

Pewsey Community Area Board

July 2015



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Clare Wallace

Pewsey West Team

Beat Manager – PC Richard Barratt
PCSO –

Pewsey East Team

Beat Manager – PC Teresa Herbert
PCSO – Jonathan Mills

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. Performance and Other Local Issues

- Beauty spot thefts are starting up again now that the summer is approaching. We have been working to educate locals and visitors to the area not to leave any valuables in their vehicles, including placing items in the boot. Unfortunately people are still leaving handbags and rucksacks under clothing or moving items to the boot space and several vehicles have been broken into recently. We are working on an education campaign that any valuables are not secure left in any area of the vehicle and items will be stolen from the boot as well as the main body of your car.
- We are still suffering from non dwelling burglaries throughout Wiltshire and continuing to have breaks to outbuildings and sheds, though it has fallen from last month. We have spent time highlighting this priority to offer help and guidance on security and please contact us should you need any assistance.
- On 28th May a major operation was run, where seven men, believed to be members of a gang, which is accused of stealing money and damaging property of up to £1 million, were arrested by police in early morning raids on properties across two counties.

3 people were charged with multiple offences, including 19 burglaries in the Pewsey area. The 4 other people arrested have been released on bail while further enquiries take place. The 3 males charged were remanded in custody.

Full details of this operation can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/news/1559-arrests-made-after-raids-across-wiltshire-and-gloucestershire-today> and <http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/news/1562-three-people-charged-following-raids-in-wiltshire-and-gloucestershire>

- During the last few weeks we have received multiple complaints of vehicles in the Pewsey area and surrounding villages, acting suspiciously and stealing items from people's gardens. Two separate vehicles were located over a period of days and 6 males from the Birmingham area were arrested. Some charges have already been made, whilst enquiries continue in relation to other complaints.
- A male has been identified through DNA as being responsible for breaking into a vehicle at the start of May in The Crescent, Pewsey and is currently being dealt with by PC Barratt. .
- A serious assault took place on two people in the early hours of Sunday 14th June at Honeystreet, Pewsey. A 66 year old man has been arrested and is currently on bail while further enquiries continue with Melksham CID.
- A male was assaulted at an address in Great Bedwyn during the afternoon of Sunday 14th June and a 20 year old female has been arrested. Enquiries are continuing in relation to this matter.
- At the beginning of June a local male was arrested after an allegation of criminal damage was made, in relation to a vehicle in Goddard Road.
- At the start of 2015 a report was made of hare coursing and criminal damage being committed at a farm in Chirton. PC Herbert investigated this incident and identified the vehicle and driver, carrying out extensive enquiries. This hard work resulted in the driver being convicted at court at the end of May and being ordered to pay compensation for the offences committed.
- On 26th May a 25 year old male was located in Wilcot in possession of cannabis and amphetamines. He was cautioned for these offences.
- Last week a collision occurred at Wilcot, where two teenagers were struck by a vehicle. The female driver of the vehicle was arrested after failing to provide a specimen of breath when requested. She is currently on bail pending further enquiries.
- Our current priorities for both East and West sectors will be on burglaries and speeding. We would like to increase our work with community speedwatch teams and will be looking to do this over the summer months.
- We are continuing to use social media and community messaging and are receiving good feedback from the community. We would like more residents and businesses to sign up to community messaging at <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

Comparative figures for the rolling 12 month period

EC Pewsey NPT	Crime			
	12 Months to May 2014	12 Months to May 2015	Volume Change	% Change
Victim Based Crime	447	400	-47	-10.5%
Domestic Burglary	22	11	-11	-50.0%
Non Domestic Burglary	88	80	-8	-9.1%
Vehicle Crime	79	76	-3	-3.8%
Criminal Damage & Arson	83	72	-11	-13.3%
Violence Against The Person	60	63	+3	+5.0%
ASB Incidents	221	198	-23	-10.4%

Matthew Armstrong

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