

# AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

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**Meeting:** Trowbridge Area Board

**Place:** The Cotswold Space - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

**Date:** Thursday 9 May 2019

**Time:** 7.00 pm

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## Trowbridge Area Board Report - May 2019

Hello and welcome to this month's Community policing report.

### Crime stats - latest quarterly figures

Wiltshire has seen a drop of 3 per cent in the number of overall recorded crimes in the county, according to crime statistics out today (25/04).

Between January 2018 and December 2018, Wiltshire Police recorded 42,483 crimes overall – a decrease compared to the previous 12 months.

Burglaries and vehicle crime dropped by 25 per cent and 26 per cent respectively, while thefts from a person dropped by 15 per cent and thefts, in general, went down by 10 per cent.

Angus Macpherson, Wiltshire and Swindon's Police and Crime Commissioner, welcomed the latest figures and said they showed Wiltshire was continuing to 'punch well above its weight' for a small, rural force and was working hard to deliver the best service possible within the funding awarded.

He said: "Overall, Wiltshire is a safe county and I am pleased to see these latest figures really highlight the hard work that is being done by the Force to continually maintain this aspiration for our communities.

"We are a small, rural force that is striving to punch above its weight in delivering first-class policing and these figures show that we are continuing to deliver.

"Our improved recording practices, which Wiltshire Police has been focusing on 18 months ahead of most other forces, has helped with the accuracy of these figures.

"It is heartening to see that burglary and vehicle crime have dropped considerably and this is a result of me challenging the Chief Constable and his team on the improvement on burglary and vehicle crime numbers.

"This type of scrutiny is essential to ensure Wiltshire Police continues to deliver for the communities it serves."

Despite the overall drop, recorded robbery saw an increase of 79 incidents in 2018 compared to 2017 figures (that's a 31 per cent increase), alongside a 25 per cent increase in stalking and harassment.

Angus added: "The increase in any crime, especially robbery, stalking and harassment, is concerning to me, however I am pleased to see the Force is robustly responding to the concerns that I, and the wider community, have about these crimes.

"As a county, the average number of robberies is low compared to other areas of the country and even small increases push the percentages up.

"I remain committed to ensuring that victims will be heard and have the confidence to report crime to Wiltshire Police and receive support from their very first call - and throughout the criminal justice process - when they do.

"My pledge is to continue to fund a number of victim support services across the county to ensure that this continues to be the case."

Assistant Chief Constable Craig Holden also welcomed the figures.

He said: "The reduction in the overall crime figures is really positive news; however we are not complacent and remain focused when it comes to tackling all crimes and offenders.

"It is concerning to see a rise in robbery as I know this is an offence that can increase the fear of crime to communities. As a small force with a large rural footprint, robbery offences are generally low.

"This means that when there is a small increase in numbers of recorded crimes, the percentage increase can be high, as seen in the statistics. It's worth noting that these robbery figures returned to normal after just two spikes in February and June 2018.

"We have robust methods of scrutiny and compliance to ensure we have accurate recording of crime, including robbery and we believe that this high level of recording accuracy has contributed to the figures for Wiltshire.

The introduction of the Community Tasking Teams has been a positive step in targeting priority offenders. They have had a significant impact in reducing burglaries and the same teams are applying a similar focus to robberies, which I believe will support a reduction over the next few months."

## **CHANGES TO THE WEST WILTSHIRE COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM (CPT)**

Following Inspector James Williams' recent promotion, we will be welcoming Police Sergeant Dan Green to the West Wiltshire Community Policing Team as Deputy Sector Sergeant.

Pc Helen Daveridge has been successful in becoming a Community Coordinator and will be taking over the Westbury, Warminster, Tisbury and Mere area.

Pc Lee Pelling will be moving areas, and will be the Community Coordinator for the Melksham area.

## **CRIME EXCEPTIONS DATA**

**These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.**

### ET11 – Trowbridge Town Centre

April showed 99 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 95.5 offences for this same month over the last two years. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 89% of ET11 crime are as follows :

Violence against the person showed 39 reported crimes, compared to an average of 32.5 offences.

Theft showed 32 reported crimes, compared to an average of 29.7 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 12 reported crimes, compared to an average of 11.2 offences.

Public Order showed 5 reported crime, compared to an average of 6.7 offences.

### ET12 – Adcroft, Seymour and Paxcroft

April showed 51 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 61 offences for this same month over the last two years. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 86% of ET12 crime are as follows :

Violence against the Person showed 23 reported crimes, compared to an average of 20.1 offences.

Theft showed 11 reported crimes, compared to an average of 15.9 offences.

Burglary showed 6 reported crime, compared to an average of 5.1 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 4 reported crimes, compared to an average of 9 offences.

### ET13 – Trowbridge Park and Longfield

April showed 43 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 46 offences for this same month over the last two years. The largest three crime groups that accounted for 75% of ET13 crime are as follows :

Violence against the Person showed 14 reported crimes, compared to an average of 14.5 offences.

Theft showed 11 reported crimes, compared to an average of 15.2 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 7 reported crimes, compared to an average of 5.7 offences.

### ET14 – Drynham and College

April showed 28 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 39 offences for this same month over the last two years. Crime as a whole is showing as an exception, as the number of offences are lower than we would expect to see. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 86% of ET14 crime are as follows :

Violence against the Person showed 9 reported crimes, compared to an average of 14 offences.

Theft showed 6 reported crimes, compared to an average of 9.1 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 5 reported crimes, compared to an average of 6.1 offences.

Vehicle Offences showed 4 reported crime, compared to an average of 2.2 offences.

#### ET15 – Studley and Broadmead

April showed 25 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 22.5 offences for this same month over the last two years. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 84% of ET15 crime are as follows :

Violence against the Person showed 9 reported crimes, compared to an average of 10.2 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 5 reported crimes, compared to an average of 4.7 offences.

Vehicle Offences showed 4 reported crimes, compared to an average of 1.7 offences.

Public Order showed 3 reported crimes, compared to an average of 2.4 offences.

#### ET16 – Trowbridge Rural

February showed 33 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 32.4 offences for this same month over the last two years. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 76% of ET16 crime are as follows :

Violence against the Person showed 15 reported crimes, compared to an average of 13.1 offences.

Criminal Damage showed 7 reported crimes, compared to an average of 4.6 offences.

Theft showed 3 reported crimes, compared to an average of 3.9 offences.

### **COMMUNITY POLICING PRIORITIES WITHIN YOUR AREA**

#### **WEEKLY TASKING MEETING**

**Inspector Andy FEE chairs a weekly internal “tasking meeting” where emerging community issues and concerns are raised and discussed for the whole West Wiltshire CPT area. From this meeting, priorities and actions are set and a tasking document produced. This involves developing strategies and the targeting of resources (including partner agencies) into tackling the issue or concern.**

Vulnerability – Regular checks continue to be made by officers at an address in Trowbridge following concerns that the male occupant was being taken advantage of, by a number of known persons.

Ongoing safeguarding work is being completed and offences identified are being dealt with. Unfortunately due to this male's vulnerability, no further information can be provided.

ASB – Patrols in areas identified as attracting antisocial behaviour, continue to be patrolled by the community policing team.

### **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)**

**Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speedwatch Schemes across West Wiltshire are selected by Leanne Homewood for CPT support (additional targeting, enforcement and patrols) to supplement the CSW team planned sessions. These are included in our weekly tasking document for action and update. All the results from the supplementary speed checks conducted are fed back to the relevant town and parish Councils in their individual Police Reports. The current Speedwatch Schemes being supported are as follows;**

Wynsome Street, Southwick – One check was completed on the 4<sup>th</sup> April, two drivers were given words of advice with regards to their speed.

Wingfield Road, Trowbridge – One check was completed on the 4<sup>th</sup> April, three drivers were given words of advice with regards to their speed.

Frome Road, Southwick – One check was completed on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, no vehicles were observed speeding.

### **CHARGES TO NOTE**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> April, officers were called to reports of a break in during the early hours of the morning, at a commercial property near to the Canal Road Industrial Estate. Alan MARTYN, 44 year old male from Frome and Tony HEWLETT, 46 year old male from Trowbridge, were both arrested. Both males have been charged with Criminal Damage and Theft, and have been bailed to appear before Salisbury Magistrates Court on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> April, officers stopped a male in a vehicle in the White Horse Business Park, who was subsequently searched. He was found in possession of a knuckle duster. The 36 year old male from the Trowbridge area has received an Adult Caution for Possession of an Offensive Weapon.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> April, officers were called to reports of a disorder in the area of Lambrok Road, Trowbridge. Cerri FIPPEN, 36 year old female from an address in Millhand Villas, Trowbridge, was arrested and charged with 2 x Assault by beating and Using threatening / abusive behaviour. She has been bailed to appear before Salisbury Magistrates Court on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> April, officers were called to Tesco, County Way following reports of a shoplifter. Garry NALDI, a 37 year old male from the Chippenham area was arrested and charged with Possession of a class A drug, Driving with no insurance and Theft from a shop. He has been bailed to appear before Salisbury Magistrates Court on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> April, officers were called to a disturbance at Tesco, County Way. Mark PARKER, a 22 year old male from Langford Road, Trowbridge was arrested and charged with Using threatening / abusive behaviour. He has been bailed to appear before Salisbury Magistrates Court on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> April, a 24 year old male from the Trowbridge area was arrested for being Drunk and Disorderly following an incident in the early hours of the morning in Castle Street. The male was later issued with a £90 Fixed Penalty Notice.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Debra DUNN, a 38 year old female from Union Street, Trowbridge, was arrested and charged with 2 x Theft from a Shop. She has been bailed to appear before Salisbury Magistrates Court on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> April, an 18 year old male from Bradford on Avon was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting from JD Sports, Trowbridge. He received an Adult Caution for theft and possession of a class C drug.

