



Community Policing Report Area Board – 23rd November 2017

Corsham

Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report. I would like to take this opportunity to talk about a new proactive team that has recently been introduced in to the Community Policing model.

The team consists of a Detective Sergeant, nine Police Officers and two Local Crime Investigators, that are responsible for the Central Hub, which covers the North and West areas of the County.

Whilst assisting the Community Policing Team, their core responsibilities include:

- Proactively tackling any ongoing crime / antisocial behavior series, which are highlighted within the weekly tasking meeting that is chaired by Inspector Mark Luffman. These series are raised by the local officers on the front line, and proactively targeted to prevent any escalation
- Locate and arrest outstanding offenders
- Manage any local enquiries relating to our serial perpetrators, also referred to as SWITCH nominals
- Following on from the matters raised in the weekly tasking meeting, gather intelligence which will facilitate in obtaining warrants from the court relating to drugs, stolen property and other issues
- Carry out drug warrants with assistance from the Community Policing Team
- Tackling ongoing community issues

The Proactive Team has been in place since the beginning of August 2017, and has already produced some fantastic results. Across the Central Hub they have made 39 arrests which have assisted us in being able to charge a number of offenders. Example of some of their great work include:

A warrant was executed at Thingley caravan site near Corsham and £30,000 worth of Network Rail cabling was located. The Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act warrant was executed at the site in the early hours of 26 October. As well as the cabling, three dismantled firearms (shotguns) were recovered and were sent away for testing and forensic analysis. A cannabis cultivation set-up was also located however the cannabis had been moved. All these finds were located on public land and not attributable to any of the residents. Detective Sergeant Anthony King said: “This was a positive warrant – although no arrests have been made, a large amount of cabling was seized and this is being investigated by British Transport Police as it is believed it belongs to Network Rail.

“Three shotguns were also seized from the site and enquiries are ongoing. “Community intelligence is key to tackling crime within our neighbourhoods and we would always encourage anyone with information to call 101.”

Operation AZTEC The National Firearms Surrender takes place this Autumn. Police want to collect as many guns as possible during the campaign. Hand in any unwanted or illegal firearms to one of the designated police stations at Melksham, Trowbridge, Bourne Hill, Marlborough, Monkton Park or Gablecross.

Operation ARTEMIS is the force response to all aspects of Poaching. This sits under the nationally recognised operation of *Project Trespass*.

Project Trespass is an initiative to provide a co-ordinated response to poaching which was launched on 1st October 2013 by the England and Wales Poaching Priority Delivery Group and aims to co-ordinate action across England and Wales through:

Prevention – Offering best advice to farmers, landowners, gamekeepers, shooting and land management organisations regarding measure to put in place to prevent poaching and disruption mechanisms.

Intelligence – To allow the police to target offenders.

Enforcement – With good intelligence the police can target poachers through the various rural and poaching based operations run throughout England and Wales.

Reassurance – By working together and by publicising actions such as activity, arrests, seizures and convictions.

Operation *ARTEMIS* is the 'brand' to be used when confronted with a poaching problem within Wiltshire. This will be conveyed to the Rural Communities across Wiltshire, who will be encouraged to use this name when reporting incidents. Reporting guides will be sent out to all farm watch members and repeat victims.

We hope you find these updates useful, for the latest news, crime prevention advice and appeals please follow us on:

Twitter <https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>

Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police.



COMMUNITY MESSAGING

We are constantly reviewing our visibility and how we can develop this and work with our communities.

We cannot physically be everywhere all of the time and we want to ensure consistent information with our communities and to be able to provide the information that matters to you when you need it. There has been some good feedback from our new way of working using Community Messaging so please sign up and use it. <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

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Our CPT priority: Persistent offenders and ongoing issues affecting the Community in line with our Force Control Strategy. Priority Offenders are established at a weekly Sector meeting, as a result priorities and taskings are raised as a way to effectively manage live intelligence and priorities that are developing in the northern hub.

CONTROL STRATEGY

Below is our control strategy for your reference. This focuses on where how we conduct our operational Policing based on the Police & Crime Plan. We will continue to align our resources with the threat/harm/risks presented in line with the control strategy.

- Domestic abuse, Cyber Crime, Organised criminality, County lines and the criminally exploited, Dangerous and persistent offenders, Child sexual exploitation and abuse, Modern Slavery and human exploitation.



LOCAL CRIMES

12/09/2017 21:30 Unknown suspects have stolen a two flower fountain from the front garden in Broadmead.

14/09/2017 15:00 - 14/09/2017 16:30 Unknown suspect(s) have cut the exhaust in two places and stolen the catalyst convertor from a grey Nissan Quahqui parked on Hither Way.

