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Community Report

Trowbridge Community Policing Team

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This Months Focus

Campaign launched by the OPCC says victims don't need to report to get support

Victims are being told they don't need to report a crime to Wiltshire Police to receive support from commissioned services as part of a new campaign launched by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

The campaign focuses on signposting the broad range of commissioned support services available for victims of all types of crime, including domestic abuse, fraud and sexual violence.

Alongside of the funding made available to the police to enforce the law, more than £4.5 million is being spent in Wiltshire this year alone to help and support victims, contribute towards community safety, aid in the reduction of serious violence and reduce reoffending.

PCC Philip Wilkinson said : *“Supporting victims in the time when they are most vulnerable and need help is a core priority within my police and crime plan. We know we cannot eradicate crime completely so we must ensure the service we are funding is delivering for victims when they need it most.*

Date collated from our Victims survey revealed just over 40% of respondents said that they were not given details of support services that help victims of crime when they reported the incident, and over a third of respondents who said they had not reported the crime to the Police were not aware that they could still access support services.

This Months Focus continued ...

We are now working with Wiltshire Police, our commissioned service providers, charities, and other key organisations including Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council to effectively deliver this campaign, ensuring we raise awareness of all support services as well as clearly signposting how to access them”.

Victims’ services commissioned and funded by the OPCC include :

- Grants to Wiltshire’s Horizon service, which supports victims and provides restorative justice services
- Funding allocated to Splash, which supports children who have been victims of crime
- Funding to provide Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA’s) and Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA’s) to help support victims
- Funding to provide refuge and safe spaces for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Funding allocated to the Sexual Assault Referral Centre, which supports victims of serious sexual offences without having to have a police referral.

To find out more, please visit our online Victim and Witness hub www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/victim-and-witness-hub

Trowbridge Crime Statistics – Year on Year

All Crime – Trowbridge

Crime Data	2022	2023	Increase/Decrease
January	259	275	+16 (increase of 6.18%)
February	273	266	-7 (decrease of 2.5%)
March	318	309	-9 (decrease of 2.8%)
April	288	230	-58 (decrease of 20.1%)
May	336	269	-67 (decrease of 19.9%)
June	314	221	-93 (decrease of 29.6%)
July	329	245	-84 (decrease of 25.5%)
August	314	276	-38 (decrease of 12.1%)
Total	2431	2091	-340 (decrease of 13.9%)

Offence	August 2022	August 2023	Increase / Decrease
Burglary	8	8	0
Theft (Overall)	70	57	-18%
Violence Against the Person	120	112	-6.6%

Trowbridge ASB Statistics – Quarterly Update

All Crime – Trowbridge

ASB Data	2022	2023	Increase/Decrease
June	41	31	-10 (24% decrease)
July	37	28	-5 (24% decrease)
August	37	32	-5 (13% decrease)
Total	115	91	-24 (20% decrease)

Crime Exceptions

Crime Exceptions are described as a volume of offences outside of the normal range expected, based on the last two years' worth of data.

All Crime – Trowbridge

There are no crime exceptions for the month of August.

ET11 – Trowbridge Central

Offences of Violence against the person are showing as an 'eight month low' exception, with less offences having been reported than we would have expected to see.

ET12 – Adcroft and Seymour

There are no crime exceptions for the month of August.

Crime Exceptions Continued ...

ET13 – Trowbridge Park (Longfield)

There are no crime exceptions for the month of August.

ET14 – Drynham and Grove

There are no crime exceptions for the month of August.

ET15 – Lambrok (Studley Green and Broadmead)

Offences of Robbery are showing as an 'eight month low' exception, with less offences having been reported than we would have expected to see.

Offences of Possession of Weapons are showing as an 'eight month low' exception, with less offences having been reported than we would have expected to see.

ET16 – Trowbridge Rural

There are no crime exceptions for the month of August.

Trowbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team

Our Vision :

We recognise how important it is for our communities to see us, speak to us and find out what we are doing. Over the coming months we will be focusing on the following areas :

- To hold a rota of rural village drop in sessions
- To continue to hold a monthly drop in session (on the first Wednesday of every month) at the Trowbridge Market
- To carry out pulse patrols in crime and ASB hotspot areas
- To increase community messaging within our neighbourhood
- To support local events with visibility, educational and preventative tools, such as bike stamping



Community Engagement

Since July we have attended...

