

Wiltshire Police Calne



Calne Police – June/July 2009

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Sergeants message

The efforts and commitment of all Officers has had a positive effect on the most recent crime figures, which are included in this report.

I am pleased to see that again there has been a significant reduction in reported crimes, and at the time of this report the overall satisfaction with Wiltshire Police is 83.6%.

We continue to work towards our target of violent crime detection of 55%, with current overall figures at 50.61%.

Following a spate of garage burglaries in Calne, Officers from the NPT Team and our intelligence unit identified 3 possible suspects, as a direct result of intelligence from the community. 3 persons have been formally interviewed about the offences. During subsequent searches of the offenders houses, most of the stolen property was recovered and all suspects are currently referred to the Youth Offending Team.

I am pleased to report the Calne Pub Watch Scheme continues to be recognised as a good working model for partnership working.

Following recent Pub Watch meetings, several persons have been banned from our local pubs (and Chippenham as they are now included in our scheme). There is no doubt our very successful Pub Watch scheme is having an effect on those persons who come to Calne and engage in violence or disorder.

We continue to build on our very close working partnership with Calne Town Council and CCTV. Direct communication with Police Officers and CCTV operators using the Police TETRA Radio is proving extremely successful, and we have had numerous positive arrests linked to drugs and alcohol.

I am pleased to report that Calne CCTV operators initiated a very successful operation resulting in a suspect being found in possession of a large quantity of class (B) Drugs and money, this investigation is still ongoing and awaits a final decision from the CPS as to what charges will be brought.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Calne Town Council and Councillors who have worked relentlessly with us (The Police) throughout the summer months to reduce anti social behavior. As you know I have fully supported the new Boxing club and I am told this has been a huge success with young persons, the recent efforts of Councillors and Officers to work with us in finding a solution to the ongoing anti social behaviour in Priestly Grove has been very positive, and I am pleased to report the residents who were being affected by ongoing issues feel safe and confident, this is an excellent example of how working in partnership really can improve everyone's quality of life.

Our last Bluez N ZUZ Disco at John Bentley School was yet again a huge success with about 170 young people attending. These discos are supported by the Youth Services and run by the Police (it is PCSO Sarah Hardwidge who must take most of the credit). We are always looking for suitable volunteers to help out and would welcome any offers!

I have an "open door" policy, and welcome any suggestions from our community that will continue to maintain Calne as one of the safest towns in one of the safest counties.

Phil Connor
Sergeant Calne NPT

Crime Statistics:

Town Centre:

Crime:	Reported 2009-10	Reported 2008-09	+/-	Detected 2009-10
Theft from Person	3	12	-9	0
Violence against Person	128	139	-11	73
Vehicle Crime	22	32	-10	3
Theft and Handling	120	151	-31	40
Criminal Damage	195	252	-57	44
Drugs	19	10	+9	21
Other	63	114	-51	20
Totals:	709	877	-168	282

Rural:

Crime:	Reported 2009-10	Reported 2008-09	+/-	Detected 2009-10
Theft from Person	0	0	0	0
Burglary Domestic	4	8	-4	1
Vehicle Crime	1	8	-7	0
Theft and Handling	11	43	-32	2
Criminal Damage	11	18	-7	2
Drugs	2	0	+2	2
Other	12	21	-9	4
Totals:	67	112	-45	24

Drug offences have risen over the past year; these have come to light after receiving intelligence and information which has led to warrants obtained to search premises. Recent search warrants have been positive with cannabis seizures.



Priorities & ongoing activity:

Town Centre Priorities:

- **Alma Terrace-** Reports have been received from residents that are affected by parking problems with the street. A letter has been sent to all residents to canvas feedback on parking issues in Alma Terrace with the view of holding a residents meeting to discuss further the issues.
- **Police Visibility and Reassurance in Grierson Close** - Reports have been received from residents that they have been the subject of ASB from youths knocking on their doors and creating a nuisance. Police will carry out a survey on Thursday September 23rd 2009 between 1700-2000hrs. PC Monahan and PCSO Bennett will want to speak to all households and establish what problems they have with their immediate environment and any housing issues.

