



## **Trowbridge Community Area Board November 2012**

### **1. Neighbourhood Policing**

#### **Current NPT Priorities:**

Up-to-date details of the current news about Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs), including profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police website [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

#### **Team News:**

There are a number of changes that impact on the NPT at Trowbridge.

PS Dave Hobman has been posted from Trowbridge NPT as has PC Pete Tuite who has moved from NPT to be promoted to the rank of sergeant. Pete was covering the Community Beta Manager (CBM) for Trowbridge town. Pete's replacement will be in post from Monday 5 November 2012.

PC Sonya Stockhill is joining the NPT to become a CBM within Trowbridge. As soon as it is agreed which beat she will take over this information will be announced.

There are now two new sergeants who are leading Trowbridge NPT. They are PS James Brain and PS Jim Suter.

Both have started in their posts and are already making arrangements to meet with local partners within the Trowbridge area.

Both James and Jim are managing the following staff:

PCSO Laura Humphreys, PCSO Peter Tscherniawsky, PCSO Jo Matthews & PCSO Debbie Robbins – Trowbridge Town

PC Jodie Price, PCSO James Bates & PCSO Gemma Bloomfield – Adcroft & Paxcroft

PC Lee Pelling & PCSO Matt Till – Trowbridge Park

PC Helen Beaven, PCSO Vicky Huntley & PCSO Phil Greenaway – Drynham & Grove

PC Alison Davies, PCSO Xanthe Knowles & PCSO Ben Brown – Lambrok

PC Mark Hough & PCSO Maria Badder – Trowbridge Rural

**Mrs Joy Hillyer** is an independent member of the Wiltshire Police Authority. Mrs Hillyer has the responsibility for overseeing policing matters in the community area and is involved in the transition from the Police Authority to the Police and Crime Commissioner later this year.

Mrs Hillyer can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority:

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🌐 <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

## 2. Crime Priorities

**Non-Dwelling Burglary** is on the increase. The numbers are sometimes reaching 4 or 5 over a 24 hour period!

Offenders are gaining entry through insecurities or through forcing shed doors. They are also targeting garages, whether or not they are attached to a house.

Offenders are using any advantage to sneak into properties to steal anything they can carry. This can be at any time of the day or night.

Once inside sheds, outbuildings and garages; cash, wallets, telephones, gardening equipment and handbags are stolen. If a garage is entered, offenders are even breaking into cars parked within the garage and stealing items such as cash, MP3 players and laptops.

If the public fail to lock a door or padlock a shed, they increase the risk of becoming a victim.

These crimes are intolerable as many impact on people's livelihoods. The police want information and calls in respect of suspicious vehicles & people. The community needs to play its part in gaining intelligence so that the police can take action.

**Violence Against the Person** (VAP) is a key focus for the NPT at this time, especially within the town centre area at weekends. The incidents are mainly between those who know each other and often between people who have been or are in some form of relationship. This is a concerning issue for police and one that increases fear and uncertainty amongst the community. The problems are not directly linked to the night time economy but such acts impact on those who are law abiding and enjoying a night out.

The focus on reducing violent crime will remain and is under constant review by the police. The problem though does require cooperation and support from the community. The message is clear - *perpetrators who push, punch and threaten others, committing acts of violence will not be tolerated.*

The police will take action. Anyone subject to or a witness to assaults (physical or non-physical) needs to report what's happening as this is unacceptable behaviour and will be addressed either by the police working with other agencies or by another agency.

### **Overall performance**

At the foot of this report, the performance figures for Trowbridge are set out. It remains the overarching priority to reduce the number of non domestic burglary and violent offences.

The key messages to the public are:

- 1 Keep buildings secure – lock doors and windows.
- 2 Report suspicions about people – the police need this information from you.
- 3 Record details of identifiable property and/or take photos of your belongings – this gives the police more of a chance to identify stolen property.

With Christmas approaching and people spending their hard earned money on presents, goods such as electrical items, pedal cycles and jewellery need to be photographed and any identifiable markings should be recorded.

This approach provides the police with more opportunities to locate the property when searching people or carrying out warrants.

The website [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) can be used to record these details and may even prevent offenders taking the item in the first place. Check on-line for this site and consider using it.

**Lisette Harvey**  
**Sector Commander**  
**31 October 2012**

<b>ET Trowbridge</b>	<b>Crime</b>			
	September 2010 - August 2011	September 2011 - August 2012	Volume Change	% Change
Victim Based Crime	2667	2686	19	1%
Domestic Burglary	137	139	2	1%
Non Domestic Burglary	179	197	18	10%
Vehicle Crime	283	301	18	6%
Criminal Damage & Arson	555	517	-38	-7%
Violence Against The Person	554	610	56	10%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	1174	933	-241	-21%