

Devizes Community Area Board

January 2014



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Vincent Logue

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Chris Mead

PCSO – Paula Yarranton

PCSO – Melissa Camilleri

PCSO – Sarah Greenman

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

PC Helen Clarke will be leaving the team in January to take up a post in one of our investigative teams. I am grateful for the effort she has made and contribution to my team. I wish her the very best of luck. PC Andy List has been recruited to replace her and will be joining the team shortly.

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 continue to concentrate on the open space areas of the Green and Hillworth Park for ASB and littering and ASB in Potterne. Our activities include patrols, community engagement and working in partnership to resolve both.

Devizes North Rural EZ12

Bromham

In December there were 6 reported offences of burglary or attempted burglary. It would appear the offender(s) have made a half hearted attempt to gain access and where suitable locks were in place no entry was gained.

Rowde

On the 8th December offenders broke into the village shop and attempted to remove the safe. Due to the alarm sounding nothing was stolen.

Bishop Cannings

15th December a golf buggy was stolen from an insecure garden shed.

Coate & Horton

On the 2nd January a pressure washer was stolen from a secure portacabin.

All Cannings

On the 14th and 15th December damage was caused to feed bags on a farm and also a bicycle was stolen from the front garden of a house.

Stert & Etchilhampton

Nothing to report

Devizes South Rural EZ14

Urchfont

22nd December unknown persons broke into a cage at the village store and stole gas bottles.

Market Lavington and Easterton

No reportable incidents

Worton

No reportable incidents.

Erlstoke

5th December offenders forced entry to the golf club house.

Little Cheverill

No reportable incidents

Great Cheverill

Report of a burglary to a house on the 8th December. Alarm sounded and patio doors found open. No sign of entry being gained, damage to locks and nothing stolen.

Devizes Town EZ11

Since the last Area Board and in the weeks leading up to Christmas I instigated Operation Nicholas to target criminality associated with the town centre and retail theft. There was a reduction of theft by 26% (31/23) and two persistent offenders were sent to prison as a result of Police led activity.

There have been fewer incidents of criminal damage, down by 28 % for the comparative period last year.

Two incidents of violence have been associated with licensed premises. On the 19th December at about 6:30pm a male was assaulted in The Crown, New Park Street and received head injuries. David Walker, 43 years old, was arrested and charged to court with the assault.

On the 23rd December a 34 year old male was arrested for assaulting his partner at the White Bear, Monday Market Street. The suspect remains on bail.

New Year celebrations passed quietly and one male was arrested for being drunk and disorderly. He was dealt with by issues of a penalty notice to the value of £80.

CRIME & DETECTIONS (compared to previous rolling 12 months)

EZ Devizes NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to December 2013	12 Months to December 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to December 2013	12 Months to December 2014
Victim Based Crime	1088	1026	-62	-5.7%	25%	18%
Domestic Burglary	45	41	-4	-8.9%	22%	7%
Non Domestic Burglary	157	125	-32	-20.4%	20%	4%
Vehicle Crime	96	94	-2	-2.1%	0%	1%
Criminal Damage & Arson	255	207	-48	-18.8%	17%	13%
Violence Against The Person	301	295	-6	-2.0%	38%	29%
ASB Incidents	1020	923	-97	-9.5%		

On the 5th February 2015 Community Messaging will be launched in Devizes as part of the final roll out phase across Wiltshire.

Why is Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging being introduced?

Wiltshire Police and the Commissioner is committed to involving communities in the prevention and reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour. Working alongside Neighbourhood Watch, Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging aims to improve the two way flow of information between communities and the police. Another aim of Community Messaging is to help promote Neighbourhood Watch, as people can join or request to start a new scheme when signing up for Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging.

Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging is an online secure system that members of the public, including Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and members, can join to receive messages about policing and crime matters in their area.

Messages can be sent by email, text and voicemail. People can join Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging by visiting www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

What type of messages will be sent?

Messages can be sent from the police by email, text and voicemail. Email will be the main way that the police will send messages with text and voicemail used as and when appropriate due to cost – for example for sending a text to farmers about on-going suspicious activity in an area or sending a voicemail message to vulnerable elderly people about distraction burglaries in their area.

Can Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging be used to report crime?

People can reply to messages to feed back information to their NPT. The system will not be monitored 24 hours a day - always call 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency.

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