



## **Corsham Community Policing Report Area Board – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

### **County Lines - the true picture**

"The impact drugs have on individuals and communities can be devastating - they can destroy lives and vulnerable people are being threatened and exploited, often in their own homes."

The words of Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, following a County Lines week of intensification work by Wiltshire Police focusing on the young and vulnerable who are often targeted by large, unscrupulous drugs' gangs coming from larger cities.

Officers from the Force's Dedicated Crime Team and Community Policing Teams carried out welfare checks on a number of addresses in the county. As a result:

13 vulnerable juveniles were identified and engaged with.  
25 vulnerable adults were identified and engaged with.  
19 "cuckooed" addresses were visited.

Also, ten men were arrested, a total of over £3,500 in cash, approximately 60 wraps of drugs and a machete were recovered during the national week of action (Monday 21 to Sunday 27 January 2019) lead by the National Crime Agency and National Police Chiefs' Council.

Angus said: "When it comes to County Lines, it is concerning to know that so many vulnerable people can be caught up in what is a destructive cycle - being enticed by promises of gifts, money and perhaps a better life to push drugs and ultimately more misery on other vulnerable people. However, it's heartening to see the good work Wiltshire Police is doing and the positive results it is getting as it continues to work with partners to help reduce harm and prevent crime caused by substance misuse.

"I support a number of partners who work with vulnerable youngsters and adults to help them break the cycle of drugs and ultimately County Lines. They are as follows:

**Wiltshire Youth Offending Team (YOT)** - Laura Mayes, cabinet member for children's services, said: "Wiltshire YOT has worked closely with police colleagues to develop a Youth Restorative Intervention Panel, which is focussed upon early identification of young people at risk of exploitation or entering the criminal justice system.

"The panel aims to identify appropriate support and intervention for young people and their families, to reduce the pull into criminal behaviours and divert young people away from groups or individuals who may exploit them.

"We are stronger when we work together using all the resources at our disposal to protect our young people.

"These initiatives will help us pinpoint those factors that can lead to problems down the line and ensure we provide that support and guidance to steer young people away from a life of crime."

Mike Grizzell, the manager of Wiltshire's young people's drug and alcohol service, **Motiv8**, said: "County Lines operations target young and vulnerable people, so it's something we're sadly seeing more and more of at Motiv8.

"We work in partnership with agencies, including the police, to educate and safeguard young people to prevent harm from drugs and/or alcohol and associated activities. This helps to disrupt gang activity and reduces not just the market for drugs but also the number of young people who can be exploited into selling drugs.

"Our service is free and confidential, and we aim to provide a flexible and non-judgemental space for young people to be open about the problems they are facing."

Ben Judd, Senior Operations Manager at **Turning Point**, said: "IMPACT, Turning Point's Swindon and Wiltshire service, provides support, information and treatment to anyone over 18 with drug and/or alcohol problems. We have been working closely with Wiltshire Police and other local partners to ensure that any victims of the County Lines, that may have a substance misuse problem, are aware of the support that is available to them and fast tracked into treatment if needed.

"If you are worried about your or someone else's drug or alcohol use, call us: Swindon - 01793 328150; Trowbridge - 01225 341520; Salisbury - 01722 343000."

Angus added: "Working with partners is crucial to tackle this problem - but we also need the residents of Wiltshire and Swindon to help us combat drug supply. The police often rely on information from the public to build up an intelligence picture. Please continue to help by reporting any information to 101."

### **Police dogs Tyke and Max retire after successful careers at Wiltshire Police**



Two of our most popular police dogs bid a fond farewell to Wiltshire Police last month and are now settling into retirement having devoted years to fighting criminals and protecting our communities. Having clocked up almost 15 years of service between them, police dogs Tyke and Max have now stepped aside for the new pups in town. PD Tyke has worked alongside PC Cindy Hargreave since he was licenced back in 2013. Now he has retired, he will continue living with PC Hargreave, who has just started training with a new puppy called Betty.

"My first shift with Tyke was an evening shift, and you always worry if the dogs will perform for real, like they do in training," she said.

