

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	Wiltshire Police
Date of Area Board Meeting	6 January 2014

Headlines/Key Issues

Chippenham Police have recently received calls from residents and members of the public regarding drug use and drug dealing in certain areas of Chippenham. After the intelligence was gathered together we were able to take some positive action. Over the last three weeks there has been six drug warrants carried out in Chippenham. One male was arrested from an address in the Pewsham area for possession of cannabis. Another male was arrested from another address in the town centre for intent to supply Class B drugs and a large amount of Class B was seized from the property. Housing Officers for the properties affected were also invited to attend the day of action and were there to assist with any housing issues and boarding up of properties where necessary.

Chippenham Neighbourhood Policing Team and Greensquare Housing have received various complaints from residents of Christian Malford regarding a male that lives in the village. His behaviour was directly affecting his immediate neighbours. Both the Police and Housing have been working in partnership to resolve the situation and keep the neighbours safe. A Police Patrol strategy was implemented to monitor the situation. An Anti-Social behaviour injunction has now been issued and has a power of arrest attached should it be breached. So far this appears to be working well and no subsequent incidents have been reported to us.

Community Speedwatch has been increasingly successful in the villages of Ford and Sutton Benger. Many of the village's residents have been concerned over the speed of traffic on the through roads as these are busy routes. The Rural Policing Team are in regular contact with the Speedwatch Volunteers and often join them in their speed checks/monitoring. PC Toni EVANS has recently been out with the Speedwatch team in Ford and six vehicles were stopped on the A420 for offences including driving whilst using a mobile phone. Since the 2nd of November 61 vehicles have been noted as speeding through Sutton Benger by the Speedwatch Team. All vehicles will be sent a letter and details passed to the Police for future monitoring for repeat offenders.

Chippenham Officers worked closely with Chippenham Town Council for this year's Christmas Light switch on in the town centre on 29th November. Thousands of people attended the event to enjoy food, street performers, fireworks and the Christmas lights being switched on. Extra Policing staff were on duty including Police Officers, Special Constables and Police Community Support Officers to ensure that the event ran smoothly. Police were on foot patrol in the town and were on the lookout for underage drinking and persons causing ASB. The event went very well and road closures carried

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out by the town council ensured that pedestrians were kept safely away from traffic. Chippenham Town Council took the opportunity to get to know residents and gave out freebies below the Buttercross, including 200 mince pies, 100 glow sticks and boxes of Celebrations.

On the 26th of November a vehicle that had broken down at Leigh Delemere Services was reported to the Police as suspicious. Officers attended and spoke with the two males that were with the vehicle. After further investigations with immigration services the males were found to be illegally in the country. The vehicle that they were with was found to be full of alcohol that had illegally been brought into the country, with no duty paid. The males were arrested and a large amount of money was found hidden in one of the male's puffer jacket. The alcohol was seized and was thought to be worth in excess of £2000 The investigation is ongoing with the Wiltshire Police working with our partners.

Current Performance

EP Chippenham NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to November 2012	12 Months to November 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to November 2012	12 Months to November 2013
Victim Based Crime	1950	1687	-263	● -13.5%	24%	23%
Domestic Burglary	71	71	+0	● +0.0%	14%	4%
Non Domestic Burglary	172	112	-60	● -34.9%	2%	11%
Vehicle Crime	205	139	-66	● -32.2%	8%	4%
Criminal Damage & Arson	369	295	-74	● -20.1%	15%	12%
Violence Against The Person	375	327	-48	● -12.8%	43%	35%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	1298	1007	-291	● -22.4%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions