



Bradford-on-Avon Area Board March 2013

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

Team News:

As of 1 April 2013, all local policing issues for Melksham will be transferring, from the Trowbridge Sector, to Devizes & Pewsey which in turn is losing Marlborough to Swindon. As of this date sadly, the impact of the change means that PS Sean Brady will be also moving from the Bradford-on-Avon NPT.

The Bradford-on-Avon NPT will however remain untouched but under the supervision of PS Jim Suter and PS James Brain. Both will provide support to the local community working in partnership with the Area Board.

Bradford-on-Avon still remains under my leadership as the Sector Commander and Jim & James will continue to manage PC Lee Pelling, PCSO Andrew MacLachlan, PC Martin Annetts and PCSO Joe Leeds, as PS Brady & PS Hams did previously.

2. Crime Priorities

I continue to raise awareness with key messages at each meeting I attend. Those messages are in respect to keeping houses and vehicles locked as well as removing property that is visible to an opportunist thief.

Sadly, the message remains the same. As noted in the table below the crimes of concern are mainly burglary and vehicle crime.

Burglary and vehicle crime has reduced since the figures below were published however these offences are still happening. The public needs to take responsibility in securing anything that can be taken.

I am speaking with local press on a weekly basis and currently running Operation Chariot to reduce such crime, raise awareness in the community, have patrolling in key locations and manage those likely to commit such crimes however I do need the assistance of the public.

I met with a man last week who had his shed broken into. He was not happy with the fact that the police had not caught the person who committed the crime. On discussing the detail with him, he and neighbours named, to me, 2 people who were possibly responsible for the burglary.

Police can now use this information to assist detecting more crimes. I urge the public to report information to police or via Crimestoppers.

Offenders are gaining entry through insecure windows 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.

Fortunately crime is reducing and the community is being kept as safe as possible however information from the public is vital in catching those responsible, and if the evidence is available, to prove the offence.

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 Bradford-on-Avon are set out. It remains that the overarching priorities are to reduce the number of burglary and violent offences committed.

The key messages to the public are:

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

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

The website 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.

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Sector Commander
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Town	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to January 2012	12 Months to January 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to January 2012	12 Months to January 2013
Victim Based Crime	375	311	-64	-17.1%	8%	19%
Domestic Burglary	18	32	+14	+77.8%	6%	25%
Non Domestic Burglary	25	28	+3	+12.0%	0%	4%
Vehicle Crime	52	66	+14	+26.9%	2%	3%
Criminal Damage & Arson	123	65	-58	-47.2%	9%	2%
Violence Against The Person	54	48	-6	-11.1%	17%	54%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	298	238	-60	-20.1%		

EA12 Bradford on Avon Rural	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to January 2012	12 Months to January 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to January 2012	12 Months to January 2013
Victim Based Crime	206	202	-4	-1.9%	7%	16%
Domestic Burglary	13	16	+3	+23.1%	0%	44%
Non Domestic Burglary	51	34	-17	-33.3%	2%	12%
Vehicle Crime	43	43	+0	+0.0%	0%	2%
Criminal Damage & Arson	28	27	-1	-3.6%	11%	19%
Violence Against The Person	26	34	+8	+30.8%	35%	35%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	110	105	-5	-4.5%		