

Wiltshire Police Marlborough



Marlborough Community Area – December 2009

Inspector's Update

This month we have been busy preparing for the festive season. In the coming weeks we have additional overt and covert patrol presence planned for the Market Days in the lead up to Christmas. The intention is to provide reassurance to shoppers and deter the kind of criminality which can affect peak shopping periods, such as retail crime and pick-pocket offences. I have also sought additional support to the night time economy from our colleagues at Police HQ, Devizes with similar provision over the peak festive periods. I am confident that both will contribute to a safe and enjoyable experience for those using the town over Christmas. The teams will be flexible in their deployments and well placed to give similar service to our rural villages too.

As the global recession continues to bite, many of you will be concerned on the effect that this may have on crime in your area. I am pleased to report that overall crime in the Marlborough Community Area remains at a low level and the figures below show you exactly where we are now against our Year to Date targets:

Crime Type	Actual Number	YTD Target	% Change
Violent Crime	85	103	-18
All Acquisitive	93	98	-5
Dwelling Burglary	26	26	0
Theft from Vehicle	55	59	-7
Theft of Vehicle	12	12	0
Damage	117	135	-14
Total Crime	484	563	-13

We are working hard with your Police Authority to ensure that we maintain our current position as one of the safest Counties in the Country, whilst operating more efficiently. Initiatives include: Mobile & Remote Working Project which allows officers to complete the majority of their admin tasks via a palm pilot and remain visibly on patrol; regional scoping of shared services / increased cooperation between forces and increasingly robust attendance management.

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

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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 Richard BARRATT (Pewsey West NPT) has been earmarked for development as Acting Sergeant.

Recent Police activity within our community area included heightened patrol status from your Community beat Mangers and their teams on the evenings on Halloween and Bonfire night. This had a positive effect directly due to the high visibility patrols and their interaction with communities. Reports of anti social behaviour related to these evening events were nil. I am very pleased that the efforts of Officers resulted in a pleasant evening being enjoyed by all.

We continue to work on to rural crime. Included in this subject area are poaching activities which we suffer from year on year. The offenders are invariably from out side of our area and are usually repeat visitors. We believe that they are linked to rural crime in general and I am able to report that during the last three months we have had 8 reports from our rural community out of which 2 arrests have been made resulting in one caution and one charge/bail to court. Our interdiction activities continue in this specific area with the long term intention being to disrupt the activities and movements of rural criminals.

Historic activity in Marlborough of other agencies such as Trading Standards continues as representatives carry out further investigative work within the senior citizen community. This is aimed at gathering evidence against the 'COLD CALLERS' or 'ROGUE TRADERS' that prey on this specific population group. They are aided by our specialist investigation team and it is likely that it will continue for some time.

We now operate Police Surgeries within the High Street area of Marlborough, and have had an officer travelling with the mobile library across the area. This has enabled us to build links with previously over-looked parts of our community. 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.

We have taken the opportunity to place community stalls out on Market Days. This will continue through December 2009 into the New Year to raise the profile of Neighbourhood Policing Teams, and of the simple steps that many of us can take to prevent crime. We also hope through this process to identify further areas of work that can be carried out within the community to make our community area a safer place to live and work.

Ben BRAINE

Sergeant, Marlborough and Pewsey Neighbourhood Policing Teams

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PRIORITIES AND ONGOING ACTIVITY

Neighbourhood Policing Team: Marlborough Town

Community Beat Manager: PC 352 Stan Boardman

Community PCSO: 6031 Mark Braithwaite

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PRIORITY: Anti – Social Behaviour, Waitrose Car Park, Marlborough.

This became a priority for the Marlborough Town Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) following complaints received from members of the public regarding the gathering of youths riding mopeds and motorcycles subsequently causing problems to legitimate users of the facility.

The complaints were of a variety of issues ranging from noise, litter problems, and most notably empty alcohol bottles indicating alcohol abuse. This was more of an issue during the summer months with the lighter evenings, but as a result of robust policing the problems appear to have subsided dramatically.

