Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Chippenham Community Area Board Monday 5th July 2010



1. Neighbourhood Policing

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Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Ashleigh JONES PCSO – Ali DUNCAN PCSO – Barbara YOUNG

Town North East Team

Beat Manager – PC Rachel WEBB PCSO – Matt DIBBLE PCSO – Mike JONES

Town West Team

Beat Manager – PC Arwen LUCENA PCSO – Lil HOLLAND PCSO – Geoff BIDDALL

Town South Team

Beat Manager – PC Emma HIGGINS PCSO – Toni BROWN PCSO – Aaron ROWE

Rural North Team

Beat Manager – PC Heather BARHAM PCSO – Norman WEBSTER PCSO – Steve BUTLER

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Town Centre:

- ASB Town Centre
- ASB Monkton Park

Town North East

- ASB Cowleaze
- Parking/ Obstruction Sadlers Mead

Town West

- ASB Sheldon Road
- ASB Middlefield Road

Town South

- ASB Pewsham Lodge Shops
- Drugs Charter Road/ Royal Close

Rural North

- Burglaries Villages
- ASB Christian Malford

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.

2 Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

3. Police Authority Representative: Mr Christopher CASWILL

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or <u>http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp</u>

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

Town Centre

ASB Monkton Park

Increased patrols in the park as there have been reports from residents that teenagers are drinking in the park. We have patrolled the park and moved large groups of teenagers out of the park. We have also taken alcohol off teenagers in the park. We are getting fewer reports from the residents. We will continue to patrol the park especially during the summer months. Arrests have been made due to fights breaking out amongst the teenagers, whilst these are rare we are keen to ensure they are dealt with promptly and robustly.

ASB Town Centre

This priority is on going as it also includes the night time economy. Frequent licence checks are being made in the pubs and clubs throughout the town centre. This is to reduce the amount of people that are too intoxicated being served more alcohol. We are also looking at getting pubwatch radios set up for the town centre pubs and clubs which will make it easier to identify people who are too intoxicated or have the potential to cause anti social behaviour. By doing this they will not be able to go into any other pubs and will then hopefully go home. As this is written karma nightclub is being taken to licensing review following

concerns expressed regarding the premises and associated disorder.

Town West

Arsons

A youth has been interviewed regarding the series of arsons in and around Sheldon and Audley Road. He has denied any involvement but was referred to the Junior Firesetters programme with Wiltshire Fire in any case as his parents had concerns for him. There have not been any further reports of arson's in the area and all year group secondary schools have been visited by representatives from police and fire to deliver a lecture on the dangers of arson and the consequences.

Middlefield Road – ASB

The area has been pro-actively patrolled and residents have noticed the increased police patrols in the area. The calls to the area for anti-social behaviour have decreased and there seems to be a marked improvement with children no longer playing in the road. Westlea have funded a project with Kandu Arts for the children from the area and the football activity on Middlefield field is well attended each week. We are working with Westlea with regards to one family who are responsible for causing anti-social behaviour in vehicles in the area and a section 59 warning has been issued for one of the vehicles which has now been seized twice.

Town North East

During the last 3 months we have been dealing with priorities at COWLEAZE, CHIPPENHAM. I can confirm that on Wednesday 2nd June 2 residents were issued with anti-social behaviour injunctions. Where as 3 months ago police were receiving 2 calls a week from other residents complaining about anti-social behaviour, we can now state that in the last 2 weeks we have not received any calls.

Demolition to the old insulation site on COCKLEBURY ROAD has now been completed after police liaison with railway operations management. The council agreed to remove the eyesore as it was starting to become a magnet for graffiti, drug use and low level anti-social behaviour. Site now clear and secure.

Phase 1 of the Highways developments on Hardenhuish Lane have now been completed and phase 2 will commence within the next couple of months. Funds have been secured for an additional zebra crossing to be put in at the top of Hardenhuish Lane, which will make it much safer now for school children to cross over the road from Cepan Park North into Hardenhuish school.

