



Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Amesbury Community Area Board 2 June 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:**

Rationalisation of the number of NPTs which will in turn 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:

This past month has seen an increase in the number of fuel thefts, machinery/metal thefts in our rural communities. I am pleased to inform you that due to a joint operation run by Amesbury Rural NPT and Rural Crime Team an offender has been arrested for a number of offences including theft of fuel and customs and excise offences. It is worth reminding people that it is important to ensure that sensible crime prevention methods are used - sufficient locks, property marking to make your equipment non desirable to sell on or fuel dye for diesel tanks. Any suspicious sightings of vehicles or suspects are reported to police on the 0845 408 7000 number.

Amesbury Town has continued to suffer from some graffiti and damage to motor vehicles during the night. The Amesbury Neighbourhood Policing Team is continuing to work hard on identifying and apprehending offenders. Increased patrols at night and Anti Social Behaviour contracts have been placed on known individuals with curfew times to try and prevent further offences. I do request that any member of the public who witnesses anti social behaviour or anyone acting suspiciously and/or committing these offences call us immediately if offences are in progress. Otherwise I can report that these types of crimes are decreasing and total crimes are down on last month.

Sergeant Martin Phipps
NPT Sgt, Amesbury Community Area

2. Performance

Overall crime levels in the Community Area remain fairly static with a decrease in total crime of 3%.

**Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures
May 2010 – April 2011**

Amesbury	Crime				Detections	
	May 2009 - April 2010	May 2010 - April 2011	Volume Change	% Change	May 2009 - April 2010	May 2010 - April 2011
Violence Against the Person	283	263	-20	-7%	49%	52%
Dwelling Burglary	70	49	-21	-30%	31%	18%
Criminal Damage	304	324	20	7%	18%	13%
Non Dwelling Burglary	80	117	37	46%	9%	12%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	80	66	-14	-18%	16%	12%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	33	23	-10	-30%	12%	39%
Total Crime	1364	1350	-14	-3%	35%	30%

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers in All Recorded Crime and Violent Crime for the most recently reported 3 month period (Jan - Mar 2011)

*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences
** Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution

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

APL-JUNE 2010	JULY - SEPT 2010	OCT - DEC 2010	JAN - MAR 2011	YEARLY AVE (10/11)
368	397	282	274	330.3



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3. 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.

What did we do?

A questionnaire was posted on the WPA website which also sent to every town and parish council 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 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 their views.

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 removing 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 for 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 respondents ranked the given priorities 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 along with a strategic assessment by Wiltshire Police to inform our Policing Plan for 2011/14. This directs policing effort as follows:

Strategic Priority 1 - Reduce Violent Crime

As part of our vision for Wiltshire to be the safest county in the Country, we are committed to further reducing violence and supporting the victims and witnesses of violent crime. Specifically, over the next year we will focus on reducing alcohol related violence and domestic abuse and further improving our quality of service to victims of sexual abuse.

Strategic Priority 2 - Manage the people who cause the most harm in our communities


It is estimated that one in ten offenders are responsible for up to half of all crime in Wiltshire. It makes sense, therefore, to focus on those people who are causing the most harm in our communities and deal with them through an integrated approach with our partners in the justice system.

Strategic Priority 3 - Tackle Antisocial Behaviour

The level of antisocial behaviour in Swindon and Wiltshire increases in the summer. Overall levels are low and falling, and most people view Wiltshire as a safe place. The Force will be working to protect the most vulnerable and to support the communities within Wiltshire to develop and implement their own solutions to local problems

Strategic Priority 4 - Developing Sustainable Policing

The scale of the cuts requires a wholesale review of what the police do and how they do it. This means a re-focus on the core role and a much keener focus upon productivity and resource usage. Minor adjustments to the operating model will not allow us to maintain performance whilst reducing cost. WPA has agreed the development of a new operational policing model, supported by new technology. To minimise risk that comes with change, we will introduce the new operational model gradually, ensuring that each component is properly consulted upon and tested before implementation.

For the full report on the WPA *Vision Wiltshire* public consultation or for a full copy of the *Policing Plan* visit the WPA website at:  www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk

In June, WPA will publish its review of the performance of Wiltshire Police during 2010/11, and we will look to update the Area Board shortly thereafter.

Martyn Sweett
Sector Commander