"We were lucky to get an early result as we attended a report of a burglary in progress at a pub in Swindon, where two men had been seen leaving the back of the pub and into woodland. I deployed

Tyke for a straight chase and he secured one man some distance away. The man was arrested by officers and while we headed back to the pub for a search, Tyke dragged me into the undergrowth and started growling. He'd found the second offender."

Not only has he had positive results when it comes to locating offenders, PC Hargreave describes Tyke as her life saver, after he protected her when a man charged at her with a petrol barrel while she was dealing with another man armed with an iron bar during an illegal rave.

"Tyke had seen the danger before I did, and he deployed onto the man's arm, bringing him to the ground and holding him there until a support team arrived," said PC Hargreave.

"He really did prevent me from receiving a very serious injury.

"Tyke is full of character. He's goofy as well as being tenacious, he has the ability to be sociable but always switched nicely to being a Police Dog when required. He was a driven, determined and strong willed police dog, but most of all just wanted to please and work. Something which, now he's retired, is not sitting well with him, especially when he has to stay at home when I go to work, but the welcome I get when I return home is the best.

"Tyke was the best team mate and partner I could ever have wished for."

Also hanging up his harness for a well-earned rest is Police Dog Max, who worked alongside PC Tracy Doughty. She became his handler when he reached the age of four.

PC Doughty said: "During my first shift with Max we had a report of two men decamping from a car in Swindon. We attended and Max got on the scent straight away. Both men ran and Max chased one who sensibly gave up! The second man evaded us for a while but we found all the property he had dumped and then eventually found him."

One of Max's proudest moments as a police dog was locating offenders involved in a series of burglaries in Swindon, as well as receiving two awards where Max's skills were pivotal to locating a suspect.

"Max has a very strong presence," said PC Doughty.

"He's a big boy with a few battle scars and a very big mouth. His bark is felt deep in your stomach. He has been challenging to work with but he's a big softy really, and I'll miss his 'verbal opinion'.

"He will remain living with me, and he is already loving being inside on the sofa. He's looked after me, so it's up to me now to do the same for him."

Tyke's replacement is PPD Betty, while Max will be replaced by PPD Rudi.

They are currently in training with PC Hargreave and PC Doughty and once they gain their licences, they will be out and about protecting the people of Wiltshire.

**Rural Crime Team** - I would like to update you all that we have a Rural Crime Team which consists of two full time police officers located at Police Headquarters, Devizes. Their primary role is to assist us delivering a coordinated response to identified rural issues and to link in effectively with CPT's across the county. They will proactively target criminals committing offences effecting rural areas, providing a point of contact for partnership agencies such as the National Farmers Union, National Gamekeepers organisation, RSPB and other key stakeholders. Work in conjunction with the Community Policing Teams to reduce the fear of crime, improving the quality of rural life, and to provide reassurance to members of rural communities who often feel isolated and vulnerable. To provide guidance with bespoke prosecutions linked to rural crime. In addition to these two dedicated wildlife crime officers in Wiltshire, we have specifically trained other officers to support the wider force with rural crime advice and guidance, should this be required.

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

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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/>

**CONTROL STRATEGY** - Every year, the Force assesses its operational priorities for the year. Through a combination of research and consultation, the Intelligence team identify the areas of criminality that present the biggest threat, harm and risk to our communities as well as the areas where we most need to fill gaps in terms of our understanding, intelligence or capability.

The resulting document is known as the Control Strategy which outlines the following operational priorities:

1. Modern Slavery & Human Exploitation (including Criminal Exploitation of the Vulnerable)
2. Child Sexual Abuse (including Child Sexual Exploitation)
3. Organised Criminality (including County Lines)
4. Domestic Abuse
5. Youth Offending and Emerging Gang Culture

As has been the case in previous iterations of the Control Strategy, there are clear themes running through all the priority areas – ‘Cyber Capabilities’ and ‘Vulnerability and Exploitation’. Digital technology is used to carry out offending in all the above areas and at the heart of all the above there are vulnerable victims, witnesses or offenders that are often being exploited.

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.



