

Devizes Community Area Board

September 2014



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Joanne Spencer

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Chris Mead

PCSO – Paula Yarranton

PCSO – Melissa Camilleri

PCSO – Kelly Watts

Rural North Team

Beat Manager – PC Helen Clarke

PCSO – Fiona Marno

Rural South Team

Beat Manager – PC James Sheate

PCSO – Phil Greenaway

There are some key changes to my NPT staff. I would first like to congratulate Luke Woodward and Jemma Butcher who have been successful in becoming Police Officers. They have started their training at Police Headquarters. I am very grateful for the effort they have made within the community and both will be a tough act to follow.

The two staff having that challenge are Melissa Camilleri, an experienced PCSO transferred in from Pewsey and Sarah Greenman, joining as a new recruit and starting on the 22nd September. They are welcome additions to the team and I look forward to working with them

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

The existing priorities set for my team centre around the open space areas of the Green and Hillworth Park for ASB and littering and ASB in Potterne. Continuing activities include patrols, community engagement and working in partnership to resolve both.

Devizes North Rural

Bromham

8th Sept entry was forced to Bromham Social Club and £35 cash stolen.

Rowde

10th Sept a garage was entered by brickwork being chiselled away and a motocross bike was stolen.

Bishop Cannings

6th Aug damage was caused to the window of a vehicle and property stolen from within.

3rd Sept a landrover was stolen.

Coate & Horton

11th Sept entry was made to a garage but nothing reported a stolen.

All Cannings

No reportable incidents

Stert & Etchilhampton

No reportable incidents

Devizes South Rural

Urchfont

No reportable incidents

Market Lavington and Easterton

28th July there were 8 reports of theft of money from foreign students staying as part of an exchange programme.

Worton

No reportable incidents.

Erlstoke

No reportable incidents

Little Cheverill

A property was entered and a dog was stolen.

Devizes Town

With the greatest number of offences being reported under Devizes town or EZ11 beat area there are still significant challenges to reduce crime.

Taking a comparison for a period of 8 weeks from July to September 2014 and looking at the same period last year, there has been a reduction in the number of burglaries; From 61 reported in 2013 to 25 in 2014. The greatest reduction is in the non-dwelling category. Power tools, bicycles and small valuables are most sought after by criminals. Targeting known offenders and effective investigations have led to significant arrests. I would also like to think that communities are also taking opportunities to protect their property so the net effect is reduction in this crime type.

For the same period there has been a reduction in the number of offences linked to night time economies and licensed premises, from 7 to 3. There has also been a reduction in the volume of violent crimes reported from 77 down to 48.

Criminal damage has also reduced from 51 to 21 offences.

In the general category of theft, out of the 92 reported offences, 37 are from retail outlets in the town centre and a focus of attention will be to reduce this significantly, dare I say it, especially in the run up to Christmas.

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

EZ Devizes 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	1159	1218	+59	+5.1%	24%	18%
Domestic Burglary	53	31	-22	-41.5%	30%	3%
Non Domestic Burglary	137	129	-8	-5.8%	23%	2%
Vehicle Crime	79	111	+32	+40.5%	1%	1%
Criminal Damage & Arson	260	197	-63	-24.2%	20%	15%
Violence Against The Person	301	361	+60	+19.9%	40%	27%
ASB Incidents	1043	955	-88	-8.4%		

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