

**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper  
Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community  
Area Board  
6<sup>th</sup> October 2010**



## 1. Neighbourhood Policing

**Area Commander: Inspector Steve Cox**

**Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant: Sgt Martin Alvis**

### **Wootton Bassett Town Centre Team**

Beat Manager – PC Nick Spargo

PCSO – Jim Wale

### **Wootton Bassett Rural Team**

Beat Manager – PC Steve Porter

PCSO – Andy Singfield

Ministry of Defence Police Unit Beat Officer (Lyneham) – PC Jarra Brown

### **Cricklade & Purton Team**

Beat Manager – PC Chris Skey

PCSO – Nicola Allen

PCSO – Richard O'Halloran

## 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 always be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

## 3. Police Authority Representative: Mrs Carole Soden

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or

<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

## 4. Performance and Other Local Issues

I have received numerous enquiries with regard to the disbandment of the Wiltshire Camera Road Safety Unit (CRSU). I would like to take this opportunity to reassure the community that although you will no longer see a mobile speed camera van parked in your village, you will still have the enforcement options of the Wiltshire Roads Policing Unit and my own Area Officers. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2010, all my Community Beat Managers were trained in the use of two types of hand held speed detection devices, thereby enabling them to tackle speed offences in your town and villages.

I would also like to reassure you that the closure of the CRSU does not change any of the processes around Community Speed Watch. Therefore if you operate a Community Speed Watch scheme in your area, you are able to continue to do so. If you would like to

adopt the scheme, you are also able to do so. We have had some outstanding results within my Sector over recent weeks, namely five drivers were monitored on three separate occasions exceeding the speed limit. The vehicle details were passed to the Wiltshire Police Roads Policing Unit who targeted these drivers, the result of which was three being caught speeding and issued with fines and penalty points on their driving licences.

### Final Note

With the last few weeks of the warm weather in front of us, there is still a possibility of seeing an increase in opportunist burglaries. This is often due to windows being left wide open with no person being present in the property, offenders are able to enter a property quickly and remove easily obtainable items such as handbags, laptops etc.

There are 2 areas where all the community can help reduce this type of offence:

- Report any suspicious activity to police as soon as possible.
- Always close and lock all windows and doors when you are not in the room, especially when leaving the house or in the garden. Double-check that doors and windows are locked at night before you go to bed.

Please do all that you can to stop thieves targeting your homes? Prevention is always better than cure!

### CRIME & DETECTIONS (MAY 2009 – APRIL 2010 compared to previous year)

WOOTTON BASSETT SECTOR						
WOOTTON BASSETT	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	SEPT 2008 - AUG 2010				SEPT 2008 - AUG 2010	
	2008/09	2009/10	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	170	137	-33	-19.4%	51.8%	51.8%
Dwelling Burglary	44	56	12	27.3%	31.8%	17.9%
Criminal Damage	374	259	-115	-30.7%	19.0%	8.1%
Non Dwelling Burglary	105	150	45	42.9%	11.4%	6.0%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	80	59	-21	-26.3%	18.8%	5.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	18	21	3	16.7%	16.7%	14.3%
Total Crime	1167	1093	-74	-6.3%	26.0%	19.5%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently County Division is performing very well and is ranked 1st (out of 15) for our overall crime and 5th (out of 15) for our overall detection levels

### Anti-Social Behaviour – reported incidents

JUL - SEPT	OCT-DEC	JAN-MAR	APR-JUN	MONTHLY
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2009	2009	2010	2010	AVE (09/10)
326	253	183	222	246

**Inspector Steven Cox (23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010)**  
**Area Commander**