“I have been asked at some recent Town Council and Area Board meetings to provide a breakdown of incidents and crime that is reported within a specific town or area. In these days of reduced resource and trying to work smarter I am going to decline this request. All of the information that has been requested can be found through the links that are provided below. The information is that detailed that you are able to search on date, crime type and locality down to street level. Given this, I do not want our community coordinators to spend their valuable time updating data sheets and researching what has already happened, I would rather they focus their efforts in partnership working and problem solving to make our communities safer. Thank you for your continued support – Insp Mark Luffman”

Whilst the report below gives a summary of Key Impact Crimes in your area such as Burglaries, the interactive element will allow you to see the statistics of the reports for your area and your local Police contacts. The website address remains unchanged and the interactive map can be found by following the below link.

**<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/832/Your-Area>**

**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.

#### **LOCAL CRIMES**

10/01/2019 19:50 - 10/01/2019 20:00 An unknown male suspect has entered the Co-op, Martingate Centre and selected a large number of Aussie Shampoo bottles values at approximately £100.00 and placed them down his trousers and then walked out of the store.

12/01/2019 15:10 - Unknown male has used fake £50 note to pay for goods in the Co-op, Martingate Centre. He has then returned asking to exchange the change he received as he stated the notes were fake. swapping fake £20 notes for real notes.

10/01/2019 18:00 - 12/01/2019 09:00 The owner stated that unknown persons have entered his field in Lacock on foot and stolen a galvanised metal water trough value £40.00.

14/01/2019 08:00 - 16/01/2019 08:27 Unknown group of youths have thrown bagged up dog faeces over the back garden fence of a property at the Tynings every morning for the last 3 days.

16/01/2019 11:00 - 16/01/2019 13:00 Unknown suspect/s have totally removed the locking mechanism on a silver Mitsubishi Shogun parked on Bowden Hill and they stole a chainsaw from within, Husquarna chainsaw, orange in colour, petrol, TVO £750.

17/01/2019 23:30 - 18/01/2019 12:40 Unknown suspect(s) have tried to gain entry to a property on Laurel Driver, Colerne by forcing/damaging door the handle, no entry was gained.

21/01/2019 21:50 - Unknown male and female have entered McColls, Box and proceeded to fill bags with numerous washing detergent items TVO £88. The male and female have then left the store without making attempts to pay for the items.

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26/01/2019 16:00 - 27/01/2019 17:30 Unknown suspects have ripped a hole in the roof of a garage on Long Close Avenue, nothing is believed to have been stolen or damaged.

27/01/2019 18:00 - 28/01/2019 09:30 Unknown suspects have stolen the front number plate from a Fiat parked on Churchill Way.

31/01/2019 12:30 - 31/01/2019 13:45 Unknown suspect/s have gained entry into a blue BMW parked on Quarry Hill, Box, by smashing the front passenger window. They have stolen her brown leather satchel style handbag that contained her mobile phone and purse. The bag was out of sight and has happened whilst the owner was walking her dog.

06/02/2019 08:55 A 23 year old male from Rudloe was arrested in Ashley, Box on suspicion of being in possession of a controlled substance. He was later released from custody under investigation.

11/02/2019 18:30 - 11/02/2019 21:30 Unknown suspect(s) have forced open a garage door at a property in Ashley, Box and stole a Timber wolf 160 wood chipper in bright orange with a Honda also 7 chain saws, 3 hedge trimmers and climbing gear.

11/02/2019 00:27 A 36 year old male from Bath was searched in Ashley, Box and was found to be in possession of cannabis, he was issued a Cannabis Street Warning as a result.

11/02/2019 17:00 - 12/02/2019 07:00 Unknown suspects gained entry to several secured metal sheds on Bradford Road and tools within removed approx TVO £10,000. Due to a tracker being fitted to the stolen disc cutters, the location of the stolen items was identified in Frome, officers from Team 1 Community Policing Team based at Chippenham travelled to Frome and liaised with local officers, the address was approached and Sgt Emery of Chippenham Police arrested a 36 year old man from Frome and he was later released under investigation. Stolen disc cutters were recovered from the location.

12/02/2019 13:00 - 12/02/2019 13:45 Unknown suspect has stolen a purse from her pushchair whilst shopping in the Factory Shop, Martingate Centre, the purse is made of burgundy leather and contained driving licence, bank cards and approximately £8 in cash.

12/02/2019 12:30 - 12/02/2019 12:45 Unknown suspect has stolen a purse from a handbag whilst shopping in the High Street, Corsham, containing £20 cash and various cards.

15/02/2019 15:15 - 15/02/2019 17:00 Unknown suspect has stolen a mobile phone from his jacket pocket whilst he was wearing his jacket at St Bartholomew Church.

26/02/2019 02:21 Two unknown males have forced entry to a storage facility within Texaco garage damaging 3 locks.

27/02/2019 10:40 Two unknown suspects have come into the loading area at Marks and Spencers, Bath Road and stolen a set of keys for the delivery lift.

28/02/2019 17:30 - 01/03/2019 10:00 Unknown suspect/s have cut a hole in the fence belonging to a business premises on Leafield Industrial Estate.

03/03/2019 13:30 - 03/03/2019 13:50 Unknown female and male suspect entered Whitehall Garden Centre and stole a box from behind the till to put a plastic bag in containing 5x PINKSTER gin £34.99 each 4x RHUBARB AND TOFFEE VODKA £42.99 and other unknown items. TVO £346.91.

02/03/2019 15:00 - 03/03/2019 16:00 A male suspect has entered Whitehall Garden Centre and placed unknown amounts of alcohol into a trolley TVO unknown.

02/03/2019 14:30 - 04/03/2019 09:00 Unknown person has tried to gain access to residential garage on Queens Avenue causing damage but no entry has been gained.

02/03/2019 09:00 - 03/03/2019 16:00 Unknown person/s have entered a garden on Priory Street and stole a plastic plant pot containing a fir tree.

03/03/2019 19:26 - Offender(s) forced entry to a home in Woodlands and carried out an untidy search throughout, enquiries are ongoing.

01/03/2019 16:30 - 04/03/2019 07:40 Unknown suspect(s) have over the weekend, caused criminal damage to a forklift truck whilst parked on the building site at Portland Rise.

05/03/2019 04:42 - Four unknown males have forced the door to the Co-op in Katherine Park, tampered with an ATM and stolen an unknown quantity of cigarettes. The suspects made off in a car which they then crashed. Value of damage/theft not yet know. Enquiries are ongoing.

**Rogue Traders** – By law cold callers must provide a 14 day cooling off period in writing when providing a quote for work to be carried out, if not it is fraud. We have had a few reports whereby no paperwork has been issued when calling to carry out work and concerns are being raised if the prices quoted are too high and not reasonable.

**Nottingham Knockers** - They are predominantly males from outside of Wiltshire, stating they have recently been released from prison and use homemade identification, they may look to target the elderly/vulnerable and are generally aggressive towards occupants when selling. **If they cannot produce a Valid Pedlars Certificate and they are selling items, then this is an offence. Please report to the Police at the time.**

**Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)** – Police receive very few reports of ASB, however the Police will continue to monitor/focus on particular areas eg the Campus, Skatepark and parks and will liaise with agencies if necessary.

**Community Speed Watch** – As part of our weekly Sector Priorities, officers from the Community Policing Teams are tasked to carryout speed checks in various locations within rural locations.

**Parking** – A number of schools have made contact with the Police to advise that cars are parking inconsiderately outside the schools, more often than not, the parents are responsible or those living locally. The Police no longer enforce parking on double yellow lines and would encourage schools to highlight parking safely in their newsletters. All reports to the Police are prioritised accordingly in terms of threat, harm and risk, however if vehicles are causing an obstruction, the Police can assist. if there is an obstruction and you need an officer to attend at the time, do call 101.

**Warrants** – 01/03/2019 A Warrant under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dog Act was executed at an address in Rudloe with regard to two pit bull dogs at the address. Enquiries are ongoing.

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.

**Other** - Officers from Team 5 Community Policing Team carried out speed checks in the Corsham area on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. Four drivers were reported to court for driving with excess speed, and 1 driver reported to court for failing to stop for police. In addition, numerous drivers were given words of advice for their driving manner. Please continue to drive carefully in the community!

In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham CPT Facebook has 2506 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

The e-mail address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing Team is  
**[cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.police.uk)**

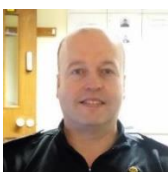
Please phone 101 (non emergency) or 999 (emergency) to report any incidents or crimes, reports cannot be taken via the above e-mail address.



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