



Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Trowbridge Community Area Board 15th March 2012

1. Neighbourhood Policing

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

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2. Performance

We have noted the increase in in certain types of offences across Trowbridge and other areas of Wiltshire so specific

focus has been given to reduce offending. These offences can be broadly categorised as;

Non Dwelling burglary (sheds, garages, commercial premises), theft from motor vehicles, theft of motor vehicles and criminal damage.

A specialist team has been set up to provide increased, early response to these types of offences and local officers have increased patrols both overtly and in plain clothes to reduce and detect these crimes.

Through ongoing, regular review we have been able to redirect resources to tackle the issues but there are also actions we can all take to further reduce offences. It has become clear that many offences are committed due to the visibility of valuables and lack of security of vehicles and 'outbuildings'. We are promoting a 'lock it or lose it' approach to security and asking that people remove valuables from vehicles particularly when leaving them overnight.

Anti Social Behaviour has been highlighted in four of our six beats within the Town as specific priorities but it is also being tackled in the other two.

Our Neighbourhood Policing Teams are working alongside the Wiltshire Council's ASB reduction team and other statutory partners to identify and take appropriate action against a number of people who commit large amounts of ASB. Currently there are 19 individuals being monitored and this includes three with AntiSocial Behaviour Orders (ASBO), one more to attend court at time of writing, three who have signed AntiSocial Behaviour Contracts (ABC), another three to be requested to sign ABC and two young people who have received a warning letter.

Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures

1st February 2010 – 31st January 2012

Trowbridge	Crime				Detections	
	February 2010 - January 2011	February 2011 - January 2012	Volume Change	% Change	February 2010 - January 2011	February 2011 - January 2011
Violence Against the Person	703	652	-51	-7%	55%	43%
Dwelling Burglary	171	143	-28	-16%	19%	27%
Criminal Damage	578	567	-11	-2%	14%	17%
Non Dwelling Burglary	158	184	26	16%	3%	5%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	184	190	6	3%	22%	6%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	65	73	8	12%	22%	26%
Total Crime	3035	3044	9	0%	33%	29%
Total ASB	2101	2516	415	20%		
<p>Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers for All Crime and for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Jan 2011 - Dec 2011)</p> <p>*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences</p> <p>** Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution</p>						

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