

Police Report - Calne Town Council

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3. Performance and Other Local Issues:

Over the previous 2 months, I'm pleased to say that performance levels have remained high. We continue to work towards our 3 NPT priorities (around anti-social behaviour, recreational drug use and rural crime).

Wiltshire Police are currently undergoing a review of our internal management structure, and as a result of this, I have also taken over the management of Corsham NPT with immediate effect, whilst also retaining the management of Calne NPT. Whilst I'm sure this will generate a few concerns, I would encourage everyone to view the positive aspects of the change. Through increasing the amount of officers and staff under my direction, I will be able to allocate more officers to deal with ongoing problems. For example- if we were to suffer a rise in Anti-social behaviour, I can very quickly allocate almost double the number of officers to patrol and deal with the issue. On a daily basis nothing will change, and you will continue to see Pc Stuart Welch and Pc Sonya Stockhill, with their respective PCSO teams, out and about in Calne and the surrounding areas.

Over the previous weeks, we have received reports of a group of persons selling items door to door, and this has generated some concern from local residents. Very often this group of persons attend the area from out of county, and whilst there are possible offences regarding not complying with Pedlars certificates/licences, there is no evidence to suggest that they are planning anything more sinister. We have been made aware of concern raised through social media, and I would encourage members of the public to call 101 if they have concerns regarding any door to door sales persons.

We continue to deal with a wide range of incidents and offences, and we are currently seeing a spike in the amount of persons urinating in the High Street, generally during early hours of the morning. We continue to deal with this through the issuing of fixed penalty

tickets, and we will be looking to involve partner agencies in order to tackle this ongoing problem.

You may recall that in November/December 2014, we instigated a dispersal order in the area of the Pippin. A 19 year old local male, Louis Thomas, was dealt with by Police and was reported to court for failing to comply with the order, after being told to leave the area.

Louis Thomas appeared in Court on the 26th February 2015, where he pleaded guilty to the offence and was ordered to pay costs totalling £205. This shows that we will not tolerate anti-social behaviour in the Calne area, and we will continue to monitor.

On the 10th January, Wiltshire Police dealt with a nasty robbery assault in the town, where a vulnerable 54 year old male was assaulted. Local male Jordan Sweetlove was convicted at court and has been sentenced to 26 months in prison- a good result.

We continue to work with our partner agencies, and PCSO Mark Cook recently spent a day in John Bentley School, delivering a number of Internet safety lessons to students. In addition, PcsO Cook also delivered a lesson around the dangers and concerns of 'sexting'- this was well received by the school and hopefully the advice provided will prevent further issues from occurring.

At the last area board, we launched the new CCTV van. Hopefully you will have seen the van being used and driven around the town- its proving beneficial to us and has been used to monitor anti-social behaviour and late night licensing issues. Over the upcoming months the van will be utilised at local events, such as Calnefest, so feel free to come along and have a look.

Regards

Sgt Ben Huggins.