

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Pewsey Community Area Board 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013



## 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](http://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

On 3 nights in November and December, approximately 35 Wiltshire officers liaising with officers from Thames Valley, Hampshire, Dorset and Sussex police forces carried out targeted rural crime operations. The aim of these operations was to disrupt criminal activity and detect crimes in progress. Officers patrolled areas subject of previous offences, stopped suspect vehicles or any vehicles capable of load carrying. Rural crime remains a very high priority and we plan to run further operations such as these following an assessment of our tactics and results.

At the end of November in Burbage, a Swindon Response team carrying out routine patrols attempted to stop a vehicle for a minor traffic offence, the vehicle made off and following a chase was stopped and the driver ran off but was captured. An amount of drugs and paraphernalia were found in the vehicle and arrests were made for possession with intent to supply.

A male from the Marlborough area was recently arrested for burglary and robbery offences and is currently on remand having been charged with offences and many more offences have been taken into account. It is anticipated that if found guilty he will be sentenced to a considerable time in prison. One of the offences he is believed to have committed was a dwelling burglary in the Pewsey area.

## Crime Statistics

Domestic burglary – It is characteristic of a low crime area that a small numeric rise in offences can show a large rise in the percentage value. In the Pewsey area, compared to the previous year, there has on average been 1 extra dwelling burglary every 2 months yet this shows an increase of 40%. There has also been an increase from 20% to 29% in the detection rate in this category.

Non-Dwelling burglary makes up the higher proportion of burglaries and we have been working hard to target this. Numerous teams have been working in liaison with neighbouring forces sharing information, targeting offenders and conducting operations to combat these offences and there has been a reduction in the number of incidents.

Criminal damage, which often mirrors Anti-Social Behaviour figures, shows a rise of 16 offences over the year, while ASB has reduced by 43 offences. Having looked into this, some of this anomaly can be explained by the fact that one victim of crime has reported numerous offences. The NPT worked with the council and housing association on this problem and we are confident it has been resolved.

There has been a small reduction in the category of violent crime and the detection rate is still strong down 2 to 50%. In fact this is the only category that has not seen a rise in the detection rate.

EC Pewsey	Crime				Detections	
	December 2010 - November 2011	December 2011 - November 2012	Volume Change	% Change	December 2010 - November 2011	December 2011 - November 2012
Victim Based Crime	373	411	38	10%	13%	18%
Domestic Burglary	15	21	6	40%	20%	29%
Non Domestic Burglary	92	72	-20	-22%	0%	1%
Vehicle Crime	50	70	20	40%	2%	6%
Criminal Damage & Arson	78	94	16	21%	13%	21%
Violence Against The Person	52	48	-4	-8%	52%	50%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	199	156	-43	-22%		
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 Domestic Burglary in the previous 12 month period (November 2011 - October 2012).						
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution						

## Crime prevention

Prevention of crime is easier than catching criminals! As part of these reports I intend to deliver crime prevention advice either on specific trends we have identified or general matters. Please consider how you, working with us, can disseminate this advice to our wider communities in support of making Wiltshire the safest County. For this month I will include general advice to prevent burglary, non-dwelling burglary and vehicle crime.

### Burglary

- Always close and lock doors and windows when leaving the house or going to bed. Do not assume someone else has done it.
- Keep house or car keys away from immediate access and away from doors.

- Only keep low value costume jewellery in your jewellery box. Any valuable or sentimental items should be kept hidden somewhere other than the bedroom – the kitchen, bathroom or loft for instance. Keep a photographic record of the items.
- Make your property identifiable by using a property marking system such as Smartwater or Selecta DNA. These can be used on even small items like jewellery.
- Register all items that have a serial number with [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). This will assist police to establish ownership should they be recovered having been lost or stolen. Knowing who property belongs to helps police to prosecute offenders.
- If going away, put lights on timers to reflect your movements as if you were there.
- If you have an alarm - use it.

**To prevent items being stolen from garages sheds and other buildings outside the main residence:**

- Chain equipment together and secure with a closed shackle padlock.
- Put back plates on shed hinges and handles to prevent the screws being pulled through the wood. Secure with a closed shackle padlock.
- Board over or grille windows in sheds and garages to prevent thieves gaining access through the window.
- Paint power tools with your postcode in a bright paint.
- Add secondary locks to garage doors to supplement factory locks. Secure up and over garage doors to ground hasps.
- Install a garage or shed alarm. Inexpensive and an effective deterrent.
- Install security lighting

**And when out in your cars:**

- Never leave anything valuable in your car, especially handbags, laptops and sat navs. Ever.
- Leave the glove compartment open when parked to show there is nothing of value inside.
- Park your car in a well lit area. If parked on a drive, close the gate if you have one and park as close to the wall/garage/house as possible.

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