

Pewsey Community Area Board

January 2014



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Vincent Logue

Pewsey West Team

Beat Manager – PC Richard Barratt

PCSO – Joe Sadd

Pewsey East Team

Beat Manager – PC Teresa Herbert

PCSO - Melissa Camilleri

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. Police and Crime Commissioner: Mr Angus Macpherson

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

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

Four weeks will have passed since the submission of this report to attendance at the Area Board. The figures submitted in the crime statistics chart below, for the rolling twelve months, is ever changing and on the 13th January I will report on any further increase or decrease in offences.

October was a relatively poor month for the category of non-domestic burglary. 22 offences were recorded during the month. This was despite the running of an operation focussing on crime in rural areas, which brought additional resources into the Pewsey area during hours of darkness. The type of articles stolen ranged from gardening and building equipment to bicycles and fuel. 12 offences were recorded where nothing was stolen.

Subsequently a male was arrested for stealing batteries from a farm. He was charged to court and the number of offences have dropped significantly. I am working closely with colleagues in the Marlborough, East Swindon and West Berkshire areas who also experienced an increase of volume in this category, considerably more than the Pewsey Sector.

Our focus remains on these significant crime types as well as the more localised issues brought to our attention.

While I focus more holistically on overall performance I want to give the meeting more of a flavour of the work the team are completing. I have therefore asked the beat managers to report on some of their recent activity. Below is just a flavour of what they are doing;

Speed enforcement – Checks completed in Ham, Burbage, East Grafton, Easton Royal, Milton Lilbourne and Great Bedwyn, to date. Two fixed penalty notices issued for excess speed, several drivers advised.

Seatbelt and mobile phone abuse – We have focused upon our four primary schools and conducted visits at relevant times for community engagement with parents and schools – following on from BRAKE – Road Safety Week. Fixed penalty notice issued for no vehicle excise licence and two fixed penalties for no seatbelt. Classroom engagement being planned for the new year.

Driving whilst unfit - one arrested on suspicion of driving whilst unfit through drugs in the Burbage area.

Neighbourhood Watch;

Coordinators have been receiving a monthly police report since August 2013, detailing crimes, updates, our current priorities and an input from our Crime Reduction Officer. We have been busy recruiting more coordinators for our vulnerable locations and are eager to continue information sharing to develop closer partnership working.

Operation Engage;

Two night shifts completed with volunteers from the east villages, issued with police radios who acted as spotters to alert Police in Pewsey and Tidworth areas of vehicle sightings and movements. A number of stop searches completed, no arrests but intelligence gained, great partnership working. We were assisted also by Customs and Excise (who dipped a number of tanks for red diesel), Thames Valley and Hampshire Police.

Canal Watch;

Set this up earlier this year in response to a number of dwelling burglaries to canal vessels in Wiltshire. Community engagement completed and posters distributed along the Pewsey East and West region of the canal. Membership numbers total in excess of 50. The system operates as Farm Watch whereby a text alert is dispatched from the Emergency Contact Centre following a relevant incident.

Restricted byway application; 26 at East Grafton

Following a successful application for a temporary closure of the above byway (responding to the volume of crimes associated with byway abuse of daytime trespass in pursuit of game – criminal damage to farmland; fields, gates and hedgerows, non-dwelling burglaries and threats to farmers) in partnership with East Grafton Parish Council we have submitted (October 2013) an application to Wiltshire County Council for a permanent restriction to three and four wheeled vehicles of this location. Target hardening measures have been discussed with the farming community at East Grafton, Wexcombe and Wilton who have worked tirelessly to secure their field boundaries with ditching, posting and gating. A significant reduction in the volume of offences within this area has resulted.

Antisocial behaviour

Following complaints from local residents, Anti-social use of vehicles at the CO-OP car park was created as a priority. We have been targeting the boy racers and trying to identify ways in which we can reduce the ASB. We have worked with the CO-OP, ASB officers and the Parish Council – a new camera is in the process of being installed to try to identify those causing ASB (as well as to act as a deterrent). Fixed penalty notices have been issued for various offences (including

unnecessary revving of an engine), Vehicle defect refection notices have been issued for defective exhausts, and Section 59 (alarm and distress) warnings have been issued for careless and anti-social use of vehicles.

We have also been visiting sites where we know boy racers to go and we have recently issued a cannabis street warning to two people found with cannabis.

Crime Statistics

EC Pewsey 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	417	434	+17	+4.1%	18%	14%
Domestic Burglary	21	16	-5	-23.8%	29%	38%
Non Domestic Burglary	72	97	+25	+34.7%	1%	1%
Vehicle Crime	70	83	+13	+18.6%	6%	1%
Criminal Damage & Arson	95	75	-20	-21.1%	22%	8%
Violence Against The Person	48	62	+14	+29.2%	48%	58%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	156	135	-21	-13.5%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

I look forward to seeing you all in the early New Year.

Matthew Armstrong

Sector Inspector, Pewsey