



Bradford-on-Avon Area Board September 2013

Neighbourhood Policing

Current NPT Priorities

Up-to-date information 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

Both PS James Brain and PS Jim Suter continue to manage the NPT & engage with the community as well as our partners.

The following officers from the NPT covering Bradford-on-Avon:

PC Martin Annetts

PC Lee Pelling

PCSO Joe Leeds and

PCSO Andrew MacLachlan.

Overview – N.B. at the time of writing this report up to date data is not available. Any figures quoted in the report are from the force’s ‘Quick View Performance’ report for 1 April to 30 August 2013.

- 1 The reported ‘all crime’ figure for the Trowbridge Sector is a 5% reduction on the previous year. The Sector is one of few in Wiltshire Police to currently show a sustained improvement in this category.
- 2 Of the Home Office group that covers ‘Violence Against the Person’, there is a 13.6% reduction of such reported crimes.

Operation Exit still continues particularly, in the town, on a Saturday night. This is led by the NPT with a focus of high visibility and crime prevention.

- 3 There has been a significant reduction in vehicle crime from the beginning of the financial year. There is a 32.7% reduction compared to the same period of time last year.

It is still necessary though to highlight that there is a real need to secure vehicles and keep personal property out of sight.

A common theme for car users/owners is that vehicles have been broken into when parked around the town area overnight.

Sat Navs have been stolen. A good indicator that a Sat Nav is in the glovebox is the mark left by the holder on the glass. It is advised to use a purpose designed heavy mat that sits in the windscreen as opposed to sticking the holder to the glass or to wipe the windscreen after use.

These suggestions may make an opportunity for a thief less likely!

- 4 Operation Harness is a Wiltshire Police led operation to promote our engagement with local communities through organised days of action.

The operation utilises staff and officers from a wide range of departments and endorses key messages to local communities.

The key message of community engagement is further endorsed through the support from our partners within the wider community and Wiltshire Police welcomes the involvement of our partnership agencies.

We aim to keep all Area Boards and partner agencies up to date with the results of each Operation Harness activity and welcome suggestions from them about future activity in their locations.

- 5 The key concern, at this time of writing, however is the increase in burglary dwellings as opposed to non-dwellings (i.e. sheds, garages) where there is a steady reduction.

Houses being broken into is a concern and Operation Magpie2 is running on a weekly basis to combat this. At present there is a 16.2% increase in such burglaries compared to the same period last year.

Key prevention messages remain as:

- Secure your property
- Mark your property
- Record details of identifiable property and/or take photos of your belongings. This gives the police more of a chance to identify stolen property.

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.

- Move garden furniture so it cannot be used to climb to windows or roofs
- Report suspicions to the police

- 6 One plug

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The Twitter addresses are:

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- 7 By way of a final comment though, I wish to thank all the community for its interaction with the team and Wiltshire Police. We are all part of the community and we need to work together to prevent crime and disorder. The continued support is greatly appreciated.

Lisette Harvey
Sector Commander
2 September 2013