

# Wiltshire Police Chippenham



Chippenham Police – February 2009

## Sergeants message

It's been a very active month for Chippenham NPT. As a result of a temporary spike in reported Anti-Social Behaviour, the majority of the NPT have worked evening shifts to target ASB. As a result 103 youths were Stopped and 28 ASB letters were sent to parents, with one child receiving an Anti-Social Behaviour Contract. There has been a significant fall in reported ASB, but we will keep on targeting it.

We have also started the Consultation process for the next NPT Priority Plan, Tasking Meeting which is due to be held at the end of March. You should be receiving questioners though your letter boxes and informed when the public consultation meetings will take place.

Remember if you don't tell us about it, we can't target it.

Lee Armit  
Sergeant Chippenham NPT

## Chippenham Crime Statistics

Period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008

|                        | Crime    | Detections |
|------------------------|----------|------------|
| Station performance    | 1870     | 582        |
| Wiltshire (E) Division | 16551    | 4833       |
|                        |          |            |
| Detection % Rate       | Target % | Actual %   |
| Station Performance    | 28%      | 31.1%      |
| Wiltshire (E) Division | 28%      | 29.2%      |

## Police Performance

Police performance is bench marked against 'year on year' performance and our targets for both the volume of crime committed and the percentage of crime detected are set at the beginning of the financial year. These targets are set to ensure that our performance continues to improve, the targets for the volume of crime committed are set to ensure that the number of recorded crimes is reduced from the previous years and that the percentage of detections is increased. These targets are challenging and are designed to focus and drive activity.

As we approach the end of the financial year, a clear picture of Police performance over a sustained period is emerging. I am happy to report that the performance in Chippenham Corsham and Calne is very pleasing, the highlights of which are:

- The number of robberies is DOWN
- The number of burglaries is DOWN
- The number of theft from motor vehicles is DOWN
- The total number of crimes is DOWN
- Our target for detecting crime is 28% and your local police teams are detecting 28.7% of all crime committed in Chippenham, Corsham and Calne.
- One of the most worrying types of offence is violent crime and the Chief Constable set the Force a challenging 60% detection rate, your local police teams are currently detecting in excess 56% of violent crime committed in Chippenham, Corsham and Calne. We are focused on improving this area of our performance.

Overall this means that there have been fewer victims of crime than last year and when a crime does take place more offenders have been identified and brought to justice. I and my staff are focused on ensuring that this level of performance continues until the end of March and then on into the new financial year.

This performance has been achieved by focusing police activity on our priorities, whether these are prolific offenders, Force priorities such as violent crime or your locally identified neighborhood issues all my staff work together to deliver results for their local communities.

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## Credit Crunch

The widely discussed economic down turn is likely to have a negative effect on overall crime and particularly theft and money based offences. As a result I have included some crime prevention advice at the end of this report. Whilst I do not want to create a fear of crime, I think some simple, pragmatic advice about keeping personal property safe is always welcome. As I believe crime prevention and Neighborhood Watch (NHW) go hand in hand, I would also like to ask our NHW Coordinators to circulate this crime prevention advice and if further information or support is needed to contact their NPT Sergeant.

## Designated public places orders (DPPO).

The Order is a hugely useful preventative measure that allows officer's to intervene to prevent disorder before it starts. Any adult drinking in the street, particularly from open bottles or cans, maybe approached and if the officer fears disorder may occur the officer can demand the alcohol is surrendered.

This preventative measure has been used on several occasions, however, it did result in one arrest when the drinker saw fit to refuse the officers request.

If the DPPO is viewed alongside Pub Watch, the Towns soon to up graded CCTV and a proactive approach to ASB, I believe the DPPO is enormously beneficial.

Kate PAIN

Sector Head  
Chippenham, Corsham and Calne

## Chippenham Town Centre.

**Beat Manager: PC Matt Jacobs. PCSO's: Barbara Young & Ali Duncan.**

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## **Current Priorities**

- 1. Hathaway Retail Park - Beggars**
- 2. High Street – Theft of Purses**
- 3. St Mary's Street – Anti Social Behaviour**

## **Hathaway Retail Park – Beggars**

We have noticed that we are receiving fewer calls regarding incidents of this type, this is due to an increase of Police patrols and the summons of a male detained for begging in the area. The male was seen by a PCSO sitting near to the cash point with a hat asking passers by for money, after a short foot chase the male was detained and interviewed, which resulted in the male being summons to court. This will still be an on-going issue to deter begging in the area.

## **High Street – Theft of Purses**

This occurs when persons have singled out a lone female and dipped their hands into people's handbag and removed purses or wallets. During the second half of last year the reported incidents showed an increase, we have conducted High Visibility Patrols, where intelligence has shown us the days of the week when the Town is likely to be targeted and have robustly dealt with Suspects. The number of reported incidents has started to decrease. Recently a female was detained by the very person she was attempting to remove the purse from, she was arrested after faking an epileptic fit and has been charged with the theft and is now on bail to appear at Court. Of note, the vast majority of our suspects live outside of the County and will travel the country to conduct this type of crime. We would still ask you to ensure purses are not visible and that bags are securely shut as a deterrent.

## **St Mary's Street – Anti Social Behaviour**

Over the winter months we have received a large number of complaints concerning youths coming in the area and causing Anti Social Behaviour and damage to property and cars. From this we have increased the patrols in the area. For a Two week period the majority of the Chippenham

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NPT worked evenings to target Anti-Social and this has been very successful. The local NPT officers have engaged with Rev TATTON-BROWN concerning setting up a youth group in the area, to engage with the local youths and encourage them to respect the local residents and their property.

## **Chippenham Town South (Pewsham)**

**Beat Manager: PC Sarah Pulman. PCSO's Helen Bray & Matt Dibble**

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### **Current Priorities**

- 1. Wood Lane – Anti Social Behavior**
- 2. Hardens Mead – Anti Social Behavior**

### **Tesco, Pewsham.**

The anti-social behavior problems in and around Tesco at Pewsham have quieten down over the last couple of weeks. We have spoken to a number of youths as a result of your phone calls and sent ASB letters to the home addresses of those involved in anti-social behavior. Tesco's has also banned a number of Youths with our support. We are also working closely with Abbeyfield School to identify and educate those who are involved in anti-social behavior and have also arranged for a Community Safety Officer to attend Abbeyfield School to give a presentation

A youth has been issued with an Anti-Social Behavior Contract and we are in the process of issuing another one. This work has been carried out in conjunction with North Wilts Council, Youth Offending Service, and Families in Focus, Education Officers and Housing Associations. We are in the process of sending out a further 17 ASB letters and 12 Banning letters

### **Lysley Close**

There were a couple of complaints of Criminal Damage from residents whose houses back onto the lane, which goes from Tesco, Pewsham, to the park. Security advice was given and there have been no further complaints.

The residents of Lysley Close would like the lane blocked off at the bottom of the close, to stop the children using it as a short cut. They would also like to see the Shelter in the park removed. They will be working with North Wilts Council on these issues.

### **Bolts Croft**

There were a couple of complaints from residents of Bolts Croft, stating that dog excrement had been thrown at their houses. They will be working with NPT on this issue. Assistance from the Council is also being sought.

### **Cricketts Lane**

There have been regular patrols of Cricketts Lane and the surrounding areas since the sheds were broken into. There have been no further complaints.

### **Wood Lane/London Road/ Hardens Mead/ Long Close.**

No reported problems

## **Chippenham Town Inner West**

**Beat Manager: PC Arwen Lucena. PCSO's Toni Brown & Lucy Sainsbury**

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### **Current Priorities**

- 1. Cycling on Footpaths**
- 2. Drugs – Cultivation, Supply & Use**

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## **3. Kingsley Rd, Kingham Close – Anti Social Behaviour**

### **Cycling on Footpaths**

This is still on-going. Many youths have been stopped and advised but have been too young for tickets. All details have been taken of offenders and their details added to the ASB system so that we can keep tabs on persistent offenders and send warning letters to their parents if they carry on.

### **Drugs - Cultivation, Supply and Use**

A number of warrants have been conducted on the Inner West area and these have hopefully caused disruption to the users and dealers. Intel is being gathered and submitted and there are other addresses which we will be looking at obtaining warrants for in the near future.

### **Kingsley Road, Kingham Close ASB**

Regular patrols have been made of both areas and any youths found have had their details taken, alcohol seized and letters sent to their parents regarding ASB in the parks. There has been a decrease in calls to each park and the message appears to be getting to the youths that these parks must be used responsibly and for the purpose they were provided for.