- Conducted 18 school visits
- Attended Trowbridge Market with a stall on the first Wednesday of each month
- Conducted 2 vehicle targeted operations
- Executed two warrants
- Attended 9 fetes / events
- A number of drop in sessions in different parts of the town
- Assisted Trading Standards with seizing approx ¼ million counterfeit cigarettes



Local Updates

Priority	Update
Project Zero	<p>Project Zero is a roads policing location in the county. It sees officers targeting drivers committing any of the fatal five offences in a bid to reduce the number of casualties on our roads.</p> <p>A total of 68 offences were dealt with by roads policing officers in Trowbridge during a day of action in August. Offences ranged from excess speed, failing to wear a seatbelt, defective tyres, mobile phone offences and no insurance.</p> <p>A man was also arrested on suspicion of drink driving in Bythesea Road shortly before 10.30 am. The male was subsequently charged and is due to appear before court in September.</p>
Arrest	<p>On Wednesday 16th August, Trowbridge Police received a report of a robbery that had just happened in Trowbridge Town Park.</p> <p>A 21 year old male has been assaulted by a group of youths and his bag was subsequently stolen. A short time later, the victims bank card was used in a nearby store.</p> <p>Enquiries conducted by police immediately after the incident identified at least one of the people involved and he was located in Biss Meadows an hour after we received the first report.</p> <p>A 17 year old was subsequently arrested, interviewed and is now on conditional bail whilst further enquiries take place.</p> <p>When this male was stopped in Biss Meadows he was found to be riding on an e-scooter which was subsequently seized by police.</p>

Local Priorities & Updates Continued

Priority	Update
Loss of Officer	<p>Unfortunately we have temporarily lost a member of our Trowbridge Neighbourhoods Team from active duty, following an incident in Trowbridge Town Park on the 30th August 2023. This officer now has a fractured wrist, heavy bruising and is restricted from being able to assist the community.</p> <p>Whilst on patrol in the park, carrying out community engagement, our colleague came across a drug deal between some youths. On breaking up this deal, one youth was detained and in the process of arresting him, this male has resisted which resulted in the officer being dragged to the floor.</p> <p>The youth escaped lawful custody, leaving our officer on the floor in pain.</p> <p>But we would like to say a big thank you to all who pointed the male out to our PCSO, who gave chase as he ran off and where he had thrown his property. Without this help we wouldn't have been able to swiftly locate and arrest this male and we wouldn't have been able to locate and seize his drugs and the profits made from his wrong doing.</p> <p>The male youth is now on bail as the investigation continues.</p>

Trowbridge Neighbourhood Plans



Sgt Chilton – is overseeing the future planning for upcoming events and operations in the Trowbridge area.



PC Collings – is currently working with partnership agencies to deal with ongoing vehicular ASB in the area of Hammersmith Fields.

She is also developing days of action to combat ASB and reports of criminality in the College Road area.



PC GILMOUR – is currently working with partnership agencies to look at developing intelligence to target a specific issue within his area.

He is also working alongside youths requiring some additional crime diversion.

Useful Links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Trowbridge Community Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our **Community Messaging service** –

www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Follow your CPT on social media

- [Trowbridge Police Facebook](#)
- [Trowbridge Police Twitter](#)
- [Melksham Police Facebook](#)
- [Bradford on Avon Facebook](#)

Find out more information on your CPT area at: www.wiltshire.police.uk and here www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Wiltshire Police website. It features the Wiltshire Police logo on the left, a search bar with the text "How can we help you?" and a magnifying glass icon on the right, and a menu with five items: "Report", "Tell us about", "Apply or register", "Request", and "Feedback". Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > About us > CPTs". The main heading is "Trowbridge CPT". The content area contains three paragraphs: the first describes the CPT's coverage area (Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon and surrounding areas); the second provides contact information for non-emergency matters (email: TrowbridgeAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) and notes that the mailbox is not monitored 24/7; the third explains that emergency crimes should be reported to 999 and non-emergency crimes to 101, with a link to "Report a crime here". At the bottom, it mentions a map of crimes in the Trowbridge area available on the police.uk website.