

Amesbury Neighbourhood Policing Team



Amesbury Town Beat Area May 2024

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PRO-ACTIVE WORK

- Support National Op SCEPTRE week, the national knife crime campaign aimed at the reduction of knife-related violence and the education of people on the dangers of carrying bladed weapons. As well as enforcement work, officers conducted targeted activity including weapons sweeps and store visits in company with Wiltshire Council Trading Standards Officers.



- Working with Wiltshire Council Street Scene Team, to identify and remove recent graffiti identified by officers on Boscombe Road, Underwood Drive and Archers Way.



- Working with MOD Boscombe Down to reduce vandalism and anti-social behaviour on the service family estate.



- Abandoned vehicle reported to Wiltshire Council for removal.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Wiltshire Police Crime Commissioner Election Polling Station checks, carried out in Amesbury and the locality on 02/05/2024.
- Large stock of Crime Prevention materials supplied to Amesbury Library for collection and use by members of the public.
- Remote working at Tesco Staff Canteen, Amesbury History Centre, Evergreen Cafe and Holiday Inn.
- Joint visit with Wiltshire Council Housing Officer and Tenancy Sustainment Officer to vulnerable male resident in Amesbury.
- Crime Prevention advice circulated via Town Council social media and The Stonehenge Trader.

KEYLESS CAR THEFT

Cars with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key comes within a short-range of the car.

"Relay theft" occurs when a device is used to trick the car into thinking the key is nearby, unlocking the car and allowing the ignition to start.

HOW TO PREVENT "RELAY THEFT"

Use a signal-blocking pouch:
Signal-blocking pouches (or sometimes called Faraday bags or RFID signal blockers) prevent the signal from your key being captured by electronic devices. It's unclear whether putting your keys in a Faraday pouch is sufficient to prevent relay theft. Our advice is to choose a product that has been independently tested and approved by DSIG.

Keep keys safe:
Avoid leaving your keys near the front door as falling for keys through the letterbox is a prominent method of stealing them. Grabbing the signal is easier for thieves if the keys are near the front door.

Disable your key fob:
Some key fobs have a switch to turn the wireless signal off. Check your vehicle manual or ask your dealer for advice.

Use an anti-theft device:
Consider using a physical anti-theft device like a steering wheel lock or wheel clamp. Car thieves want to get away quickly without being caught so prefer not to have to fiddle with physical security devices.

Install a tracker:
Tracker systems can increase the chances of recovering your vehicle if it is stolen. Some systems also have sensors to detect and track fuel use, GPS and other systems. Secured by Design can offer advice on the best system for your vehicle.

Classed as a Critical Information (CCI)
As an alternative, consider installing CCI which can be linked to your location or video to view your drive. It's up to you to decide if you consider it important to avoid the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) advice on automatic CCI systems.

Secured by Design: www.securedbydesign.com
 Wiltshire Police: www.wiltshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/

- Attend Amesbury Town Council Town Meeting at The Bowman Centre.



- Community Engagement with staff and customers at Tesco, using Mobile Police Station in company with the Rural Crime Team. Crime Prevention advice and literature passed to multiple persons on site.



- Visit and engagement with residents of Evergreen Court at weekly Coffee Morning.

- Anti-social behaviour letter/surveys hand delivered to 15 x dwellings on Zebedee Close, 15 x dwellings on Harrow Way and 15 x dwellings around Eyres Way, following concerns raised by residents.
 - Attend Amesbury Pubwatch Group May meeting at The New Inn.
 - Regular checks carried on vulnerable male in Amesbury at his home address.
 - Visit to staff and children at The Little Druids Nursery.

PRIORITY PATROLS

- Regular marked vehicle patrols targeting Rural Crime, Machinery thefts, Poaching, Fuel theft, Hare Coursing & Dog attacks on livestock at **Viney's Farm, Ratfyn Farm, Park Farm & Countess Farm.**



- **Boscombe Recreation Club and surrounding locality** – following a mass disorder
 - **Redworth Drive** - for enforcement of Closure Order Extension
 - **Woodland plantation on Archers Way** – for anti-social behaviour
 - **Archers Way** – for anti-social behaviour involving a scrambler bike
 - **Retail premises** - for shoplifting series
 - **Foot Patrol** of 12 hours recorded in officers Pocket Note Books.

Numerous other activities have been carried out, which cannot be disclosed for operational reasons