

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Tidworth Community Area Board July 2013



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Sector Commander – Inspector Christian Lange
Team Sgt: Martin Phipps

Tidworth Town

Beat Manager – PC David Griffith
PCSO – Mike Tryhorn

Ludgershall and Rural

Beat Manager – PC Ivor Noyce
PCSO – Maria Downham
PCSO – Philippa Royston

Wellington Academy – Safer Schools Partnership

PCSO – Aaron Heath

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. Performance and Other Local Issues

There have been a few more staff changes to the Tidworth Area Policing Team over the past two months. PCSO Mike Tryhorn, who has been a PCSO in the area for several years has been successful in his application to be a Police Officer with the British Transport Police and leaves the team at the end of July. I am sure that you will join me in wishing him all the best for the future and to thank him for all his work over the past few years. PC Ian Cooke has joined the team for a three month secondment and will be getting to know people in the Tidworth area.

The crimes levels that have been recorded by Wiltshire Police in the Tidworth area continue to be rather static. The increase in non-dwelling burglaries where sheds are broken into continues to be a problem. Owners of sheds, isolated barns or garages are encouraged to take steps to protect their property. One of the most effective preventative measures to take is to ensure that your property is clearly marked with your postcode. Very clearly marked postcodes make it hard for the burglars to sell your property which means that they are less likely to steal it. Your Neighbourhood team will be more than happy to provide you with advice.

We have recently arrested three suspects for a number of burglaries in the area. The suspects were disturbed by the owner of a domestic garage and immediately called police. This meant that the Police Operator was able to provide the correct advice to the victim regarding the preservation of the scene. The dog handler was deployed and was able follow the track left by the offenders and they were all arrested for burglary (one was rather shocked at being confronted by a large hairy police dog!). Their homes were then searched and stolen property recovered.

Anti-social behaviour has continued on its downward trend with an impressive 53% reduction of ASB reports compared to last year. The Neighbourhood Policing Team has been working hard over the past year to tackle the root causes of anti-social behaviour and this is increasingly meant working with parents of some of the young people to ensure that they take responsibility for the ASB caused by their children.

The Neighbourhood Team is planning another 'Operation Engage' where the team patrols rural areas with RMP colleagues and local farmers. We hope to be able to provide you with an update regarding this operation at the Community Area Board meeting. We are also planning an Operation where officers will be patrolling beauty spots looking for vehicles where the owners have left valuables in their cars. Where possible they will await the return of the owners to provide suitable advice. Thefts from vehicles are often avoidable crimes and we are doing all we can to educate motorists of the risks of leaving valuables in their vehicles.

Christian Lange
Sector Commander for Amesbury and Tidworth

CRIME & DETECTIONS (April 2012 to April 2013 compared to previous year)

EL Tidworth NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to June 2012	12 Months to June 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to June 2012	12 Months to June 2013
Victim Based Crime	570	554	-16	-2.8%	20%	27%
Domestic Burglary	15	15	+0	+0.0%	0%	7%
Non Domestic Burglary	48	57	+9	+18.8%	27%	2%
Vehicle Crime	57	63	+6	+10.5%	14%	3%
Criminal Damage & Arson	126	142	+16	+12.7%	21%	25%
Violence Against The Person	169	133	-36	-21.3%	28%	63%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	160	74	-86	-53.8%		

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).

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions