

# Marlborough Community Area Board Police Report

29<sup>th</sup> January 2013



## 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](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

## 3. Police and Crime Commissioner: Mr Angus Macpherson

PCC website: [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)

## 4. Performance and Other Local Issues

Without a doubt the main headline news for me is the award of an MBE to Special Constable Mike Tupman for services to policing and to the community of Marlborough. Mike became a Special Constable in 1985 and is one of the longest serving Special Constables in Wiltshire, if not the country. His award is thoroughly deserved. May he continue to support local policing for years to come. I hope his efforts will be a catalyst for other members of the community coming forward and volunteering in some capacity.

I am also very pleased to welcome a new member to the local policing team. Melina Vitale joins us as a Special Constable and will be tutored by my team in Marlborough.

In the previous report I informed the meeting that offences of burglary and vehicle crime continued to cause us concern. Prior to Christmas a team of 35 Officers spent three nights focusing patrols solely on the rural communities in Wiltshire. This activity mirrored other forces including Hampshire and Thames Valley, also suffering similar offences. To continue this effort I have secured resources and funding for additional patrols during the month of January. The focus will be East Wiltshire, the areas between Marlborough and Amesbury. The performance figures below also identify that burglary and vehicle crime are areas

where I need to focus my resources, despite the increase in these crimes being relatively small numbers.

A male who was identified as being a prolific criminal in the Marlborough area and throughout Wiltshire has recently been sentenced to 8 years imprisonment. This followed his involvement in a Robbery and a series of burglaries. A great deal of intelligence was given to us by the community assisting us to identify, arrest and prosecute this male.

Over the weekend between Christmas and New Year and on New Year's Eve we had an unusually high number of assaults within the town centre. These were mostly alcohol fuelled, by people known to each other. We also had to record their counter allegations. This accounts for the increase in violence against the person over the reporting period and an increase in detections from 46% to 53%. The information we have gained will be used to work with licensed premises to ensure the same does not happen next year.

Marlborough remains an area with a low volume of crime and improving detection rates. The local police team will continue their efforts to further improve on these results.

**CRIME & DETECTIONS (January 2011 – December 2012 compared to previous year)**

EH Marlborough	Crime				Detections	
	January 2011 - December 2011	January 2012 - December 2012	Volume Change	% Change	January 2011 - December 2011	January 2012 - December 2012
Victim Based Crime	676	663	-13	-2%	18%	17%
Domestic Burglary	28	30	2	7%	11%	7%
Non Domestic Burglary	111	98	-13	-12%	1%	2%
Vehicle Crime	122	145	23	19%	2%	3%
Criminal Damage & Arson	146	96	-50	-34%	27%	16%
Violence Against The Person	68	95	27	40%	56%	53%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	335	263	-72	-21%		

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 (December 2011 - November 2012).

\* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution

**Crime prevention**

Prevention of crime is easier than catching criminals! I as part of these reports I will occasionally print 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.

1. 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.
2. 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
3. Vehicles:
- 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.

**Inspector Matthew Armstrong**  
**15/01/2013**