



## **Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Westbury Community Area Board 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2012**

### **Current Priorities:**

Up-to-date details of the current news about Neighbourhood Policing Teams, including, profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website.

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### **Team News:**

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#### Town Team:

Pc Jo Philpott  
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#### Rural Team:

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## WESTBURY PERFORMANCE:

EG11 Westbury Town	Crime				Detections*	
	July 2010 - June 2011	July 2011 - June 2012	Volume Change	% Change	July 2010 - June 2011	July 2011 - June 2012
Victim Based Crime	703	641	-62	-9%	18%	20%
Domestic Burglary	41	33	-8	-20%	7%	33%
Non Domestic Burglary	56	53	-3	-5%	4%	4%
Vehicle Crime	53	86	33	62%	8%	8%
Criminal Damage & Arson	183	151	-32	-17%	14%	15%
Violence Against The Person	132	110	-22	-17%	45%	46%
ASB Incidents	219	147	-72	-33%		

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 (June 2011 - May 2012)

\* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution

EG12 Westbury Rural	Crime				Detections*	
	July 2010 - June 2011	July 2011 - June 2012	Volume Change	% Change	July 2010 - June 2011	July 2011 - June 2012
Victim Based Crime	137	159	22	16%	20%	19%
Domestic Burglary	10	6	-4	-40%	10%	33%
Non Domestic Burglary	26	25	-1	-4%	4%	8%
Vehicle Crime	17	31	14	82%	6%	6%
Criminal Damage & Arson	27	27	0	0%	22%	22%
Violence Against The Person	24	28	4	17%	63%	61%
ASB Incidents	34	30	-4	-12%		

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The performance figures for Westbury and the surrounding villages this reporting period show better results when compared to this time last year. This is good news.

The figures for Westbury Town show a reduction in all crime types, except vehicle crime, and a reduction in overall crimes being reported – **62 less victims than at this time last year.**

Westbury Rural has suffered a significant amount of vehicle crime this last 2 months and this is reflected in the increases shown above.

Vehicle Crime across the whole area is a particular problem and whilst the Police continue to publicise clear messages about leaving valuables in cars people still continue to do so. Leaving laptop computers, mobile phones, cash and handbags in cars is simply too tempting for some.

Other types of vehicle crimes include farm quad bikes, diggers and all terrain vehicles being stolen from isolated farm yards and tracks. Often these items are left with keys in the ignition or left unattended and insecure. Looking after this type of sought after property is crucial in the current climate; these items are clearly the current commodity of choice.

The local police have been focusing their attentions on those suspected of committing this type of crime, there have been a number of arrests and 4 local youths are currently pending appearances in Court. Other work continues re the rural crime with our neighbours in Avon and Somerset Police.

Burglaries to houses in Westbury and the surrounding villages remains a concern, our isolated villages and nice houses undoubtedly appeal to those intent on committing crime so it is vitally important that all those eyes and ears within our communities look out for each other. Anything that seems out of the ordinary, vehicles loitering, suspicious people appearing where they shouldn't be, needs to be acted upon, whether it is noting down car regn numbers, brief descriptions, times/dates, reporting this to the Neighbourhood Watch Co ordinator, or the Police, your information will be gratefully received. 101 is the non emergency reporting number.

There have been arrests for the most recent house burglaries in and across Westbury but enquires have yet to be finalised before any appearances in Court.

This is a timely reminder for home owners to take care when leaving houses unattended during the hot weather/holiday periods. Windows need to be closed and doors locked securely.

If you are part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your Street/Close/Road please remember to let your co ordinator know of your circumstances and use those who are close to you to help look after your property. Security products are available for property marking and added security if you feel it necessary.



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