Rural Priorities:

- **Police Visibility/Reassurance all villages in the NPT** - There have been some rogue trader and distraction burglaries in the area over recent months, thankfully not many, but enough to cause the residents some concerns.
- **Speeding at Church Street, Derry Hill** – Church Road Derry Hill has been reduced to a 20 mph speed limit and traffic calming humps have been installed. Since these measures have been put in place, residents are still complaining that traffic is exceeding the 20 mph speed limit. The NPT will be carrying out high visibility foot and mobile patrols, along with speed checks at random times, and will deal with any offences disclosed

Each of the rural priorities are policed with regular speed checks and high visibility patrols.

Examples of Ongoing Positive Arrests/ Warrants/ Targeting ASB in the Calne area over the past weeks.

- 1) Following drugs intelligence a successful warrant took place at an address in The Were, Calne. NPT Officer attended Swindon County Court with Westlea housing Officers and a successful application was made for an injunction against the residents to prohibit drugs activities at the address. The injunction is back with a power of arrest.
- 2) CCTV operator informed officers of a disorder outside the Wheatsheaf Public House; 1 person arrested, FPN issued.
- 3) As a result of a disorder outside the Wheatsheaf public house five persons are now subject to Calne Pub Watch ban, targeted patrols in licensed premises continue.
- 4) Following reports of anti-social behaviour taking place in a derelict pavilion situated in the grounds of The Grove, partnership working has led to Wiltshire Council addressing the problem with the view of demolishing the site.
- 5) Fynamore School parking update - a report has been drafted and forwarded to Jane Vaughan of the Area Board. From consultation it turns out that the housing estate is not adopted and Persimmon Homes still have a degree of responsibility for the estate. Thus there is an expectation that the Area Board should address the problem via the developers. Residents will be encouraged to attend Area Board meetings and voice their concerns.
- 6) Reported from Calne CCTV regarding a male in a vehicle with a large quantity of cash, as a result the male was arrested for possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply.
- 7) Series of garage burglaries - intelligence suggested named suspects.
3 males were arrested and are now under the youth offending team. All the property was recovered and returned to owners.

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8) Anti-social behavior -skate bowl/Castle Park -the priority has been a success. Bill Rowlands, Chairman of the volunteers looking after the Castle Park area, commented at the recent Calne Community Safety Forum that vandalism has gone from being a problem to being an irritation. He was pleased with Police actions.

9) Following a night time operation with a passive drugs dog two people were detained and dealt with by way of £80 pound FPN's.

10) Following a night time patrol Calne NPT was checking Hills Waste when they came across a white Vauxhall Astra car-derived van. It was backed up at the entrance gate and there was a 4ft hole cut in the perimeter fence to its left with 19 batteries in the back. The helicopter and a dog unit attended the scene and area search was negative. The offenders were likely startled.

Message From Sector Head.

With Halloween and Bonfire Night rapidly approaching our aim is to ensure that those who wish to celebrate these events do so safely and sensibly and not to the detriment of those who choose not to.

In order to help reduce potential problems, your Neighbourhood Policing Team will be visiting local shops and remind the staff regarding the responsible sale of items such as eggs and flour. Our Communications Centre receive numerous calls from all over the county from persons who have to endure the problems caused by such items being thrown at this time of year and we will hold to account anyone we can prove is responsible.

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team will also remind any local shopkeepers who are selling fireworks of their responsibilities. Fireworks can be fun in the right hands, and conversely can be dangerous in the wrong hands.

Whilst it's not only school children who throw eggs, flour and fireworks, we know from our records that most people report children and young persons as being responsible. Your Neighbourhood Policing Team will therefore be asking the local schools to remind their children/students of the dangers and offences they may be committing by throwing items at persons or property.

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team will be supported by increased patrols in your area over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period to try and reduce and resolve these issues at an early stage.

If you are celebrating Halloween or Bonfire Night, I hope you enjoy your celebrations. If you're not, I hope you have a nice peaceful time!

Inspector Kate Pain

Sector Head

Calne, Corsham and Chippenham.