

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper

Calne Community Area Board

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1. Neighbourhood Policing Team

Sgt: Ben Huggins

Beat Manager Rural – PC Sonya STOCKHILL

Beat Manager Town – PC Stuart WELCH

PCSO Nicole YATES

PCSO Mark COOK

PCSO Shelley Gray

PCSO Andrew WILLOX

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 the Wiltshire Police Website.

Calne NPT Consultation Surgeries take place every Wednesday between 1400-1445hrs. They take place at the Community Hub, High Street, Calne.

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

Performance and Other Local Issues:

Calne NPT have had a busy few weeks recently with various events taking place in the Town that we have been involved in. The first of these was Calnefest which was, I understand, a really successful event all round. From a Policing point of view Calne NPT set up a search point at the entrance to the festival and used 'Patch' the passive drugs dog to monitor those entering the festival. The vast majority of people were able to enter the site without any issues; however there were 38 people that Patch gave a positive indication on. Of those individuals only one person was found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis. I believe these pro-active operations are a really positive way of sending the message that drugs are not welcome at events in Calne; the fact that only one person was found trying to enter the festival whilst in possession suggests to me that this message is being received and understood by those who may otherwise have tried their luck.

Calne Summer Festival came on the 28th June, and was another fantastic event in the Town. The Policing input for this event was minimal with our assistance only being needed for road blocks and making sure that the Carnival Procession was able to proceed safely. It is always a real pleasure to deal with events like this and to see everyone so positive and upbeat; by the very nature of my job I tend to see the worst side of things that happen in the Town so to be able to take part in the day's proceedings is quite a pleasant change. The highlight of my day

was, without question, seeing Calne Hatman samba dancing with PCSO Cook in the pouring rain! If anybody has any video footage then please get in touch....

In early June there was a dwelling burglary overnight in the Wessington Park area of the Town. There were also several sheds and outbuildings that had items stolen from within them during the same night. Due to diligent members of the public calling us and reporting suspicious activity we were able to establish some leads to follow. Some excellent work the following day involving Calne NPT and the Priority Crime Team lead to the arrest of four people and the recovery of a significant amount of property. Of those four people, three have been charged and are on bail waiting to attend court; the fourth (who was not directly involved in the original offences) was given a caution for Obstructing Police in the course of their investigation. I think it is worth mentioning that these individuals were not from Calne, but from a neighbouring town. These incidents are, thankfully, rare in the town but are taken very seriously when they do occur.

The Calne Bluez and Zuz discos had a break for a few months but the next one is planned for Friday 18th July at John Bentley School, it will be a 'bubble party' with UV lighting which will be something a bit different to previous events.

In relation to the Bluez and Zuz discos I am pleased to announce that the Calne disco's have just been recognised *nationally* in the form of the 'Lord Ferrers' award that was given to the Specials for their role in helping out a the disco's in conjunction with the NPT officers, and the overall achievement of the events. I am sure you will agree that this is a fantastic accolade for the team and that it reflects all the hard work of PCSO Yates, the Specials, and all the other individuals that pull together to make the event what it is.

I made mention in my last report that over the past few months PC Stockhill and PCSO Gray have been working hard to rejuvenate the Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the Calne area. Again I would ask that if you are interested in finding out about Neighbourhood Watch in your area, or would like to become a co-ordinator then please get in touch, we are always looking at expanding our database!

I want to take this opportunity to make mention of the Calne Police Facebook page; this page has been in existence for some time now and currently has over 2000 followers. PCSO Mark COOK does most of the work around the page, quite often when he is off duty too. It is a great way of keeping up to date with what is going on in the town, good and bad. If you don't already follow us on Facebook then search for Calne Police and 'Like' us to receive regular updates. For those of you who may prefer Twitter then much of the same information can be found by following 'Calnecop' I want to take this opportunity to thank PCSO Cook for all the time and effort which he puts into updating this useful and valuable service. Without it we would not be anywhere near as effective in communicating with the general public about what is happening in our town.

Lastly, I have to announce that as of Monday 14th July I am working in a new post at Melksham Police Station heading a new team of officers that will be targeting local priorities across the Central Hub of Wiltshire. This area incorporates Calne so I very much hope that I will continue to do work in the Town and will still be able to see and speak with many of you. PS Ben HUGGINS will be taking my place at Calne NPT, I am sure he would be more than happy to discuss any issues with anybody who wants to get in contact.

EN Calne NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to June 2013	12 Months to June 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to June 2013	12 Months to June 2014
Victim Based Crime	803	713	-90	-11.2%	21%	22%
Domestic Burglary	39	30	-9	-23.1%	15%	27%
Non Domestic Burglary	124	57	-67	-54.0%	2%	28%
Vehicle Crime	72	62	-10	-13.9%	7%	8%
Criminal Damage & Arson	161	166	+5	+3.1%	11%	10%
Violence Against The Person	149	182	+33	+22.1%	46%	31%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	852	621	-231	-27.1%		
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions						

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