



Pewsey Community Area – November 2009

Inspectors' Update

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Many of you will recall the conversations we had about this time last year around the forthcoming Unitary Structure and its effect on local policing. There are many of us that faced some uncertainty around our own areas of business and how it would affect local service delivery. Notwithstanding that fact, I continue to view the changes a positive opportunity to ensure that my police structures effectively mirror those of my key partners such as Wiltshire Council. We have undergone some detail changes of Neighbourhood Policing Team boundaries and in Devizes, this has meant the joining together of the old Devizes Town and Devizes Town Outer Neighbourhood Policing Teams to form one Devizes Town NPT under Community Beat Manager PC Adam Hall. The additional post from that restructure is retained within Devizes within our Patrol Teams that provide the 999 response to Devizes, Marlborough & Pewsey Community Areas. I also had the opportunity to redeploy Sergeants more effectively so that, for the first time, Neighbourhood Policing Teams now have dedicated supervisors that can concentrate on local long term issues and not be routinely used to cover patrol work.

I have recently reviewed our performance against this time last year to compare where we are now, post change, with where we were this time last year. I am pleased to report that we have been consistently achieving our target of keeping your NPT Beat Managers on their local areas more than 80% of the time by a comfortable margin.

Within the Wiltshire Police website you will find a new Crime Mapping facility. This enables any of you see crime trends within the Pewsey Community Area to Neighbourhood Policing Team level. It is quite useful to expand this out and the base data covers the whole country so enables one to place the local area into context. One caveat that should be applied to this data is that the comparisons with last year are not strictly similar. Last year's data is based upon the old political boundaries under Kennett, this year, our new Unitary Structure. I will continue to bring my own up to date performance data to meetings so will be able to answer specific questions on the subject as required.

Don't forget that you can access detailed information on your area on either of the two links below:

<http://extranet.wiltshire.gov.uk/information-brief-community-area-boards>

<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/>

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Wiltshire Police Pewsey



Sergeants' Update

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Neighbourhood policing in the Pewsey community area consists of two teams of Neighbourhood Policing Officers. These are servicing Pewsey and the rural areas to the east and west – the Pewsey Vale. There are nearly 30 Parish Councils within this geographical area. The teams are supervised by Sergeant Ben BRAINE.

Earlier restructuring of our sector and Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) areas has resulted in a great deal of hard work which has gained some good results not only in the area of reported crime but also in further developing relationships with partners. We have achieved improved visibility at *Police and Community Together Meetings*. This work will continue as it is being driven by our Sector Commander Inspector NOBLE. These meetings include all formal public meetings police attend from Parish Councils to Area Boards but also include many informal local gatherings and community events. You can find details of all our forthcoming meetings, using the link to our website listed above. Come along and meet your team.

The tri monthly setting of Priorities, which are re-viewed at the Pewsey Area Neighbourhood Group (PANG) meetings, has proved to be a very successful method of publicising local Policing Priorities. I have held PANG to be an example of good practice within the Community Safety Partnership in other public meetings. These meetings are advertised within the NPT website and include representatives from a range of relevant organisations.

Vehicles exceeding the posted speed limits within the villages continue to be a major source of complaint. Local Officers have been successful in bringing together three Parishes for training in the use of speed measurement devices under the umbrella of the Community Speed Watch scheme. Certain criteria need be met before communities are able to embark on this programme but local Officers are able to advise on this. Caroline BRAILEY and the NPTs remain in close contact on this emotive issue.

Recent activity in the area has included other agencies such as Trading Standards and Customs and Excise which strengthen our response capability to offences notoriously difficult to deal with, especially the rogue traders that prey on the elderly in our communities.

We have also recently seen a move to execute more warrants in respect of the misuse of drugs act. One recently was positive in that cannabis plants were removed from a dwelling. These will continue.

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PRIORITIES AND ONGOING ACTIVITY

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PRIORITY: Anti Social Behaviour – Railway Station, Great Bedwyn

Problems have recently developed within the area of the Railway Station at Great Bedwyn with youths inconveniencing commuters leaving the trains at Great Bedwyn during the early evening (after dark) by either attempting to poke them with sticks whilst hidden in a wooded area owned by British Rail, or by jumping out at lone females from behind hedges. There have also been reports of a laser light being shone into the eyes of train drivers. On one of my recent visits I found beer cans in the south bound passenger shelter so I am focusing on this issue as well.

This form of Anti Social Behaviour is being targeted with constant patrols by both NPT and response vehicles and I intend asking through the Great Bedwyn news for information and assistance in dealing with this problem. British Rail and the British Transport Police are also aware of the situation. It is hoped that those responsible will be identified and appropriately dealt with sooner rather than later.

PRIORITY: Beauty Spot Thefts - Pewsey Vale

This has been an ongoing priority for the Neighbourhood Policing Team since the spring of 2009. The team have engaged Officers from the area response team to assist in the ongoing problem and high profile patrol of the area's concerned. These include the parts of Savernake Forest within the boundaries of Pewsey East, Wilton Windmill, Crofton Beam Engines, Milk Hill, the numerous Crop Circles, and the entire length of the Kennet Canal in our area.

As well as patrols to ward off would be offenders we have signposted the relevant area's (where possible) with posters warning motorists about the possibilities of car thefts and have targeted parked vehicles with leaflets carrying the same warning.

Although we have not eradicated this annual problem it is hoped that the efforts put in by the NPT have been beneficial and have prevented many such offences.



Neighbourhood Policing Team: Pewsey West

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PRIORITY: Traffic Related – Wilcot Road, Pewsey

Following substantial consultations the directional priority of Wilcot Road was changed from two ways, to one way with the flow of traffic being up Wilcot Road away from the village centre. Considerable abuse of this one way system had been reported substantiated by the results of a site survey. Representation to Wiltshire Highways resulted in additional work being carried out on signage and the indication of road priorities. All parties agreed there was much improvement but this is not supported by the continued abuse of the one way system.

A second site survey has been conducted providing intelligence on the peak times of offending. Officers will specifically target the area at these times. A strategy has been implemented locally relating to enforcement the objective being to resolve this issue finally.

PRIORITY: Theft and Criminal Damage – Allotments, Wilcot Road, Pewsey

This is a new priority recently adopted at the PANG meeting. Reports from allotment holders in that area indicated a series of thefts of vegetables and criminal damage to plants and other related items were occurring. We recognise the impact of these anti social activities on the community in respect of the effort involved and the potential for financial loss.

Regular high visibility patrol shave been conducted within the area encompassing the adjacent community on the old hospital site. There have been no further reports of damage or theft since the patrols started. Interaction with allotment holders will be undertaken to ensure confidence and satisfaction in Police activities.