

Devizes Community Area – September 2009

Inspector's Update

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. Overall crime in Devizes and our detection performance are as below:

	June 08	July 08	August 08	June 09	July 09	August 09
All	159	119	138	133	107	119
Assaults	32	25	35	29	34	22
Dwelling Burglary	12	8	11	3	5	0

Overall Detection across our wider sector of Devizes Marlborough & Pewsey is at 26.4%, which whilst 3.6% adrift of our 30% target, represents a significant improvement over this time last year. Across the same area Violent Crime is at 53% against a target of 57% which again is a significant change in the right direction and a trend I am working hard to continue.

I currently carry two vacant PCSO posts one on North Rural & Town. I have a current bid with the force for the new recruitment round expected in January 2010 and will keep you informed of progress. 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/>

Andrew Noble

Inspector Devizes, Marlborough & Pewsey Community Areas

Sergeant's Update

Devizes Neighbourhood Policing Team is led by Sergeant Ian Thomas. PC Rutter is currently Acting Sergeant in PS Thomas' absence due to annual leave.

We have had some good results within our NPT area. In Bishops Cannings on the 20th August 2009, four males were located and arrested for pursuit of game offences. The vehicle used by these four men has been seen on a number of occasions believed to be poaching which causes great upset and worry in rural communities. They also have links with Yorkshire and we are working alongside the Rural Crime Team to assist Yorkshire in putting offences to the same four males.

On the 2nd of September three males were arrested for fraud following irregular trade practises. Seven further arrests followed the next day and a joint investigation has started regionally with our partners in Trading Standards. We are most grateful for the prompt intervention of local people who called police without delay. Their action has undoubtedly protected the community and may have prevented much more serious offences. Our advice would always be for householders to be reticent about employing door to door trades' people. A local recommendation is often safest and Wiltshire Council's own website in the Trading Standards section advises consumers on how to spot the difference between a bona fide doorstep trader and one who may place you at risk. We can also report success against purse thieves in Devizes Town with three females located and arrested for two separate offences. With our improved use of Store Net and CCTV, we are developing a good relationship with shoppers and business and are working more efficiently in preventing and detecting crime.

Following the restructure to the sector and NPT areas the team has worked hard and gained good results not only in reported crime but also in further developing relationships with partners. We have achieved improved visibility at *Police and Community Together Meetings*. 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.

Gemma Rutter

Acting Sergeant Devizes Neighbourhood Policing Teams

PRIORITIES AND ONGOING ACTIVITY

Devizes Town Centre.

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PRIORITY- Street Offences - Devizes Town Centre and Surrounding Areas

Following public consultation via local surgery, drink and drug nuisance behaviour was highlighted as the main priority for the town. During this priority, we have made 26 arrests documented on the Neighbourhood Policing Team website for minor Anti Social Behaviour offences, Theft and Assault; 9 persons have been searched; 6 Directions to Leave issued; 19 Alcohol Confiscations and 1 Enforcement Notice for begging served. One of our most troublesome individuals has also recently been granted Prolific Priority Offender status. This means that the individual receives a special package of both punitive and supportive measures led by police and partners including probation service. It is a system that places the individual under considerable pressure to either stop offending or face considerable difficulty in all areas of their life. This individual is also being considered by your local Anti Social Behaviour Panel and we are working very closely with Wiltshire Council officers and other local people in this regard. The increased use of Store Net Radio has helped with this priority greatly. A big thank you to local businesses for their support.

PRIORITY- Speeding- Jump Farm, Windsor Drive, Station Rd

The second priority set for Devizes Town was speeding. PC HALL has begun a community speed watch scheme. The volunteers have received their training and we hope to go live soon. There are 27 documented targeted patrols covering car parks in Devizes and the mentioned areas. 2 drivers have been reported for Careless Driving offences and a 3rd investigation has begun, again, for the offence of Careless Driving. We are currently working alongside the Camera Safety Partnership and Safety Speed Smile signs are being erected soon to maximise speed awareness in the town. We are also liaising with Wiltshire Council in relation to consider engineering solutions at car parks in Devizes to reduce crime and nuisance caused to local people.

Devizes Rural South

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PRIORITY- Anti Social Behaviour- Market Lavington

Following consultation with the public and parish, youth based anti social behaviour was set as the quarterly priority. Over 70 patrols have been documented on the NPT website; 24 people have been stopped or searched by officers; 6 persons have received formal youth reprimands or adult cautions for offences including: theft, assault and criminal damage. Three families have been visited by the Community Beat Manager to address their child's behaviour in the village. NPT have liaised with Sarsen Housing to address problem tenants; 4 final warning letters were sent to the parents of youths coming to police attention and 3 youths were referred to your local Anti Social Behaviour Panel. One individual will be subject to an Acceptable Behaviour Contract which may lead to further punitive measures if not complied with. A village surgery was held in August to give the public the opportunity to address further concerns which was well

supported. Our key partners within Wiltshire Council Youth Service are working hard with us in both street based work and supporting regular future youth meetings and facilities. The Parish Council are also supporting us with this project actively. There has been a significant decrease in the problems encountered in the area, but the ongoing work will continue to maintain momentum.

Devizes Rural North

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PRIORITY- Visibility - Stert

For this rural area, the priority set was for increased police visibility. 34 patrols have been documented in the village, no offences or concerns reported. PC Lewis has embedded himself in local community gatherings and received positive feedback in this regard.

PRIORITY- Vandalism- Bishops Cannings

Vandalism and Anti Social Behaviour, especially in the village church area was targeted by this priority set by the community. 43 documented patrols have been undertaken. Overt and covert activity has taken place in one particular road that has resulted in a significant reduction in locally reported problems. PC Lewis has ensured engagement and visibility by attending the local Fete too.