

Wiltshire Police Pewsey



Pewsey Community Area – January 2010

Sergeant's Update

Neighbourhood policing in the Pewsey Community Area consists of two teams of Neighbourhood Policing Officers. These are servicing the areas of Pewsey village and west (Stanton St Bernard, Marden etc) and Pewsey east (Burbage, Shalbourne etc.). The teams are supervised by Sergeant Ben BRAINE. PC Richard BARRATT (Pewsey West NPT) has recently joined us from the area Response Policing Team replacing PC Emma BROWN, and has been earmarked for development in the role of Acting Sergeant.

October/November 2009 saw heightened Police activity within our community area from your Community beat Mangers and their teams on the evenings on Halloween and Bonfire night. This had a positive effect directly due to the high visibility patrols and their interaction with communities. Reports of anti social behaviour related to these evening events were nil. I am very pleased that the efforts of Officers resulted in a pleasant evening being enjoyed by all.

We continue to work on to rural crime. Included in this subject area are poaching activities which we suffer from year on year. The offenders are invariably from out side of our area and are usually repeat visitors. We believe that they are linked to rural crime in general and I am able to report that during the last three months we have had 8 reports from our rural community out of which 2 arrests have been made resulting in one caution and one charge/bail to court. Our interdiction activities continue in this specific area with the long term intention being to disrupt the activities and movements of rural criminals.

Our most notable recent success is the apprehension of a night time burglar who had specifically travelled to Pewsey to break into a vulnerable persons house. Fortunately the offender was disturbed in the process of searching the house and left empty handed. Subsequent investigation identified an offender from the Salisbury area who was arrested, charged, and remanded in custody.

We operate Police Surgeries within Pewsey, and plan to have an officer travelling with the mobile library across the area. This will enable us to build links with previously overlooked parts of our community. These meetings form part of our formal public meeting process and include not only Parish Councils to Area Boards but also include many informal local gatherings and community events. You can find details of all our forthcoming meetings, using the link to our website listed above. Come along and meet your team.

Ben BRAINE

Sergeant, Marlborough and Pewsey Neighbourhood Policing Teams

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PRIORITIES AND ONGOING ACTIVITY

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Police Report - 22/12/09

The past three months October to December 2009 has seen an overall reduction of Anti Social Behaviour in most villages - reduced or stopped altogether. The main cause for concern now is Great Bedwyn and steps are being taken to resolve the problem. Great Bedwyn are opening a youth club within the building of The British Legion and there are enthusiastic staff running it which hopefully will bring the recalcitrant youths off of the streets and into the club.

Crime has been steady throughout the area with minimal violent crime, however burglaries in Burbage and Great Bedwyn have shown cause for concern. Police Reports have been submitted to both community Parish Magazines warning the residents of the problem and the need for them to ensure their property and vehicles are properly secured with any valuable items removed from sight if in a car, house lights switched on and curtains drawn if the occupants are out of their homes during the hours of darkness. Preventative Patrols will continue by both Neighbourhood Policing Teams and General Police Teams.

My PCSO - Coralie Nash - is now on light duties within the office as she is "with child", but arrangements have been put in place for a temporary replacement

PRIORITY : Oct - Dec 2009 : Anti Social Behaviour – Railway Station, Great Bedwyn

The problems regarding Anti Social Behaviour in the area of the Railway Station at Great Bedwyn has diminished over the past three months with high visibility patrols by both Wiltshire Police and British Transport Staff. A Police report was also submitted to the Great Bedwyn Parish Magazine informing parents of the problems and dangers relating to the Railway being used as a playground. The end result is that the problems these youths created has been resolved.

However the problem of Anti social Behaviour within Great Bedwyn itself has not gone away and this will be subject of a further PRIORITY at the PANG meeting on 20th January 2010

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PRIORITY- Oct – Dec 2009 : Beauty Spot Thefts : Throughout the Pewsey Vale

This problem has, in the main, ceased as it is a seasonal offence when people are enjoying the Countryside and the many tourist attractions in the area of the Pewsey Vale. Due to the targeted patrols and the placing of notices warning motorists of this type of offence the amount of offences has been reduced so can be considered a success. This Priority will finish at the Pang meeting on 20th January 2010 but I can see it being Prioritised again in the Spring

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PRIORITY: Traffic Related – Wilcot Road, Pewsey

Following substantial consultations the directional priority of Wilcot Road was changed from two ways, to one way with the flow of traffic being up Wilcot Road away from the village centre. Considerable abuse of this one way system had been reported which were substantiated by the results of a site survey. Representation to Wiltshire Highways resulted in additional work being carried out on signage and the indication of road priorities. All parties agreed there was much improvement but this is not supported by the continued abuse of the one way system.

Following a second site survey and targeted patrol work by Officers in Wilcot Road over a period of weeks no vehicles were stopped having driven against the one way system. The continued work and NPT presence appear to have resolved the problem and this priority will be closed.

PRIORITY: Theft and Criminal Damage – Allotments, Wilcot Road, Pewsey

This priority was adopted following a Pewsey Area Neighbourhood Group (PANG) meeting. Reports from allotment holders in that area indicated a series of thefts of vegetables and criminal damage to plants and other related items were occurring. We

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recognised the impact of these anti social activities on the community in respect of the effort involved and the potential for financial loss.

Regular high visibility patrols have been conducted within the area also encompassing the adjacent community on the old hospital site. There have been no further reports of damage or theft since the patrols started, and the additional visible patrols in the adjacent housing area have reinforced links with younger elements of our community. This priority will be closed.