



Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Trowbridge Community Area Board 5th May 2011

1. Neighbourhood Policing

On Monday 4th April the structure of our Neighbourhood Policing Teams changed. The 55 NPT's in the Unitary Area have been reduced to 20 to correspond with the 20 Community Areas.

The public will not see any change to staffing levels as each Beat will retain its Community Beat Manager and Police Community Support Officer(s).

The changes have been made in order to enhance the service delivery to the public, namely...

I. Increased police visibility, community engagement and more time to spend dealing with priorities:

Due to a reduction in bureaucracy there will be a reduction in Neighbourhood Tasking Group (NTG) meetings where priorities are set each quarter. Currently up to 76 are held but in the new structure this will be reduced by 49 meetings per quarter. There is also a new NPT IT system which will make things easier and quicker for staff to enter information. There will also be one quarterly Newsletter for each Community Area with a dedicated page for each Beat Area.

II. Service delivery will be enhanced:

- a) If a significant priority is identified in a Beat Area, staff from other Beats within the NPT can be tasked to the area to target the issue. Staff will still be primarily dedicated to working on their individual Beats.
- b) Each NPT will have a dedicated Sergeant who will provide support for the NPT and enhance supervision.

III. There will be greater partnership working with local authorities and stakeholders:

Due to the rationalisation of the number of NPTs, which will lead to improved targeting of priorities.

Current Priorities:

Up-to-date details of the current news about Neighbourhood Policing Teams, including, profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website.

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

Team News:

PCSO Ciara Rudland has commenced maternity leave.

Police Authority Representative

Mrs Joy Hillyer is an Independent Member of the Wiltshire Police Authority and has the responsibility for overseeing police matters in the Community Area. She can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority:

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or 📄 <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

2. Vision Wiltshire

Vision Wiltshire has been set-up to deliver a new policing model to meet the projected funding cuts over the next 4-years.

Wiltshire Police Authority (WPA) must reduce its budget from £108million in 2009-10 by £15million over the next four years. In order to identify where the public felt these savings might be made and what services should be protected, a special public consultation was conducted between 23rd November 2010 & 11th February 2011. There were 1,134 responses. A summary of the work done and the results is produced below:

What did we do?

A questionnaire was posted on the WPA website which also sent to every town and parish councils in Wiltshire and Swindon.

WPA Members attended Area Board meetings to present an overview of the situation and to encourage the public to express their views.

WPA Chairman, Christopher Hoare, presented similarly at meetings arranged by Wiltshire Council to consult with the public on their budget and that of partner agencies.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams distributed distribute the questionnaire within their communities.

All Neighbourhood Watch Members and members of the public who had signed up to the Force website were alerted to the consultation.

WPA members also met with five of the six MPs in Wiltshire and Swindon to seek the views of their constituents.

What you said

The conclusions that can be drawn from the results of the survey are as follows:

Many people were concerned about how public sector cuts will affect policing in their local area.

There was an overwhelming agreement that reducing Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) from neighbourhoods should only be done as a last resort.

85% of respondents said they would be happy with an answer rate of **up to** one minute of the non-emergency police number.

The public did not want to lose police stations and they were the primary choice for accessing police services. However, there was strong support for the use of shared facilities and of greater use of internet and telephone.

The majority of respondents agreed that we should spend the same or more than is now spent on the services we identified in our questionnaire.

WPA should be sourcing policing goods and services from others if it was more effective and efficient.

The consultation also told us that of those who responded, their ranked priorities were as follows:

1. Tackling crime
2. Answering 999 calls
3. Neighbourhood Policing
4. Keeping people safe
5. Being available 24/7

What we have done

The results of the consultation have been used to inform the WPA 2011-14 Policing Plan by reflecting the public's ranked priorities in those that have been set for Wiltshire Police; this input, combined with a professional strategic assessment by Wiltshire Police, has formed the basis for the Policing Plan contained in this document.

For the full report on the WPA ***Vision Wiltshire*** public consultation visit the WPA website at: www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk

3. Performance

Overall crime levels in the Community Area remain fairly static during challenging times.

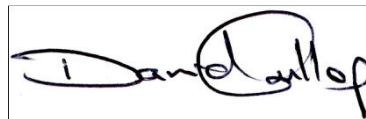
The overall detection rate is the highest in the unitary area.

**Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures
1st April 2010 – 10th March 2011**

TROWBRIDGE SECTOR						
TROWBRIDGE	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	2009/10	2010/11	+ / -	% Change	2009/10	2010/11
Violence Against the Person	672	681	9	1.3%	52.2%	54.6%
Dwelling Burglary	139	172	33	23.7%	10.8%	20.9%
Criminal Damage	637	580	-57	-8.9%	14.6%	12.9%
Non Dwelling Burglary	169	173	4	2.4%	11.2%	4.6%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	161	147	-14	-8.7%	7.5%	20.4%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	64	62	-2	-3.1%	14.1%	24.2%
Total Crime	2960	2966	6	0.2%	32.3%	32.8%

**Table 2 – Reported Anti-Social Behaviour Figures
1st April 2010 – 31st March 2011**

APL-JUNE 2010 (2009)	JULY - SEPT 2010 (2009)	OCT – DEC 2010 (2009)	JAN - MAR 2011 (2010)	YEARLY AVE (10/11)
703 (735)	708 (849)	630 (565)	621 (568)	663.3



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