

Devizes Community Area Board

September 2013



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Joanne Spencer

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Chris Mead
PCSO – Paula Yarranton
PCSO – Lucy Sainsbury
PCSO – Luke Woodward
PCSO – Kelly Watts

Rural North Team

Beat Manager – PC Helen Clarke (TBC)
PCSO – Gareth Cole
PCSO – Fiona Marno

Rural South Team

Beat Manager – PC Pete Lawson
PCSO – Oliver Nash

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 website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

3. Police and Crime Commissioner: Mr Angus Macpherson

PCC website: www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

4. Local Issues

Since starting as the Sector Inspector in October last year I seem to continuously report change to the staffing for Devizes area. So in good tradition this report is no different. PC 1566 Emma Reed (Devizes North Rural) had been chasing a transfer to another Police Force for some considerable time. At relatively short notice she was successful in her ambition and resigned from her post. A replacement for PC Reed was already in the pipeline and DC Helen Clarke will commence with the NPT team shortly. I am aware she has been making contact through email by way of initial introduction.

We will most likely lose a few of our Community Support Officers in the New Year as they have been successful in becoming Police Officers. Wiltshire Police will be recruiting into the PCSO role to ensure we maintain our service delivery levels.

The Public Opinion Survey has been published and will shortly be circulated to the Area Board by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for further dissemination.

CRIME & DETECTIONS (August 2012 – August 2013 compared to previous rolling 12 months)

The crime figures reported at the last meeting represented an excellent start to the year. Shortly after presenting these to you all Sector Inspectors were informed that an inaccuracy in the calculations had been detected and the figures were subsequently adjusted. The reason for mentioning this is to avoid

alarm for any visible swing of figures from minus to plus in some categories. Despite this I am very pleased with the continued reduction in most of the significant crime types.

The comparative figures for the rolling twelve months are positive with recorded increases only in domestic burglary and violence against the person.

In real terms there has been an increase of 2 offences of domestic burglary for the period 1st Jan to 9th Sept 2013 compared to the same period last year. The performance figures do show a significant increase in the detections for the current rolling 12 month period, a result of the focus we place on harm causers in our communities.

Violence against the person is slightly more difficult to explain. The figures are made up of reports of both violence with injury and violence without injury. For example an adverse comment or threat made against someone via social media can be recorded as 'violence non-injury' as can an assault where no physical injury is sustained. The NPT team review all violent offences on the sector to analyse where we can be impactful and reduce crime. We work hard to reduce offending linked to the night time economy (pubs, clubs and late night refreshment.) It is more problematic to deal with those offences within family units or behind closed doors. To target this we identifying repeat offences through location or named individuals. Our efforts then concentrate on prevention of further offending.

There has been some media attention for Police activity labelled 'Operation Harness'. This 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 Area Boards about future activity in their locations.

EZ Devizes NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to August 2012	12 Months to August 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to August 2012	12 Months to August 2013
Victim Based Crime	1294	1151	-143	-11.1%	18%	23%
Domestic Burglary	42	53	+11	+26.2%	19%	36%
Non Domestic Burglary	139	137	-2	-1.4%	6%	23%
Vehicle Crime	108	79	-29	-26.9%	9%	1%
Criminal Damage & Arson	302	259	-43	-14.2%	18%	17%
Violence Against The Person	246	298	+52	+21.1%	30%	39%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	511	456	-55	-10.8%		

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

Take reasonable steps to prevent becoming a victim of crime. Lock your property away, record serial numbers on www.immobilise.com take photos of your valuable property for future reference and add additional security measures to your houses and outbuildings. Do not leave valuable property in cars.

Matthew Armstrong
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