

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Pewsey Community Area Board 12 November 2012



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Vincent Logue

Pewsey West Team

Beat Manager – PC Richard Barratt
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

Pewsey NPT has lost a valued and hard working member of the team. Helen Ringstead has now become a Police Constable and is currently undertaking appropriate initial training at Police Headquarters. To maintain our effective service delivery PCSO Joe Sadd has moved to cover the Pewsey west beat with PC Richard Barratt, and Melissa Camilleri is the PCSO for the East beat along with PC Teresa Herbert.

The theft of metal remains a national problem and there has been an increase in our recording of theft of lead from churches and other buildings. Those who look after properties with lead roofs are making efforts to prevent offences through installation of CCTV, additional lighting and other security measures such as Smart Water. Pewsey officers recently arrested 2 local males in possession of stolen lead and both have been charged and are now on court bail awaiting trial.

The misuse of drugs is an ongoing concern and we continue to receive some very good intelligence, which we have acted on. Helen Ringstead recently saw youths acting suspiciously in a car park in Pewsey. A male was found with drugs in his possession and was later charged with possession with intent to supply. We await the outcome of that case.

Due to close planning with the organisers and greatly appreciated support from the Special Constabulary, Pewsey Carnival events took place safely and with very little incidents of disorder. On the evening of the main procession 10 Regular officers, 16 Special Constables and 6 PCSO's were on duty for this very popular event which saw thousands of people on the streets of the village. Officers entered into the spirit of the event while being able to deal robustly with those who presented any risk of causing disorder. There was only one arrest associated with the carnival over the 2 week period.

Crime Statistics

In the table below, you will see a category of Victim Based Crime. These are all crimes where the victim is not 'the state'. Crimes such as drugs offences and public order will not be included in this category. The types of offences that make up this category are burglaries, vehicle crime, criminal damage, arson and violence against the person.

Detection rates in all but one category have increased over the reporting period, most notably for Domestic Burglary which has risen from 0% this time last year to 43%. There has been a small drop in the detection rate for violence against the person from 58% to 50% but this is still a strong detection figure in this category, together with a reduction in the number of offences committed.

There is an anomalous situation regarding burglary as there has been a reduction in non-dwelling burglaries of 20% (20 less offences) while there has been an increase of 31% (5 more offences) in dwelling burglary.

Vehicle crimes have risen by 6 over the year mostly due to cars being broken into at beauty spots despite the enormous efforts of the NPT and partners to combat this. It seems the message not to leave valuables in cars is still not being received by some motorists. In the summer months, many of the cars being broken into are from other European countries.

It is excellent to see a reduction of instances of Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) of 12%.

EC Pewsey	Crime				Detections	
	October 2010 - September 2011	October 2011 - September 2012	Volume Change	% Change	October 2010 - September 2011	October 2011 - September 2012
Victim Based Crime	387	394	7	2%	12%	17%
Domestic Burglary	16	21	5	31%	0%	43%
Non Domestic Burglary	98	78	-20	-20%	0%	0%
Vehicle Crime	54	60	6	11%	2%	7%
Criminal Damage & Arson	78	90	12	15%	13%	20%
Violence Against The Person	52	46	-6	-12%	58%	50%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	147	129	-18	-12%		
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						

Inspector Matthew Armstrong
Area Commander