Town South

Pewsham Shops

This priority has been running now for over a year. It was first set up due the high volume of calls in relation to ASB that the Police were receiving. Youths were gathering outside Tesco's and causing a problem for staff and customers. A large amount of work was carried out by Town South, a number of youths involved were

identified. They were banned from Tesco and letters sent home to parents. Town South has continued to monitor this and show a presence in the area. Staff in Tesco has been spoken to on a regular basis and report that things are much better. Youths occasionally still congregate outside the shop but there are no problems.

I have made the ASBRO, Jonathan STIDDARD aware of the number of youths that use the park area. The Council ASB team were looking to put on alternative sports and he was going to put forward Pewsham park as a possibility.

There have been one or two reports of incidents in the area, but these appear to be one off incidents. Based on this we will look to lose this as a priority at the next meeting. Town South will continue to show a presence over the summer months.

Charter Road

This has been running as a priority for the last three months following a lot of intel from residents reporting ASB and drug use.

Since setting this up, Town South have actively patrolled the area and gained some good intel in relation to on-going activities in the area. We have worked with Op Empennage regarding this and two successful warrants have so far been conducted. We are now working with the Housing association in relation to this. Town South are continuing to work with several Housing associations to deal with tenants that are causing a problem for other residents.

We will continue to run this as a priority, a large number of residents are aware of the work that we are doing in the area and we would like to continue the work we have started to improve the area for all. I feel that they have move confidence in reporting incidents to us now.

Rural North

A warrant was executed under the Misuse of Drugs Act at a dwelling in Kington Langley. This proved a very successful operation, acting on community intelligence and as a result Police located a well established cannabis factory set up. A male was arrested and a large quantity of cannabis plants and associated paraphernalia were seized, disrupting the supply of drugs locally and sending a firm message that drugs will not be tolerated in the community.

A Community Support Officer from the rural NPT team located an abandoned van in Sutton Benger, unlocked and unattended and believed it to be suspicious.

He saw a known male with previous convictions for vehicle crime elsewhere in the village, but at the time could not link him to the vehicle. The vehicle details were then checked and following a number of enquiries it was found to be a stolen vehicle. The van was seized and forensically examined which subsequently provided positive forensic results relating to the male originally seen in the area at the time. This was an excellent example of proactive patrol work and the benefit of checking out every detail. Enquiries are ongoing to arrest the suspect.

CRIME & DETECTIONS (JUNE 2008 – MAY 2010 compared to previous year)

| CHIPPENHAM | CRIME | | | DETECTIONS | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|-------------|-------------------------|---------|
| | JUNE 2008 - MAY 2010 | | | | JUNE 2008 - MAY 2010 | |
| | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | + / - | % Change | 2008/09 | 2009/10 |
| Violence Against the Person | 624 | 602 | -22 | -3.5% | 57.7% | 53.0% |
| Dwelling Burglary | 90 | 111 | 21 | 23.3% | 23.3% | 18.9% |
| Criminal Damage | 629 | 651 | 22 | 3.5% | 11.6% | 17.2% |
| Non Dwelling Burglary | 153 | 144 | -9 | -5.9% | 12.4% | 5.6% |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 140 | 173 | 33 | 23.6% | 8.6% | 12.7% |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle | 68 | 44 | -24 | -35.3% | 36.8% | 29.5% |
| Total Crime | 2812 | 2780 | -32 | -1.1% | 30.8% | 30.8% |

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently County Division is performing very well and is ranked 3rd (out of 15) for our overall detection rate and 2nd (out of 15) for our overall crime levels

Anti-Social-Behaviour - reported incidents

| APR-JUNE 2009 | JULY- SEPT 2009 | OCT-DEC 20009 | JAN-MAR 2010 | MONTHLY AVE (09/10) |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 746 | 811 | 606 | 600 | 230 |

5. Abstraction Rate Performance:

The Policing Pledge sets a target of a minimum of **80%** for the time spent by NPT staff on their respective areas. The performance figures for Chippenham for May are:

| SGT % ON AREA | CBM % ON AREA | PCSO % ON AREA |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 95.4% | 88.5% | 99.3% |

Inspector Kate PAIN 20 June 2010 Area Commander