretion to deal with matters there and then for the benefit of victims without unnecessarily criminalising those responsible for the offence. It promotes and is designed to provide a quick solution as it is rooted in commonsense. However more action is sometimes required to resolve some crime and anti-social behaviour.

Restorative Justice goes beyond Local Resolution in a number of ways. One of its central beliefs is that crimes cause harm – both to individuals and communities.

Restorative Justice is a process which brings people together, face to face in the so that harm can be addressed and repaired. One example of this....In February a group of youths were witnessed passing by a house that was being renovated in Calne, one of them threw a stone and it smashed a window. The owner of the property confronted the youths and one of them admitted responsibility.

PCSO Barry MUSSARD negotiated with all parties involved and the action agreed was that the youth responsible would attend the property on two days and carry out work on the renovation; he was also required to write a letter of apology. On speaking with the lady that reported the damage she stated that it was a successful result as she benefited from two days of labour and the offending youngster said that he enjoyed learning parts of the trade and took away with him skills for this type of working environment.

Restorative Justice is a way of engaging communities and working with them to find ways of understanding and to deal with issues that affect them. Anti-social behaviour falls directly into this category. It allows those who have been harmed to find some closure and put behind them fears they may have carried and it helps prevent re-offending by those who are responsible for causing the harm. If done effectively, it promotes a better view of the police by those in the communities they serve. More than 90 per cent of people in other parts of the country who participated in a restorative process facilitated by the police have confirmed this.

Bluez 'n' Zuz....

Calne held its 5th year anniversary Bluez 'n' Zuz Disco on Friday 11th February and are very pleased to announce that 249 youngsters attended which is a record for the town!! To celebrate this event we had a huge chocolate cake made by Trudy Mitchell of Jelly Cake, Calne and each child that attended was given a piece.

We would like to thank Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service for supporting the disco by providing two of the Calne Crew to help supervise the event; we hope this partnership will continue for future discos. The team at Calne Police has enjoyed working with a variety of partnership agencies including the Wiltshire Youth Service, John Bentley School, Westlea Housing and Calne Town Council. We are also very grateful for the funding that we have generously received. It has not only provided an activity for the young people of Calne to look forward to but it has also helped to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour by interacting with, and providing guidance to, those who could be drawn to committing crime.

Calne Bluez 'n' Zuz Disco was originally set up in February 2006 at Bremhill View Social Club with around 40 youngsters attending. It then moved to the Town Hall in April 2008 and attracted over 100 young people! It quickly outgrew the hall and we moved again to our current venue at John Bentley School in July 2008.

The Discos are really important for the community as they provide a safe environment for young people to socialise, meet with friends and have fun. Bluez 'n' Zuz helps us to engage with young people between 11 and 16 years of age, giving them a chance to get to know their local police as individuals and showing that we are approachable. I think the number of attendees at Fridays Disco reflects how popular the discos are and the local youngsters enjoy the activities we provide for them.

Pubwatch....

The Pubwatch scheme in Calne is supported by PC Emma REED and it continues to perform well due to the monthly meetings being attended by all licensees. This has resulted in a drop in reported violent crime and an understanding from persons on the scheme that abusive and violent behaviour will not be tolerated. Information and photos are shared between local public houses for a safer social environment.

Cycling Operation @ John Bentley School...

Following numerous reports from The John Bentley School that pupils were cycling carelessly and dangerously outside the School, putting themselves and others at risk, Calne police decided to work in partnership with the school. We wanted to put a message out to parents and their children regarding 'Safer Cycling' before a major accident occurred and somebody became injured. PCSO Nicole YATES took responsibility of setting up the Cycling Initiative and managed to get the Local Cycling Shop S.E.S Cycles involved whereby they created vouchers for youngsters to get unsafe bicycles fixed.

Nicole has liaised with the school's deputy head and arranged two mornings whereby Officers from Calne Police would be present at the school gates checking the safety of pupil's bikes and looking for any faults. If any faults were found then the youngsters details were taken and a letter was sent home to the parents listing the faults found on their children's bikes with the voucher included giving them 28 days to get the bikes made legally safe to ride. The first was 28th February and the second morning was the 09th March. The children were very compliant and understood the importance of cycling safely to protect them and others from being injured or worse. The cycling initiative was very successful as 20 bikes were deemed unsafe to ride and parents therefore notified and reminded on the importance of letting their children ride to school on Legal road worthy bikes.

Calne Police are planning to do another morning to ensure the changes have been made after 28 Days. Nicole has also taken part in the John Bentley parents evening by doing a stand on bicycle safety and she has asked the Gazette and Herald to write an article publicising the success of the Cycling Initiatives.

Recent Partnership Working...

- One of our recently expired priorities was Anti-Social Behaviour in Shelburne Road, Calne. This was caused by a Prolific Priority Offender (PPO) that was a tenant in one of the houses here. Through closely working with local residents, the ASB area boards and also the fire service the male was evicted in February and moved away from Calne. It is believed he was responsible for metal thefts in the area and since his departure the number of these reported has dropped significantly.

- A male in his 20's that was released from prison in Dec of last year was sighted by the Calne CCTV operators stealing a bicycle from outside of Centre News in the town centre on Saturday 5th March. Local officers were able to identify him from this footage and on Wednesday 9th March he was monitored again by CCTV operators riding the stolen bicycle through Phelps Parade. They alerted Police officers at Calne Police station who immediately began searching for the male. Officers located the young male and approached him to make an arrest but the suspect assaulted one of the officers and made off on foot, they did however recover the stolen bicycle.

He has since been arrested for the Theft of a pedal cycle and assaulting a constable; he attended court on the 16th Of March and is currently being remanded in prison awaiting sentencing. This is an example of fantastic communication and partnership working between Calne Police and the local CCTV Operators.

Behind Bars...

A recent headline reads: **Calne teenager Jordan Sweetlove, described as a "one-man crime wave"** by his own defence lawyer, is facing prison after pleading guilty to a burglary and theft from a motor vehicle. Jordan Sweetlove, aged 19 years of age is currently the subject of an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) and is known to local Police as a Prolific Priority Offender (PPO). He attended court on Mon 7th March 2011 and was charged after he was arrested a string of incidents in the early hours of Sat 5th March 2011.

He was caught by police after entering a home in Calne while the owner was sleeping and stealing the keys to a Volkswagen Golf, before making off in the car with an accomplice. The two later fled from police after being pulled over in Chippenham and Sweetlove was picked up at his home at around 5.30am.

He was also tied to the theft of a Tom-Tom satellite navigation system from a Honda Civic, on the same morning, after his front door keys were found down the back of the car seat. Sweetlove was charged with burglary and theft from a motor vehicle and pleaded guilty to both at North West Wiltshire Magistrates' Court on Monday.

He also pleaded guilty to a charge of breaching an anti-social behaviour order in relation to an incident on December 8th 2010.

Jordan SWEETLOVE has a long record of offending in the last five years therefore he has been remanded in prison and awaits sentencing.

Sergeants Message:

This report reflects just some of the positive partnership working and achievements over the past couple of months.

It is fair to say that the spate of burglaries over the months since January, has been one of our major priorities within the sector.

I can now tell you we have been working very closely with our priority Crime team and our Colleagues in General Police Duties to target suspects. There is much work still ongoing and it is likely there will be further arrests. The arrest, charge and subsequent remand of Mr Sweetlove has had a huge impact in reducing crime and the fear of crime within our community, and I am pleased to report we have seen a significant decrease in reported dwelling and non dwelling burglaries over the past weeks.

PC Reed and the NPT team continue to use every tool available to us in ensuring the Calne Pub watch scheme remains proactive and well supported, many of the Licensees have stated they feel extremely supported by the Police, and confident in challenging those persons who engage in alcohol related violent crime. The recent (and much publicised) case of Mr Warren Naldi, who was found guilty of assault, highlights the importance of Calne Pub watch scheme.

Mr Naldi was the subject of the calne Pub watch scheme when he managed to sneak into a Licensed premise, it was whilst he was inside the Licence premises he assaulted another drinker, resulting in injuries to the victim.

At Swindon crown Court the Judge imposed a one year prison sentence,(suspended for 2 years) £500.00 costs, curfew , supervision for 2 years **and a ban from all licensed premises for 2 years**. It goes without saying that our case file to the Crown Prosecution service made it clear Mr Naldi was the subject of the Calne Pub watch Scheme when he carried out this attack, the sentencing clearly reflects the circumstances at the time of the assault.

Our consultations at the community Hub, Police station and other locations continue to be well received by the community. Local consultation gives us the opportunity to have face to face meeting with members of our community who might just want some advise and do not want to phone the Police. We have been able to resolve many minor issues (particularly at the community Hub) and or sign post people to the right Agency that can deal with their issues.

I am considering increased consultation days at the Police station, and will keep you posted if this is something the community want .

Phil Connor

Police Sergeant, Calne Police Station.

CRIME & DETECTIONS FOR CALNE NPT

(1ST MARCH 2010 to 28TH FEB 2011 compared to previous year)

CALNE	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	MAR 2010 - FEB 2011 of previous year				MAR 2010 - FEB 2011 of previous year	
	2009/10	2010/11	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	245	192	-53	-21.6%	53.5%	50.0%
Dwelling Burglary	44	59	15	34.1%	36.4%	20.3%
Criminal Damage	242	208	-34	-14.0%	16.1%	11.5%
Non Dwelling Burglary	119	135	16	13.4%	9.2%	3.7%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	50	65	15	30.0%	0.0%	3.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	9	13	4	44.4%	11.1%	15.4%
Total Crime	1046	1014	-32	-3.1%	30.2%	23.3%
County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently we are performing well e.g. ranked 1st (out of 15) for All Crime and 3rd (out of 15) for Violent Crime						

Anti-Social-Behaviour – reported incidents (Over the last 12 months)

JULY-SEPT 2009	OCT-DEC 2009	JAN-MAR 2010	APRIL-JUNE 2010	MONTHLY AVE (09/10)
279	275	286	239	269.8

