

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Marlborough Community Area Board 17th July 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

Crime figures remain reasonably good in our area, with the total number of reported offences in each category being below or close to that of the previous year. Of note is a drop of 23% in non-dwelling burglaries (almost 2 less burglaries per month). However, violence offences have risen by 19% (or about 1 extra per month) but the detection rate in this category is still very strong at 46%.

We remain concerned about the rise in vehicle crime. This figure is mostly made up of thefts from vehicles, notably at beauty spots. We have made clear in the media, and in quarterly newsletters, about the importance of not leaving valuables in unattended vehicles but during our many patrols of beauty spots, we still see people doing just that. With all the effort my team are putting into combating this type of offence using numerous tactics, both overt and covert, offences will continue to occur until people

using isolated parking areas take the necessary steps to protect their property. We simply can't be everywhere all the time.

This year will be a busy year for policing nationally and locally. Marlborough has already seen the Olympic Torch Relay which was made spectacular by the enthusiastic participation of the community, particularly the school children.

The Summer Solstice celebrations at Avebury were muted by the weather and numbers were down on last year. The National Trust (NT) were the lead in organising and facilitating a safe and peaceful event. We are pleased to report that there were only three arrests – 2x Drunk & Disorderly and 1x Section 5 Public Order (causing harassment, alarm or distress). Local police are now working with the NT to remove the few remaining unauthorised vehicles from the Ridgeway.

As expected, Barbury Castle Horse Trials went off without a hitch.

There are a number of other events taking place in the weeks ahead. I only hope that the weather improves for them. Policing resources have now been confirmed for the Olympic Games. Although Wiltshire officers will be attending, no officers from Marlborough NPT will be involved or abstracted. So it is business as usual for your local team.

5. Crime Figures

Marlborough	Crime				Detections*	
	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012	Volume Change	% Change	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012
Victim Based Crime	699	705	6	1%	11%	16%
Domestic Burglary	32	29	-3	-9%	6%	13%
Non Domestic Burglary	115	89	-26	-23%	1%	1%
Vehicle Crime	104	147	43	41%	3%	3%
Criminal Damage & Arson	146	126	-20	-14%	8%	25%
Violence Against The Person	73	87	14	19%	50%	46%
ASB Incidents	61	52	-9	-15%		

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 17/07/2012