

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Marlborough Community Area Board 27th November 2012



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Vincent Logue

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Anthony Boardman
PCSO – Mark Braithwaite

Rural West Team

Beat Manager – PC 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

On the 28th October 2012 Inspector Matthew Armstrong took over responsibility for local policing within the Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey area. Inspector Peach has taken up a posting in the force emergency contact centre, a vital function to effective delivery of policing to Wiltshire.

In October Bluez 'N' Zuz disco received a Queen's award. Bluez N Zuz started in Marlborough in the Azuza Nightclub (hence the name) and since then has become a national event with discos for 11-15 year olds being held in towns and cities throughout the UK. These events are designed to encourage and develop interaction between young people and police, offering a safe environment for youngsters to gather on a social basis. The award is the highest award given to voluntary groups and recognises a national benchmark for excellence.

During October and early November events took place requiring additional police resources including both Mop fairs, Halloween and Bonfire night. I am very pleased to report that the only enforcement action required during those events was one arrest for an assault on the night of the little Mop and the seizure of alcohol from youths (parents informed!).

In the table below you will see a category of 'Victim Based Crime', these are all crimes where the victim is not the state. Offences involving drugs and public disorder are not included in this

category. Those that are include burglaries, vehicle crime, criminal damage, arson and violence against the person.

Marlborough remains an area with a low volume of crime and strong detection rates, which in all but one category have increased. The local police team continue their efforts to further improve on these results.

Crime figures are subject to fluctuations and while there has been an increase in violent crime (a normally low number of instances in the area) the percentage rise is overly inflated by the small increase in the number of incidents.

Vehicle crimes have risen 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. Efforts in the area continue.

Burglary remains a concern for us and while we have seen a substantial decrease in dwelling burglaries, non-dwelling burglaries are on the increase. We have already reacted to this and have stepped up patrols, targeted offenders believed responsible and engaged with property owners and other agencies to deliver crime reduction advice.

Many of these non-dwelling burglaries have resulted in the theft of high value items such as plant, 4x4 vehicles, quad bikes, metal and fuel. There are some steps that owners can take that will either act as deterrents or increase the likelihood of recovery of stolen items.

- 1: Fit trackers to plant or vehicles – these are not as expensive as they used to be.
- 2: Use smart water and put up signage to deter criminals.
- 3: Installation of security lighting and CCTV.
- 4: Lock property away and out of sight.
- 5: Call the police if you see anything suspicious. Please don't wait, do it straight away to allow us to respond appropriately.

The number of incidents of criminal damage and arson has reduced by 23% (or 33 incidents over the rolling year) while at the same time the detection rate has almost doubled to 31%. There is often a correlation between criminal damage and anti-social behaviour and so as expected there has been a reduction of 20% in ASB.

EH Marlborough	Crime				Detections	
	November 2010 - October 2011	November 2011 - October 2012	Volume Change	% Change	November 2010 - October 2011	November 2011 - October 2012
Victim Based Crime	670	698	28	4%	14%	19%
Domestic Burglary	38	29	-9	-24%	5%	10%
Non Domestic Burglary	92	114	22	24%	0%	3%
Vehicle Crime	124	142	18	15%	2%	3%
Criminal Damage & Arson	144	111	-33	-23%	16%	31%
Violence Against The Person	69	90	21	30%	54%	46%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	269	216	-53	-20%		
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 and Domestic Burglary in the previous 12 month period (October 2011 -September 2012).						
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution						

Inspector Matthew Armstrong 15/11/2012
Area Commander