

Pewsey Community Area Board

July 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 – Jonathan Mills

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. Performance and Other Local Issues

I would like to welcome PCSO Jonathan Mills to the Pewsey team. Jonathan has moved across from the Marlborough NPT and has been making himself known in the area very quickly. He replaces Melissa Camilleri who has moved to the Devizes NPT.

Pewsey East

Dwelling burglaries

The village of Great Bedwyn has experienced four dwelling burglaries since May, all via insecure windows and doors with, jewellery and cash stolen. Target hardening and security advice has been provided to victims, high visibility patrols conducted and the dog section is assisting with late evening patrols on foot. Regular Police surgeries in the village are planned, using the mobile Police unit; for community reassurance and local access.

Speed enforcement

Concerns have been raised by community members of Easton Royal, Milton Lilbourne and Little Salisbury regarding speeding vehicles throughout this area on the B3087. The NPT will look to focus upon community safety via enforcement and partnership engagement.

An operation was conducted in July, in partnership with Tidworth NPT to disrupt, stop search and deal with offences in relation to the illegal use of controlled drugs. This event was also effective in intelligence gathering and resulted in the issue of a cannabis street warning to one individual.

A rural crime operation was conducted on the evening of 17th August, working in partnership with the Rural Crime Team and Marlborough NPT, covering the Pewsey East villages, in response to an increase in reports of night-time poaching activity and criminal damage to farmland.

Pewsey West

We have been working on our priorities for the period 1st May - 6th August, which was possible drug use and drug dealing in the Wilcot area. We tackled this through targeted patrolling, developing and building on intelligence, & stopping and searching people and vehicles. This priority had been rolled over and during the last period we stopped a vehicle, believed to have been leaving the Wilcot area, where a large quantity of cannabis was found the driver was arrested and subsequently charged with possession of drugs with intent to supply.

Violence Offences

Since 1st June there have been 15 violence offences in Pewsey West. The majority of these have been low level but 7 have been linked to Domestic Violence. 5 have been disputes between people who know each other. Given the persistent nature of most of these matters, we are in the process of working with the individuals concerned, one of the housing associations and the Council ASB officers to try to tackle them. An ASBRAC referral has been submitted for further intervention with two parties and joint visits between police and the housing association have been made to tenants believed to be involved in ongoing disputes.

Burglaries and thefts

Unfortunately there were 5 break-ins in the early hours of 19/07 to premises on the Woodborough Garden Centre site. We have visited each of these premises and have arranged crime prevention advice / intervention with the crime prevention officer to all of those affected. We have changed our shifts on several occasions over the last couple of months to carry out burglary patrols in our area during the night time / early hours of the morning during which several vehicles have been stopped and occupants spoken to.

In the last month there has only been one break-in to a commercial building where nothing was taken - It is thought that this might have been a prank.

ASB

We have had a few new reports of boy racers at the CO-OP car-park. We have started patrolling the area regularly again and involving the CO-OP and Wiltshire Council to try to tackle the problems. During our patrols 14/06, one motorist was stopped for riding a motorcycle with no helmet. He was subsequently issued with an endorsable FPN for this offence and for driving with no insurance. Words of advice have also been given to some motorists and ASB warning letters have been sent out to people believed to be involved in nuisance behaviour.

Neighbourhood Alert

On the 20th August 2014 NHW and Police were in the Coop car park for the launch of community messaging.

Wiltshire Police, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Wiltshire and Swindon, Angus Macpherson and Wiltshire & Swindon Neighbourhood Watch Association are launching this new two way communications tool which people can sign up to at www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk.

Malmesbury, Pewsey, Swindon West and Warminster are the first four neighbourhood policing areas going live on Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging. People who live or work outside these areas can still sign up and they will receive messages as and when their area neighbourhood policing team starts to use Community Messaging.

PCC Angus Macpherson, who is commissioning this new initiative, said: "Both myself and Wiltshire Police Chief Constable Pat Geenty are committed to involving communities in the prevention and reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour, in line with priorities in my Police and Crime Plan and the Force Delivery Plan.

"Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging is an exciting new system allowing the police to send emails, texts and voicemail messages to those signed up. It means we will be able to share information quickly and efficiently with our communities, including Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and members."

People who sign up via www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk will be able to receive messages about policing and crime matters in their area, such as community policing news and events, appeals for information and crime prevention advice.

They will also be able to reply to messages, feeding back information to their local neighbourhood officers to help them in policing their local area.

Wiltshire Police Chief Constable Pat Geenty said: "This is additional tool with lots of potential for us to use to engage, inform and involve our communities in policing and crime matters. This is in line with our ethos to see pro-active, preventative policing becoming a permanent feature within Wiltshire Police and involving communities and more volunteers in policing and crime related issues."

The Office of the PCC, Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire & Swindon Neighbourhood Watch Association have been working together to set up Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging. It is part of a national system called [Neighbourhood Alert](#), which is used by national Neighbourhood Watch and 12 other police forces.

Wiltshire & Swindon Neighbourhood Watch Association Chairman Gwyn Comley said: "We are really looking forward to using this new messaging system, which will mean we have a central database of our coordinators and members. During the sign up process, people are also asked if they wish to be part of or start a new Neighbourhood Watch scheme and I would encourage people to do so. The aim of Neighbourhood Watch is to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen."

Joining Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging is quick, simple and free. There are no contracts, costs or obligations of any kind for anyone who signs up.

To join Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging or to find out more visit www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging will NOT be monitored 24 hours a day. People should always call 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency.

Crime Statistics

EC Pewsey NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to August 2013	12 Months to August 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to August 2013	12 Months to August 2014
Victim Based Crime	443	374	-69	-15.6%	15%	14%
Domestic Burglary	21	15	-6	-28.6%	29%	13%
Non Domestic Burglary	93	69	-24	-25.8%	2%	0%
Vehicle Crime	90	58	-32	-35.6%	1%	3%
Criminal Damage & Arson	78	68	-10	-12.8%	15%	7%
Violence Against The Person	55	71	+16	+29.1%	53%	42%
ASB Incidents	198	212	+14	+7.1%		

Overall crime remains low and the crime statistics chart reflects this. The rise in violent crime is attributable to a few individuals who the NPT are working very hard to disrupt. Linked to the violent crime is ASB and the increase here relates to those same individuals.

Matthew Armstrong
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