

## Marlborough 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. This approach of common boundaries does assist the formation of working relationships between service providers and deliver real benefits to you. We have undergone some detail changes of Neighbourhood Policing Team boundaries and in Marlborough; this has meant some movement of parishes between the Marlborough & Pewsey Community Areas. I have found parishes and other partners to be pragmatic, fully engaged and helpful during this period of consultation and change. I really am most grateful for the support I have had from many of you. I can reassure you all that the effect in Marlborough of the boundary changes has enabled me to share out workload among my Beat Managers equitably and will lead to increased visibility at community meetings with no adverse effect on service delivery at all. 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 Marlborough and our detection performance are as below:

	June 08	July 08	August 08	June 09	July 09	August 09
All	62	62	54	57	68	68
Assaults	10	10	10	6	9	10
Dwelling Burglary	4	3	1	4	4	0

Overall Detection across our wider sector of Devizes Marlborough & Pewsey together 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.

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**

Neighbourhood policing in the Marlborough community area consists of three teams of Neighbourhood Policing Officers. These are servicing the areas of Marlborough Town, Marlborough Rural East, and Marlborough Rural West. The teams are supervised by Sergeant Ben BRAINE. PC Jeremy BATCHELOR has been earmarked for development as Acting Sergeant to sustain team development and ensure consistency of supervision.

We have had a number of notable results within our NPT area. These have included the interview and admonishment of three youths for criminal damage to church windows, the apprehension of youths for criminal damage to community sports facilities, and also detention of groups of men involved in illegal hare coursing.

The Neighbourhood Team Officers have also been fully engaged with arrests for multiple offences of fraud by visiting rogue traders which were linked to 10 other like offences in Devizes, the prevention of major fraud activities by persons using the 'Lebanese loop' system of obtaining credit/debit card details at the point of use in cash machines, and during a recent Police Operation in Marlborough directed towards the detection and arrest of purse dippers Officers located a male taking photographs of Women and children who on investigation and subsequent arrest turned out to be a registered sex offender.

This brief résumé of incidents serves to highlight the good work being carried out by both Neighbourhood Teams and Response Team in the area. The success should bring about a sense of confidence in the area Policing Team in that we can and do achieve good results. It should also be recognised that many of our successes are due to engagement of members of the public who, through provision of timely and accurate information, make our task that much easier.

Recent activity in Marlborough of other agencies such as Trading Standards and Customs and Excise 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.

Earlier restructuring of our sector and 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.

### **Ben BRAINE**

**Sergeant, Marlborough and Pewsey Neighbourhood Policing Teams**

## **PRIORITIES AND ONGOING ACTIVITY**

### **Marlborough Town NPT.**

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#### **PRIORITY- Anti Social Behaviour – Recreation Ground, Priorsfield, Marlborough**

Following public consultation, drink and drug nuisance behaviour was highlighted as the main priority for this area of Marlborough. Information had been provided that a movable bench was being used as a congregation point for youth then indulging in unruly behaviour due, it was believed, to the use of alcohol and possibly drugs. In servicing this priority we have made a number of patrols specifically in this area which are recorded documented on the Neighbourhood Policing Team website. The patrols have been jointly undertaken by members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team, and the Response Team. On each occasion Officers were in the area there was little activity. This has given Officers the opportunity to engage with the few youths that were using the area for recreational purposes and has given rise to further opportunities for youth/Police interaction.

No further reports of the anti social behaviour earlier referred to have been received.

#### **PRIORITY- Speeding- London Road, Marlborough**

This has been an ongoing priority for the Neighbourhood Policing Team who have successfully engaged Officers from the area response team to assist in both assessing the ongoing problem and enforcement in the vicinity.

Specifically Officers are targeting traffic travelling into Marlborough from the Hungerford direction and passing the turning into Chopping Knife Lane. The through flow of fixed penalty tickets has suddenly decreased which is probably due to the return to school following the summer holidays and the resultant volume of traffic in that area on school days.

Previous work in this area includes the provision of the 30 mph stickers for residents refuse bins which are quite impactful. Ongoing work on this priority includes a request to Wiltshire Council to replace the 'gateway treatment' at the point the 50 limit reduces to the 30, and PC BOARDMAN has a meeting planned with a local resident who seems most affected by actions of motorists on this section of road.

### **Marlborough Rural East**

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#### **PRIORITY- Anti Social Behaviour- Aldbourne**

Following consultation with the public and parish anti social actions by youths in the Westfield Chase and Whitley Playing Field was identified as the main priority for the area. Engagement with Parish representatives, youths, and residents began. Early progress was made here as four youths were caught damaging sports facilities in Aldbourne. Officers initially informed of the event gave it a lower priority at the time of reporting as the identity of the offenders was known, and the damage was not ongoing. The priority was raised immediately the Neighbourhood Policing Team became aware of it and Police action followed straight away with the offenders being interviewed and finalisation of process recommended.

Certainly since this early positive action the problem of incorrect behaviour has declined.

### **ONGOING PRIORITY – Anti Social Behaviour – Ramsbury**

PC BATCHELOR and PCSO MILLS have continued to act in a positive manner in respect of historic youth problems in Ramsbury. These have included alcohol abuse and residential harassment by the use of motorcycles which are often unlicensed and not subject of any documentation.

Interventions have been frequent and include a letter sent to parents where youths are identified as being present at anti social incidents. We believe that this has been a positive response to the issue and has resulted in a general decrease in anti social behaviour incidents in this community.

### **Marlborough Rural East**

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### **PRIORITY- Speeding - Beckhampton**

Residents of Beckhampton have identified the specific problems that they as a community are subject to in respect of traffic using the two trunk roads meeting within the village – the A4 and the A4361.

Continuing work is being carried out and to date includes:

I believe that I am able to further satisfy you in respect of our actions locally which have included the following:

- i) Initial assessment of issue and locality.
- ii) Speed and traffic surveys 2007/2008/2009.
- iii) Attendance and focussed patrols by Roads Policing Units (RPU) both marked and unmarked – enforcement by fixed penalty ticket and summons.
- iv) Specialist attendance of RPU Officers at motorcyclists meeting venues.
- v) Attendance of specialised display units at motorcyclists meeting venues.
- vi) Attendance of Council Road Safety Units at motorcyclists meeting venues.
- vii) Prioritised tasking at Beckhampton for RPU's during July 2009.
- viii) Identified priority for Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).
- ix) NPT attendance at public meetings.
- x) NPT engagement with motorcycle community at identified venues, poster campaign, and roadside checks.
- xi) NPT point of contact for community.
- xii) Previous carriageway work conducted by Highways (hatch markings etc).

### **PRIORITY- Speeding – Ogbourne St George**

A community survey in Ogbourne St George raised the problem of commuters utilising village roads during peak traffic flow periods and driving too fast. The Neighbourhood Policing Team has responded with numerous site visits to assess the problem and deliver education and enforcement.

Since the priority was identified motorists have been subject to both advice and the issue of endorsable fixed penalty tickets for speeding. We await the results of a second short period of assessment to establish if actions to date have served to diminish the problem.