

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Marlborough Community Area Board 29th May 2012



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Vincent Logue

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Anthony Boardman
PCSO – Mark Braithwaite

Rural West Team

Beat Manager – David Tippetts
PCSO – Pauline Ritchie

Rural East Team

Beat Manager – PC Jeremy Batchelor
PCSO - Jonathan Mills

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:

Councillor Chris Humphries is a member of the Wiltshire Police Authority and has the responsibility for overseeing matters in the community area.

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

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

Marlborough Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) is now fully up to strength with PC David Tippetts now being back in post having returned from Swindon Response.

You may be aware that a street robbery occurred in Marlborough town centre on 24th April which was reported in the local press. What I first want to say is that this type of offence is extremely rare in our town so please don't worry. What I can also tell you is that due to an excellent response by officers from Swindon and the local NPT, a male was arrested within a couple of hours and has been charged with this and other unrelated offences. This male is currently on remand awaiting trial.

On Monday 28th May, PCSO Mark Braithwaite was on patrol in the town centre when he encountered 2 females acting suspiciously who he then approached. As he did so, these

females ran off and were chased and caught in Waitrose car park by Mark. Subsequent enquiries revealed that these women had stolen goods and a cash box from 2 outlets in the High Street. Mark called for assistance and both women, who had travelled to Marlborough from London, were arrested and are currently on bail pending further enquiries.

Our crime figures remain excellent with reductions in most areas and increases in detections in every area with the non-dwelling burglary which remains static and violence which has a small reduction of only 2%.

Our main areas of concern remain shoplifting in Marlborough town centre and thefts from motor vehicles at beauty spots. The shoplifting issue remains an NPT priority and we have seen good successes with many offenders having been caught in the act and dealt with. Since the response policing has moved to Swindon hub, Marlborough has received an improved service and is greatly benefitting from it.

The issue of thefts from motor vehicles at beauty spots has been a long term problem. We believe that most of these thefts are being committed by criminals who travel here from outside our area. The intelligence picture is improving day by day and new tactics are being employed to reduce and detect these incidents. We have greatly increased high visibility patrols by NPT, Response, Dog Section and other uniformed departments. Additionally, an education programme is being utilised to try to convince car owners not to leave valuables in their cars. However, during patrols, my officers are still seeing, on a daily basis, valuables being left in clear view which is always disappointing. Car owners still seem to think that by hiding items in the boot of their cars they are keeping these items safe. Please be aware that criminals will often hide nearby and watch car owners do this before breaking into the car after the driver has walked away. Please don't leave any valuables in your car.

5. Crime Figures

EH Marlborough	Crime				Detections	
	May 2010 - April 2011	May 2011 - April 2012	Volume Change	% Change	May 2010 - April 2011	May 2011 - April 2012
Victim Based Crime	714	687	-27	-4%	13%	16%
Domestic Burglary	31	29	-2	-6%	6%	10%
Non Domestic Burglary	113	96	-17	-15%	1%	1%
Vehicle Crime	105	131	26	25%	1%	2%
Criminal Damage & Arson	143	130	-13	-9%	11%	25%
Violence Against The Person	77	86	9	12%	43%	41%
ASB Incidents	336	412	76	23%		
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 29/05/2012