

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper

Devizes Community Area Board

Date of Meeting 26th March 2012



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Sgt Ian Thomas

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Adam Hall
PCSO – Paula Yarranton
PCSO – Lucy Sainsbury
PCSO – Kelly Watts

Rural North Team

Beat Manager – PC Emma Reed
PCSO – Wendy Leat
PCSO - Fiona Marno

Rural South Team

Beat Manager – PC Gareth Milnes
PCSO – Nina Marsh
PCSO - Fiona Marno

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

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

3. Police Authority Representative: Mr Christopher Humphries

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

Despite being recently named as the safest county in the country, we realise that there is still much work to do. We are aware of the impact which theft from motor vehicles and non-dwelling burglaries has on victims. These offences cause a great deal of upset and inconvenience to victims and Wiltshire Police is committed to doing all it can to ensure that these offences are investigated robustly and offenders brought to justice. To help with this a team of dedicated officers from 'Operation Pinnacle' has been tasked with attending and investigating these offences. This is a three month operation. Through officer attendance they have been able to maximise evidence gathering opportunities, leading to some significant arrests and subsequent charges which is a really great start. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the need to take suitable, simple, crime prevention measures to safeguard their property. This is as simple as not leaving tempting items on display, ensuring they are locked away securely.

On a similar vein a recent operation was held across the county to deal with metal theft offences. This is a nationwide problem, ranging from lead being stolen from church roofs to copper cabling from railway lines.

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On Monday 30 January a day of action against metal theft was held involving multiple agencies which achieved some excellent results and positive news coverage, which you may have seen. A number of scrap metal dealers were targeted within Wiltshire and this day of activity sends a very positive message to our public whilst also ensuring that criminals know that we are aware of their activity and will deal with them robustly. Ten arrests were made across the Force area, over £10,000 in cash seized, as well as a vast quantity of stolen cable.

On a more local note, I am sad to report that after a relatively quite festive period, there have been a number of instances of criminal damage within the town centre and The Avenues area of the town. I suspect that this mainly involves those returning from the town centre in the early hours having been drinking. A number of shop windows have been broken and car wing mirrors damaged. I am pleased to say though that a number of arrests have been made. Local officers have stepped up patrols at these times to deal with these, and other alcohol related offences with visits to licensed premises to ensure compliance with the licensing legislation.

March sees the end of the current set of NPT priorities. At the beginning of March your local officers will be busy out in the community doing their consultations. The areas we are concentrating on this quarter are Rowde, Erlestoke and Estcourt Street/The Green in Devizes. This is your opportunity to tell us what your problems are and help us set our priorities. Once set they will be visible on the NPT website at www.wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. I am pleased to say that we now have more officers trained in the use of the Police Exhibition Vehicle. I am looking forward to this being used more across the Devizes area, reaching out to the villages and rural communities as well as its monthly presence in Devizes Market Place. Also on the website you can see details of when officers will be at public events and meetings for you to approach them and discuss any issues or concerns that you may have.

Devizes	Crime				Detections	
	March 2010 - February 2011	March 2011 - February 2012	Volume Change	% Change	March 2010 - February 2011	March 2011 - February 2012
Violence Against the Person	316	279	-37	-12%	50%	50%
Dwelling Burglary	56	52	-4	-7%	11%	13%
Criminal Damage	282	352	70	25%	13%	16%
Non Dwelling Burglary	114	155	41	36%	3%	2%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	88	99	11	13%	2%	1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	20	22	2	10%	0%	27%
Total Crime	1399	1510	111	8%	25%	24%
Total ASB	1254	1395	141	11%		
Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed in line with peers and better than average for All Crime and better than peers for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Mar 2011 - Feb 2012)						
*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						

Inspector Ron Peach 26th March 2012
Area Commander