



Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Warminster Community Area Board 8th November 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.

🖱 Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Related 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the Rural Community and Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti Social Behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boreham Field and Princess Gardens.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapmanslade, Sutton Veny, Chitterne, Maiden Bradley and Crockerton.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking/Obstruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodcock Road, Warminster.

Team News:

Ps Debra ASHLEY

Town Team:

Pc Sam Withey
PCSO Lorraine Rice

PCSO Jason Greenland
PCSO Liz Harmsworth

Rural Team:
Pc Vicky Howick
PCSO Caroline Wright

WARMINSTER PERFORMANCE:

ER Warminster	Crime				Detections	
	October 2010 - September 2011	October 2011 - September 2012	Volume Change	% Change	October 2010 - September 2011	October 2011 - September 2012
Victim Based Crime	926	983	57	6%	19%	20%
Domestic Burglary	42	32	-10	-24%	12%	0%
Non Domestic Burglary	91	108	17	19%	4%	6%
Vehicle Crime	60	126	66	110%	18%	7%
Criminal Damage & Arson	188	208	20	11%	19%	19%
Violence Against The Person	140	215	75	54%	51%	40%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	539	441	-98	-18%		
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 Violence Against the Person in the previous 12 month period (September 2011 -August 2012) and have recorded the lowest Domestic Burglary volume per 1,000 population.						
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution						

The performance figures for Warminster and the surrounding villages this reporting period show quite mixed results when compared to this time last year.

Whilst there are continued reductions in reported incidents of house burglaries and anti social behaviour other challenges continue, especially regarding vehicle crime and reports of violence.

Detection rates are also mixed when compared to those of last year.

The local Neighbourhood Policing Team continue to liaise with the specialist policing teams in Melksham and our colleagues in Avon and Somerset where some of the offenders are suspected to be travelling from.

Vehicle crime reports include thefts of actual vehicles (and the larger portion of them in our rural area involve farm vehicles/quads and the like) being stolen from rural locations. Other

vehicle crime reports predominantly involve thefts from cars whilst parked in rural locations when owners are out walking and the like, having left valuable items on show. Then there are reports of damage to vehicles as they are left parked overnight along routes frequented by those who walk home after they have been out socialising in town.

All these incidents are invariably difficult to detect once they have happened – due to the isolated locations/ lack of witnesses/CCTV/forensic captures etc.

The hard work and effort needs to be put into preventing these offences happening in the first instance.

There is a lot we can all do to prevent crime happening and us becoming victims of crime. Improved security and looking after our property is a must. Property marking, improved locks and alarm systems, crime prevention advice is always available on the Wiltshire Police website.

The reports of incidents where violence is involved is a worry. What should be noted in relation to these particular figures is that invariably these are not reports of stranger assaults in public but reports of assaults happening within a private/home environment with known suspects often arrested for their behaviour.

Most of these reports are within families, children/youth arguments and others within care home establishments.

Assaults relating to the town – night time economy/alcohol fuelled are actually few of those reported.

This last two weeks has seen a number of reports of house burglaries across Westbury and Warminster.

These reports are quite specific and appear to involve an offender who is specifically targeting bungalows and after gaining entry only looking for items of jewellery.

There have been 6 reports so far during the month of October.

It cannot be confirmed as to when during the course of the day these incidents are happening but it is believed to be during the evening/hours of darkness.

The offender/s are using a tool to gain entry and are generally forcing open a rear window out of view of any passers by.

Bungalows in the vicinity of Copheap Lane in Warminster, Leighton Park, Meadow Road, Thornbury Rd and Chalford in Westbury have all been subject of reports so far.

If anyone believes they know anything about these reported crimes then the CID at Melksham DC Nicola CARFFERY would be really keen to hear from you.

If any neighbours, locals or passers by recall anything suspicious upon reading this item I would ask that they also make contact with DC Caffery.

Please take particular care of any neighbouring properties, those people away on holiday or away for a short period, visiting friends. Unoccupied houses are particularly vulnerable during this time.



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