15/09/2017 08:40 - 15/09/2017 08:50 An unknown suspect has driven into the back of a grey Mini Countryman Cooper which was parked on Broadwood Avenue causing damage, and then driven from the scene without leaving any details.

15/08/2017 00:00 - 15/09/2017 09:00 Unknown suspect has regularly scratched the driver side of a black Vauxhall Corsa in Yockney Close.

19/09/2017 09:00 - 20/09/2017 09:00 Unknown suspects have damaged the back grill as a way of gaining access to a restricted mine on Monks Lane.

21/09/2017 18:00 - 21/09/2017 21:50 Unknown Suspect/s have stolen a 9m x1m pair of hardwood 5 bar gates from the front of a property in Notton to the value of £2,000.

22/09/2017 08:00 - 22/09/2017 09:05 Unknown suspect(s) have forced the back door of a residence on Charles Street open to gain access. The suspect has then conducted a messy search of the property and stolen personal belongings from the residence and stole 2 x TV's and various gifts.

22/09/2017 13:05 - Unknown male suspect has entered the Factory Shop and selected a pair of jeans and a fleece from the display. Male has entered the changing rooms and is seen short time later wearing the jeans. He has then left without making payment. Enquiries are ongoing.

23/09/2017 13:00 - 24/09/2017 10:00 Unknown suspect(s) has attempted to break in to the pavilion on Leafy Lane, Rudloe and has caused damage to the top of the "half" door. No entry was gained.

24/09/2017 11:49 - 24/09/2017 11:57 Staff have noticed a boxed floor cleaner missing from a display stand within the Factory Shop. Staff checked the CCTV which shows a male and female enter the store, male can be seen walking out of the store without paying for the floor cleaner. Enquiries are ongoing, the floor cleaner stolen TVO £99.

30/09/2017 12:30 - 30/09/2017 12:40 The owner was invited to take her goods to a fair trade event, she was unable to carry everything in so left some of the property at rear of the building on her return numerous items had been stolen. 2 x ducks at £35 each, 2 x cockerels at £25 each 1 x heron £35 3 x baby ducks £12 each 2 x medium ducks £20 each. This took place outside Springfield Community Campus, Corsham. Upon further investigation it would appear that they may have been taken by mistake as those captured on CCTV possibly thought that this was an 'exchange' event.

01/10/2017 13:15 - 01/10/2017 15:25 Unknown suspect has "keyed" a blue VW Polo which was in the High Street car park. The damage includes 1 long straight scratch across the drivers door.

03/10/2017 16:30 - 03/10/2017 22:00 There was a craft fair at Corsham Community Campus and a quantity of wooden necklaces TVO £80 have been stolen by unknown person(s).

03/10/2017 16:30 - 03/10/2017 22:00 Unknown person have attended an exhibition of local arts and crafts at Corsham Community Campus, various items of jewellery taken from the victims stall TVO £300.

06/10/2017 07:31 – Officers arrested a male from THINGLEY on suspicion of two Fraud offences which took place in Avon and Somerset, he was also found to be in possession of a small amount of Cannabis. He has been released from Custody under Investigation.

09/07/2017 03:00 - 10/07/2017 07:15 Two known suspects have taken a large tractor tyre from the playing fields on Leafy Lane, Rudloe. TVO £100

17/10/2017 11:45 Forged £50.00 bank of Ireland note has been handed in over the shop counter for payment of goods at McColls, High Street, Box and the staff member has taken and retained it as payment.

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

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19/10/2017 08:00 - 19/10/2017 08:50 Unknown suspects have gained access to a house in Meadland and have stolen jewellery.

22/10/2017 03:15 - 22/10/2017 04:53 Unknown suspect has stolen a golf buggy from the Wadswick Green grounds.

21/10/2017 22:00 - 22/10/2017 13:30 Unknown suspect(s) have scratched a blue Renault Scenic which was parked on Dickens Avenue overnight causing damage right through to the bodywork.

25/10/2017 1400 -1415 hours, Unknown suspect entered Co-op, Martingate, Corsham and stole a basket full of alcohol. Male described as white male, bald head, wearing grey tracksuit with hooded top. Male was seen to get into a silver Renault Clio with a female driver (no description for driver).

28/10/2017 1430 hours, Two unknown females entered Whitehall Garden Centre and removed various Christmas related items from store display and placed them in shopping trolley and then wheeled trolley out of store without attempting to pay. Items TVO £200. Suspects loaded items into a vehicle parked in disabled bay parked outside the store. The suspects are described as first female – white female, 50 years, white hair, 5ft 2” medium build, grey scarf, black trousers, dark jacket and wearing sunglasses. Second female – white female, dyed hair (possibly purple) 5ft 2”, medium build, grey jacket, red top, large white scarf with tassels, skin tight ripped jeans, black gloves and wearing flip flops.

