

# Wiltshire Police Chippenham



## Chippenham Police – October 2009

### Inspector's Update

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 problems, your Neighbourhood Policing Team will be visiting local shops to remind staff regarding the responsible sale of items such as eggs and flour. Our communications centre receive numerous calls from all over the county from people 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 is 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 people and 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

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## Sergeant's Message

I start by saying a farewell to PC Mat JACOBS who has worked very hard over the past two years as the community beat manager for the town centre. Mat is moving on to general police duties within Chippenham and we welcome PC Mike MOSS from Corsham as his replacement.

I continue to work with our partners on the Community Speed Watch Scheme. The Roads Policing Unit has a number of areas to review and assess and I await their results shortly. One such review has already been carried out which showed a low volume of speeding motorists - thus negating the need for Speed Watch. I understand the disappointment some residents may feel whilst at the same time welcoming the fact that speeding is moderated in these areas.

My team and I have held a number of meetings regarding community concerns expressed regarding Bath Road Car Park and antisocial use of it by car drivers. We have taken the matter via the anti-social behaviour panel to the council stakeholders and I look forward to a workable solution to finally address this issue in the near future.

We have further conducted a series of warrants which as I write is still ongoing. To date we have carried out seven near consecutive warrants which in all but one case has resulted in arrests and the seizure of drugs. Chippenham continues to remain one of the safest towns in one of the safest counties in the country. We welcome any call regarding drugs or indeed any matters which will be treated with confidence and acted upon.

## Chippenham Crime Statistics

30/09/09

	Crime	Detections
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>1567</b>	<b>479 (30.6%)</b>
Dwelling Burglary	62	17 (27.4%)
Criminal Damage	365	56 (15.3%)
Theft & Handling	444	109 (24.5%)
Robbery	16	4 (25%)
Vehicle Crime	112	17 (15.2%)
Violent Crime	394	198 (50.3%)

**Target for the year 30%**

I have included above a brief snapshot of some of our Priority Crime types and the associated statistics.

I am pleased to report that we have now exceeded our target detection rate of 30% at a figure of 30.6%. We are also making progress with our burglary and violent crime detections – both of which are showing improvements.

We will continually strive to improve these figures even further as we recognise that behind each statistic is an individual person.

Allan GEORGE  
Police Sergeant 1291

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## **PRIORITIES AND ONGOING ACTIVITY**

### **Chippenham Town Centre**

**Beat Manager: PC Mike MOSS**  
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#### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - Bath Road Car Park**

The local NPT have continued to patrol the area at the key times, since the last report a number of drivers have been spoken to reference their actions, one has been reported and summons to court, others have received Section 59 warnings reference their behaviour. We have also met with the council and local councillor concerning the issues and have come up with a plan of action, there is a number of ideas placed on the table to solve these concerns, this will not happen overnight but the wait will be worth it. We are particularly keen that this matter is finally resolved and await Council budget holder thoughts on the viability of restricted access to the car park via a barrier etc at key times.

#### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - Chippenham Town Centre**

We are currently working with the licensing authorities and licensees to both target anti-social behaviour and drunkenness and prevent offences before they occur. I am pleased to report that the recent amalgamation of Calne and Chippenham Pubwatch schemes has seen a closer working relationship resulting in persons banned from one town being also banned from the other. In the run up to Halloween, Bonfire Night and indeed Christmas we will be focussing our resources to educate and prevent incidents before they occur. Our ultimate aim is to ensure people can enjoy socialising in Chippenham in a safe and sensible environment.

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

**Beat Manager: PC Emma HIGGINS.**  
**PCSO: Helen BRAY & Toni BROWN**  
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#### **ASB- Pewsham/ Lodge Road**

We are conducting regular patrols of the area and note that the number of calls to Police and persons we are stopping is falling. Whilst welcoming this trend we will continue to maintain our attention on the area. Recent consultation feedback indicates that local residents have noticed a drop in anti-social behaviour.

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## **ASB- Kingham Close/ Sheldon Road**

I am happy to report a fall in reports of anti-social behaviour. We have focussed our patrols at key times and made real efforts to educate and advise those as to the effects of their behaviour.

## **ASB - Wood Lane**

Wood lane was set as a priority in response to anti-social behaviour and related criminal damage. We have carried out an arrest recently in response to car damage and await forensic tests to conclude the investigation. We have also set up a specific operation in order to ensure that high visibility patrols – particularly during weekends, late at night when the locality appears to be used as a cut through.

## **Chippenham Town West**

**Beat Manager: PC Arwen Lucena.**

**PCSO: Will JUDD & Elizabeth HOLLAND**

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## **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - Car Parks**

Sainsbury's car park is now regularly and reliably closed by staff helping to considerably reduce the number of calls to Police. Wickes car park is now being regularly patrolled by the Police and the management company for the property. Again this has resulted in a notable drop in its anti-social use. McDonalds are also considering the use of a barrier to close the car park late at night – we await their update whilst also noting the number of calls to this area has reduced.

Initial feedback has been positive in that the number of incidents causing concern is declining.

## **Drugs – Allington Way**

As I write we are just concluding a series of warrants both in this area and the surrounding community. The warrants, predominately under the Misuse of Drugs Act have resulted in seven arrests with associated prosecutions. I would like to thank the community itself for supporting us with information and I take this opportunity to reassure all members of the public that we will treat all information with the utmost confidence and where it is possible to act then we will do so.

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## **Chippenham Town North East**

**Beat Manager: PC Rachel Webb.**

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### **Parking/Obstruction at Hardenhuish Lane**

Following on from our meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> July I am currently in the throws of preparing for our next progress meeting to take place this evening. The initial meeting was positive and I look forward to an update which will show some real progress – due to time constraints with the area board agenda I look forward to expanding more on this subject on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

We look forward to a presentation on the proposals for the area from Martin ROSE, Highways Dept.

### **Criminal Damage – Monkton Park**

This area, like Wood Lane is often used as a cut through late at night at weekends with resultant criminal damage. By carrying out extensive stop checks at key times and educating those passing through, I am happy to report that we have noticed a considerable drop in related criminal damage. We will maintain our commitment to this area to ensure we keep up this good work.

**Chippenham Rural** covering Biddestone, North Wraxall, Castle Combe, Yatton Keynell, Langley Burrell, Stanton St Quinton, Kington St Michael, Kington Langley, Sutton Benger, Christian Malford, Burton, Grittleton, Hullavington and Seagry.

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**PCSO: Norman Webster & Steven Butler**

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The priorities for the next quarter are in relation to anti-social behaviour in Stanton St Quinton and Kington Langley, Hullavington.

Stanton st Quinton has complained about the lorries parking by the garage and using the area as a toilet. Patrols have been carried out and drivers advised - their companies have also been informed. High visibility patrols have been carried out by the village hall and a number of persons advised re littering. Unfortunately we could not prove they were the ones who dropped the litter or they would have been given a fixed penalty ticket.

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Meetings have been held with Westlea Housing and the residents of Gardeners Close in Hullavington re Anti social problems in the area. A positive arrest system has been adopted and an offender has been arrested and put before the courts.

Kington Langley has been the subject of anti social behaviour from a number of persons. The community team has been consulting with residents and social services which have resulted in a decrease of reported events.