### **Chippenham Town Outer West**

**Beat Manager: PC Arwen Lucena. PCSO's Elizabeth Holland & William Judd**

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### **Current Priorities**

- 1. Bumpers Farm – Theft**
- 2. Exeter Close, Green Area – Anti Social Behaviour.**

We have had a number of reports of anti-social in the Cepen Park South, mainly door knocking and youths running onto driveways. Increased patrols are being made in the evening time due to these incidents. Any youths found acting in an anti-social manner will be stopped and a letter will be sent to their Parent/Guardian. We have had no further reports of Anti-social behaviour in Exeter Close; this will continue to be monitored.

There has been a further vehicle theft in Bumpers Farm, we ask that vehicles are left secure at all times when parked in Bumpers Farm, evening patrols have been increased and the Neighbourhood Policing team is working alongside Bumpers Farm Security Guards.

### **Chippenham Town North East**

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### **Current Priorities**

- 1. Hill Rise – Speeding**
- 2. Sadlers Mead, Monkton Park – Anti Social Behaviour**

### **1. Hill Rise - Speeding**

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Speed checks confirmed that the average speed through Green Lane and Hill Rise was approximately 28mph. It was agreed that the perception of speed was far greater than the speed itself.

## **2. Sadlers Mead, Monkton Park – Anti Social Behaviour**

There have been regular patrols around Monkton Park and Sadlers Mead. I can confirm that there have not been any further reports of anti-social behaviour. The residents of Sadlers Mead were very grateful to the police action taken at the time and the elderly persons living within this area have now been given NPT's direct contact details.

## **3. Moorlands**

Police received a report of a racial incident of criminal damage to a motor vehicle. Working in partnership with Westlea Housing Association, an application for the injured parties to be moved was agreed. The injured parties have passed on their thanks to the Police and Westlea Housing for their prompt and effective investigation.

Unfortunately, we are still receiving reports of anti-social behaviour in Moorlands, Hill Rise and Heathfield. A meeting has already been held with Westlea Housing, whereby an action plan has been put together to tackle the problems. The Community and contact centre known as 'The Pod' is due to open this month will also help to build community reassurance.

### **Chippenham Rural North & West**

**Beat Manager: PC Heather Barham, PCSO's Steve Butler and Norman Webster**

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January has thankfully been relatively quiet on the Chippenham rural areas and there is often a quieter period after the Christmas break.

There have been instances of thefts of several manhole covers in the area of Yatton Keynell (taken for their scrap value). This is a particularly thoughtless act given the obvious danger that the open holes left behind pose for other road users. Please bear in mind any suspicious activity seen involving vehicles and road metalwork that does not appear to be genuine highways work.

There was also a reported theft of antique stonework in West Kington Wick whereby quantities of wall coping slabs were taken.

A further theft of tools and equipment occurred from a stable in Kington Langley early part of February.

Again please be aware of any suspicious activity in the villages and if in doubt, report it to the Police.

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## **Be on the Look out for**

### **Neighbourhood Watch.....**

#### **Take precautions when you go away**

If you're going away, you can reduce the risk of a break-in by:

- Leave a light on if you're going to be out during the evening, but not so as to draw unnecessary attention to your home.
- You could also consider getting a timer switch to control the lights automatically. You can buy these from most DIY stores.
- Ask a friend or Neighbour to keep an eye on your home. This could include opening and shutting curtains, switching lights on and off and making sure post and papers are pushed through your letterbox properly.
- Remember to cancel paper and milk deliveries before you go away.

#### **Beware bogus callers**

Bogus callers pretend to be officials from the council, engineers from gas, electricity or water companies, police officers or salespeople in order to gain access to people's homes and steal money or property. They usually carry fake identity cards and can seem very convincing.

#### **How do I protect myself from bogus callers?**

If someone calls round at your home, it's best to take precautions:

- Put the chain on the door before answering it - if you rent your home and don't have a chain, asks your landlord to fit one for you.
- Ask to see identification.
- Check their identification isn't fake - ask which company they're from, then phone the company to check the caller is genuine. Look the company up in the phone book rather than using a number they give you.
- Ask a Neighbour or friend to come round while the caller is there.

#### **Think about what's outside**

- Never leave a key hidden outside your home (e.g. under a doormat).
- Always lock sheds and garages.
- Always put ladders or tools away - they could be used by an intruder.
- Don't leave packaging for new appliances and goods outside your home. Always crush it and put it in the bin.

**Contact details** - Telephone 0845 408 7000 ext 722 825/ 694 / 826

### **Chippenham Sector Response Team.**

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2. **PS Chris Braham**
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4. **PS Steve McGrath**
5. **T/PS James Williams.**

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