

Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Wiltshire Police
Date of Area Board Meeting	Wednesday 28 March 2012

Headlines

- **Metal Thefts** – There have been several recent thefts from across the area relating to scrap metal and also thefts from vehicles targeting valuable catalytic exhaust systems. Proactive work by NPT's across the County has involved visits to scrap dealers with positive arrests and results in the recovery of a variety of stolen property. Wiltshire Police now have a dedicated unit dealing with this serious issue which has a considerable financial and disruptive impact on the community.

- A nuisance individual who had caused long-term disruption and nuisance within his community to elderly and vulnerable neighbours was prosecuted using partnership work between the NPT at Cricklade and a local Housing association. The male recently received a custodial sentence for breaching various restrictions imposed on him and due to continued ASB post conviction; he is now subject to eviction proceedings. This is an excellent example of the successful liaison and partnership efforts made to target those minority individuals who prey on their vulnerable neighbours and upset their quality of life.

- **Rogue Traders** – There have been reports of groups of individuals targeting the elderly with poor quality house repairs and offering drive-tarmacing and gravel laying. This often involves offering services at a cheap rate, only for the cost to rocket when the work has been completed. Please be aware that any cold-callers must by law provide a written quote, provide their personal/business details and offer a seven-day cooling off period. As these criminals often prey on the elderly and vulnerable, please keep a watchful eye out on your neighbours and relatives who may fall into this category and report any suspicious persons/vehicles to the Police via 101..

Future Events/Dates for the diary

- Ride of Respect 18th March 2012

- Wootton Bassett Carnival 19th May 2012

- Olympic Torch Relay 23rd May 2012