Burglaries - Corsham remains a very safe place to live even though we have had a small amount of dwelling burglaries also some vehicle crime reported to us in Corsham. If you have an elderly family member/relative/neighbour, do please advise them not to allow themselves to be distracted at their front door, to place the safety chain on before opening and if those involved do not have identification, do not let them into your home and call the Police.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind members of the public to keep their properties secure and valuables safe. Do keep serial numbers of high value goods and or photos of the items in particular jewellery. Often stolen items are more easily identifiable if they are uniquely marked. Do be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Police at the time of happening to ensure that they can attend.

Warrants – A Section 23 Misuse of Drugs warrant was executed at an address in Charles Street, Corsham. An adult male and female were arrested and are currently released under investigation. We continue to develop intelligence to assist with the preparation of further warrants in the future, so they may be executed in line with the Force Control Strategy.

Cold Callers

They are doorstep callers who target areas offering small household products for sale. These callers may claim to be ex-convicts attempting to mend their ways or working with the probation service, however they may not be part of any recognised rehabilitation scheme. Please warn your neighbours, particularly elderly or vulnerable neighbours, not to open the door to strangers or buy or sell on the doorstep. If a caller is not genuine, they may be gathering information for future crime. Many people will purchase items and pay them something, just to get rid of them. There have been cases of elderly residents handing over large sums as these lads can be very persistent and confrontational. The addresses of elderly and vulnerable people are all noted. **TURN THEM AWAY Ring 101** if they are not carrying appropriate ID and a Pedlars Licence.

Rogue Traders - Visit [buy with confidence](#) to find a list of trusted traders in your local area.

Householders are asked to remember the following advice:

- Not sure? Don't open the door!
- Check the identity of the doorstep caller by telephoning the company they are purporting to be from. Use telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider.
- Check whether traders are members of the Consumer Codes Approval Scheme or the Government Trust Mark scheme.
- Discuss any work you feel needs carrying out on your property with a relative or friend who can help you find a reputable trader.
- Don't agree to any work or sign anything on the spot. Do not be pressured into having any work carried out.
- Never pay cash up front and never go to the bank or cash point with a trader.
- If you suspect a rogue trader is at your door then call 999.

Other – This is a very busy time of year with various events leading up to the festive period, Halloween, Firework Displays, Christmas Lights Switch on. CPT Officers attended the Remembrance Parade.

Officers are encouraged to continue with Licensed Premises Checks in Corsham.

The Force now has a dedicated cybercrime Facebook page. Lee Stripe of Wiltshire Police would be willing to deliver a powerpoint presentation, if there are any local businesses who would value having this information do please e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham CPT Facebook has 1866 followers. Please join us either on Facebook or Community Messaging.

Police Cadets who are aged 13-16 years of age can attend local events and assisted with community engagement, they are very keen to get involved in future events, please e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

If you are planning any event and require assistance from the Police to assist, please e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk in advance as you may be required to complete an 'Events Form' and there may also be a cost incurred to ensure that you have dedicated officers throughout. If you would like the Cadets to assist with community engagement at events please e-mail the address above, there is no charge for this.

EVENTS... Don't forget that a toolkit is available from Wiltshire Council which gives fantastic guidance and advice for organizing most types of events, including topics ranging from traffic management to toilets, and gives contact details for which agencies and departments need to be contacted when applying for various licences or road closures. It can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf>, In essence, all organisers must be responsible for identifying any risks and putting in measures to remove or reduce them.

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POLICE COMMUNICATION

In an emergency call 999

Call 999 if you need an immediate response because:

- A crime is in progress.
- You or someone else is injured or there is a threat to life.
- A serious road traffic collision has taken place.
- Violence is being used.

Call 101 for less serious matters

- To report a crime or issue that does not require an immediate emergency response
- You or someone else are not in immediate danger
- You would like to speak to your local police officer
- You want to provide information about a crime

Stop a police officer or PCSO

Although we cannot take reports of crime on the street we are happy to receive information and give advice.

E-mail

Your local officer can be contacted by e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Website

There are a number of forms available on www.wiltshire.police.uk where you can pass information.

Crimestoppers

Information can be passed anonymously via Crimestoppers. They can be contacted at crimestoppers.org.uk or via telephone on 0800 555 111. Their website also provides useful information and crime prevention advice

Facebook

Each town within the Community Policing Team has its own Facebook page, where you can find information about what has been happening in the area. We are unable to take reports of crime through Facebook.

The e-mail address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing Team is
cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.police.uk

Please phone 101 (non emergency) or 999 (emergency) to report any incidents or crimes, reports cannot be taken via the above e-mail address.

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