Several section 59 Police Reform Act notices were served on motorcycle riders following police witnessing incidents of vehicles being used in an inconsiderate manner. The persons involved have not returned to this area since the notices were issued. Repeat offences result in confiscation of the motorcycle.

High visibility patrols continue in this area particularly by PCSO Mark Braithwaite who is adept at engaging the local youth in useful and constructive dialogue

PRIORITY: Anti Social Behaviour, Priorsfield, Marlborough.

Following a number of concerns from residents in and around this area, this priority was adopted. The main concern related to youths gathering at the entrance to Priorsfield coupled with moving a bench at the location to an area enabling it to be out of view to residents which raised concerns of drug or alcohol abuse.

Patrols were initiated focusing in particular on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Although small groups of youths were located, they were not found to be acting in an anti social manner.

Following consultation with Marlborough Town Council and Wiltshire Council the bench has been moved to a location closer to the main road and permanently fixed into position.

This priority has very recently been closed.

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Neighbourhood Policing Team: Marlborough Rural West

Community Beat Manager: PC 1250 Michael BAYISS

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PRIORITY: Anti Social Behaviour – High Street Ogbourne St George

Problems have recently developed within the area of the Ogbourne St George School and the play area behind the Village Hall. There has been minor damage and rubbish has been left about.

This form of Anti Social Behaviour is being targeted with constant patrols by both NPT and response vehicles. Early results have been promising, there has only been one instance of criminal damage since patrols started, and the practise of dumping empty beer cans in the play area has ended.

PRIORITY: Speeding - Mildenhall

This became a priority for the Neighbourhood Policing Team after it came top of the consultation poll for Mildenhall. Motorists speed through Mildenhall en route between Ramsbury and Marlborough, at all times of the day, but particularly at school times and during the morning rush hour.

The problem is being dealt with through regular patrols, and a static speed enforcement point set up by the Community Beat Manager. Advice is given where applicable, but in some cases fixed penalty tickets are issued.

Neighbourhood Policing Team: Marlborough Rural East

Community Beat Manager: PC 1662 Jeremy BATCHELOR

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PRIORITY: Anti Social Behaviour – Aldbourne

Problems have developed within the area of Aldbourne and surrounding byways involving youths from Aldbourne and the surrounding area gathering around the Westfield Chase and Whitely Road playing field area. Associated anti social behaviour includes underage drinking, excessive noise, swearing, littering and the use of illegal vehicles (mainly motorcycles).

This form of anti social behaviour has been targeted by engaging with the youths involved, constant patrols by both the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and Response Officers,

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and Wiltshire Council have attended for the environmental issues. This has resulted in a sharp decrease in complaints especially around the Westfield Chase area. The problem has now moved out of the village onto a byway off Lottage Road.

The use of illegal vehicles has however proved to be more difficult to tackle due to the offenders coming from other villages in Wiltshire and West Berkshire. A car and one motorcycle have been seized for traffic related offences, including no insurance and the offenders dealt with.

The main problem of male youths using the byways to ride these bikes, in itself illegal, remains. The problem is exacerbated by them transiting through the village. This last week 2 teenagers from the village have been identified as being part of the cause for complaint regarding motorbikes. They have been strongly approached by Police and hopefully they will cease their activities.

PRIORITY: Speeding - BAYDON

This has become a priority for the NPT following a doorstep consultation in Baydon. Transiting motorists reportedly speed along Ermin Street and Baydon Road. Baydon is a community concern site and receives occasional visits from the Camera Road safety Unit (CRSU). Officers from NPT & Response that are trained have attended and carried out irregular speed checks issuing fixed penalty tickets or cautions where appropriate.

PCSO MILLS is conducting high visibility patrols in the village at school drop off and pick up times to deal with inconsiderate parking and this has also had a positive effect on the motorist's behaviour.

In March 2009 the village formed part of a popular campaign using Wheelie bin stickers instigated by the beat manager. This does have an effect and has quickly been adopted in many other villages across the county.

The NPT is in regular contact with the well run village Traffic Calming Working Group. At present they are considering applying to become part of the Community Speed Watch scheme (CSW) staffed by volunteers using a speed device purchased by the community. This would mean them losing community concern site status.