

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	Wiltshire Police
Date of Area Board Meeting	1 st July 2013

Headlines

- Following community information received Police Officers from the Chippenham Neighbourhood Policing Team and colleagues executed four warrants under the Misuse of Drugs Act at locations in Chippenham.
- Police worked closely with our partners from Greensquare housing during a coordinated day of action where there were numerous arrests made.
- Effective partnership working has resulted in a local male subject of a County Court injunction aimed at preventing his poor behaviour in the community (with a power of arrest attached to all of the prohibitions) and Greensquare are looking at a breach of tenancy in respect of another male.
- The Police and partner agencies have seen a dramatic reduction in reported anti social behaviour in respect of all four properties since the positive partnership activity.

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- A thief who used stolen number plates to make off without paying for a total of £785 worth of fuel at five garages has admitted his crimes. Police Officers from Calne and Chippenham worked together to identify the male involved after there had been a spate of number plate thefts, the number plates were used to disguise the vehicle being used in numerous petrol thefts. The offender pleaded guilty to all of the thefts and was sentenced at Chippenham Magistrates Courts on 7th June.

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- A mobile CCTV unit has been brought into Chippenham town centre to clamp down on a recent spate of shoplifting. Chippenham Police took action after several High Street stores reported an increasing number of thefts. Officers launched their 'Shopwatch' initiative a few weeks ago, bringing in the CCTV van from Swindon, and it has already resulted in fewer acquisitive crimes in the town centre. We intend to use this valuable tool when available, to support our close partnership work with the town Council and the Emery gate security team.

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- A female from Chippenham who made her neighbours lives a misery has been served with an injunction. Sovereign Housing Association working closely with the NPT requested the injunction following several months of anti-social behaviour. The injunction order, which forbids her from harassing, causing distress or verbally abusing anyone was granted in April by Chippenham and Trowbridge County Court.

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- A mountain bike worth £1,200 was returned to its owners after police came across the burglar in the early hours of the morning. Police Officers were out on patrol at 4am when they saw a man all in black and wearing a beanie hat crossing London Road at Pewsham. The man dropped a set of bolt cutters and the bike he was carrying and ran off. A police dog was brought out and tracked a man across a field but lost his track just before the Derry Hill turning. Although the offender has not been identified, the owner of the stolen push bike was extremely grateful to the Wiltshire police in recovering his stolen property.
- The NPT have been proactively Policing the rural areas following a spate of thefts from sheds and fuel thefts and we have been passing relevant information to our partners and conducting highly visible patrols. The proactive approach in our rural community has seen a dramatic reduction in reported crimes. Work in this area is still ongoing with our intelligence unit and through communication with other Police Forces.
- PC Toni Evans has joined the Neighborhood Policing Team in Chippenham as the rural Community Beat Manager. Toni has a wealth of experience and shares my passion to ensure we continue to increase our visible presence in the rural community, and work closely with Parish Councils. Toni has already set up a scheme whereby representatives from the rural Parish Councils are invited to meetings at our new facilities at Monkton Park, promoting information sharing wherever possible.

Performance

EP Chippenham NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to May 2012	12 Months to May 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to May 2012	12 Months to May 2013
Victim Based Crime	2308	1960	-348	● -15.1%	18%	27%
Domestic Burglary	102	59	-43	● -42.2%	8%	12%
Non Domestic Burglary	174	149	-25	● -14.4%	4%	7%
Vehicle Crime	248	204	-44	● -17.7%	6%	8%
Criminal Damage & Arson	519	417	-102	● -19.7%	11%	13%
Violence Against The Person	395	355	-40	● -10.1%	39%	46%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	350	235	-115	● -32.9%		
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 significantly better than peers for Domestic Burglary in the previous 12 month period (April 2012 - March 2013).						
<small>* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions</small>						