Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Pewsey Community Area Board
2nd July 2012

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Vincent Logue

Pewsey West Team
Beat Manager – PC Richard Barratt
PCSO – Helen Ringstead
PCSO – Joe Sadd

Pewsey East Team
Beat Manager – PC Teresa Herbert
PCSO - Melissa Camilleri

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:

Mrs Gill Mortimer 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

You may notice a slight change to the team above. With the arrival of PCSO Melissa Camilleri who works with PC Teresa Herbert on the Pewsey East beat, we have moved PCSO Joe Sadd to Pewsey West to assist PCSO Helen Ringstead and PC Richard Barratt. Pewsey West is statistically the busier beat which also covers Pewsey village.

At the end of May, PC Steve Duffy from the dog section along with PC Herbert carried out passive drugs dog patrols, concentrating on licensed premises in the Pewsey area. The passive drugs dog (Patch) is trained to indicate to its handler when it detects drugs. The dog does this by sitting down and looking at the source of the scent. Five public houses were visited, as well as patrols being conducted in the streets. Patch indicated to his handler a total of five people who were then searched, two men in 2 of the public houses and one man in the North Street were found to have drugs in their possession and received street cautions, the other two persons did not have drugs. In addition, a group of 16 year olds were found in possession of alcohol which was confiscated and their parents informed. More operations like this are to come.

In May, the public toilets at Pewsey were damaged and a 16 year old local youth was identified as a suspect and arrested. Initially, this youth denied responsibility but due to the overwhelming evidence gathered by NPT officers against him, during his second interview, he admitted the offence and received a youth reprimand.

Crime Figures.

Below are the crime figures for the Pewsey area for the past year. The figures are, once again, excellent but we will not be complacent and will continue to target those individuals who commit the bulk of the crime here, whether they live here or travel here to commit crime.

You will see that recorded crime has reduced in every area except in the category of Criminal Damage and Arson where there has been about one extra incident per month over the year. However, the detection rate in this category has almost doubled.

Detection rates have increased or remained static in all but one of the categories. The detection rate for violence against the person has dropped by 14% but at 39% is still strong. Dwelling burglaries have seen an 18% drop and the detection rate has increased from 5% to 22%

EC Pewsey	Crime				Detections	
	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012	Volume Change	% Change	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012
Victim Based Crime	408	373	-35	-9%	10%	13%
Domestic Burglary	22	18	-4	-18%	5%	22%
Non Domestic Burglary	100	75	-25	-25%	0%	0%
Vehicle Crime	62	62	0	0%	0%	2%
Criminal Damage & Arson	71	84	13	18%	8%	15%
Violence Against The Person	51	51	0	0%	53%	39%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	45	35	-10	-22%		

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 (May 2011 - April 2012)

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution

Inspector Ron Peach 02/07/12
Area Commander