

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper

Devizes Community Area Board

Date of Meeting 28th May 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 Emma Reed
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

We are currently experiencing an increase in the number of shed burglary offences across the Devizes area. This is something that is affecting the whole of the county, not just our area. We actively investigate these offences and have made a number of arrests. Similarly a number of local criminals have been adopted onto the SWITCH program which aims to address their offending behaviour through a range of interventions and multi-agency work. An essential element to this remains active police monitoring and robust enforcement. Whilst these individuals have only recently been adopted onto the scheme we are already beginning to see a reduction in their offending. However, we cannot be complacent. We would appeal to the community to help us by passing on any information to their local Community Beat Manager.

Together with this we have unfortunately also witnessed an increase in offences of thefts from motor vehicles. This is a seasonal issue where thieves tour our beautiful countryside looking

out for easy pickings. We are employing a range of tactics to help combat this problem. We would appeal to people who visit our beauty spots to be mindful of the security of their personal belongings. It is a sad fact that criminals do visit the scenic areas of our county, break in to people's cars and steal valuables from inside. I would strongly urge everyone to take all necessary precautions to avoid them becoming the victims of unscrupulous thieves. Please make every effort to kept your valuables secure and out of sight if you are unable to take them with you.

Finally we have been allocated an additional 2 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to join the East Wiltshire Sector. These officers are in addition to our establishment. It is anticipated that they will join us from their training in July. Once they do join us I am sure that they will quickly make themselves known and work closely with their communities.

EZ Devizes	Crime				Detections	
	May 2010 - April 2011	May 2011 - April 2012	Volume Change	% Change	May 2010 - April 2011	May 2011 - April 2012
Victim Based Crime	1349	1327	-22	-2%	21%	19%
Domestic Burglary	54	55	1	2%	11%	13%
Non Domestic Burglary	128	151	23	18%	4%	3%
Vehicle Crime	128	123	-5	-4%	2%	7%
Criminal Damage & Arson	308	329	21	7%	14%	14%
Violence Against The Person	281	232	-49	-17%	44%	45%
ASB Incidents	1278	1433	155	12%		
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 Victim Based Crime and Violence Against the Person in the previous 12 month period (April 2011 - March 2012)						
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution						

Inspector Ron Peach 8th May 2012
Area Commander