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>



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### Camping and caravanning



Whether you're out and about in a camper van, towing your caravan or sleeping under canvas for your holidays, venturing into the great outdoors can carry risks.

When you're on a campsite, make sure there's at least six metres (20ft) between caravans and/or tents and that you're away from parked cars – this will reduce the risk of any fire spreading. If mobile phone signal is poor, make sure you know where the nearest payphone is.

Never use barbecues inside or near the entrance to your tent or caravan, either for cooking or as a heat source – the carbon monoxide they produce is lethal.

#### Camping

A fire can destroy a tent in just a minute, so make sure you:

- Never use candles in or near the tent – torches are safer.
- Keep cooking stoves and barbecues away from the tent walls, as they can catch light very easily.
- Know how to escape by cutting your way out of the tent, should there be a fire.
- Don't smoke inside your tent.

#### Caravans

- Take special care when cooking and don't leave pans unattended.
- Turn off all appliances when you go to bed.
- Never dry clothes over the stove.
- Remove any litter and rubbish near the caravan to reduce the risk of fire spreading.
- Make sure the caravan is well ventilated and never block air vents.
- If there is a fire extinguisher or fire blanket within the caravan, read the instructions so you know what to do in the event of fire.
- Keep flammable liquids, such as petrol and gas cylinders, outside and away from children.

- Make sure the gas pipe connection is secure. If you suspect a leak, turn off the main cylinder valve.

## Heath fires and countryside safety



When you are out and about enjoying the countryside, there are some things you can do in order to protect our beautiful surroundings and keep you safe.

Large wildfires are thankfully rare but, when they do occur, they can be very serious and affect large areas of the countryside. They also take a great deal of resources to bring under control, which impacts the availability of appliances for property fires and other emergencies.

The Upton Heath fire in Dorset in 2011, for example, damaged approximately 250 acres of the heath and required the mobilisation of 30 fire engines and 11 Land Rovers.

Wildfires can ravish the local wildlife, destroying ecosystems in a matter of hours that have taken years to build up. If a wildfire encroaches upon farmland, then crops and farm buildings can be consumed, and homes that border heathland can also be at risk.

At their worst, wildfires can cause death or injury to people. A developed wildfire creates its own wind, which drives it at speeds faster than people can get out of its way.

Steps you can take to avoid starting a wildfire:

- Avoid open fires in the countryside. If you must have a fire, make sure that you're in a designated safe area.
- Put out cigarettes and other smoking materials properly before you leave your vehicle.
- Do not throw cigarette ends out of your vehicle. They could start a fire and destroy surrounding countryside.
- Don't leave bottles or glass in woodlands, as sunlight shining through the glass can cause a fire to start. Take the items home, or put them in a waste or recycling bin.

- If you see a fire in the countryside, report it immediately. Do not try to tackle a fire yourself; usually they can't be put out with a bucket of water. Please call the fire service and leave the area as soon as possible.
- Ensure that you know your location or a landmark so you can direct the fire service.

## Sam's Sad Day

**Sam's Sad Day** is a story about a sand lizard whose home is destroyed by a wildfire. Once you have read the story, you can test the children's understanding and recall using the **Sam's Sad Day questions worksheet** (the **answer sheet** is provided).

The children can write their own story about a wild creature whose home is destroyed by a wildfire.

For other resources or ideas about fire safety for children, visit our **education section**.

## Advice for landowners

Through controlled management of planting schemes and firebreaks, the risk of a wildfire starting can be reduced and the effects of a 'going' wildfire can be restricted.

Fire spreads at different rates through different vegetation so, by managing the planting, the rate of fire spread can be slowed to give fire crews extra time to get resources in place.

A **best practice guide** has been produced by the Forestry Commission, giving further information about the causes of wildfires, their behaviours and the steps that landowners can take to prevent or mitigate them.

## See also:

The Natural England website – **www.naturalengland.org.uk** – has lots of information, including an explanation of the **Countryside Code**.

Find out more about being a **Firewise Community** through the Urban Heaths Partnership.

# Water safety



Cooling off in rivers, canals, ponds, quarries and lakes can have deadly consequences.

Every year, firefighters are called to incidents where residents (particularly children and young people) get into difficulty when swimming in open water.

## Dangers of cooling off in open water

The water may look calm on the surface, but there may still be strong undercurrents that could pull even a strong swimmer under.

The water may also feel relatively warm on the surface, but just a few feet below can be icy cold – even in the hot weather – and can very quickly cause severe cramp and hypothermia.

Young people often misjudge their swimming ability – they may view a river or lake as a tempting means of cooling off during a hot spell of weather, but fail to appreciate the harmful effects that the cold water can have on their stamina and strength.

## Key safety tips for staying safe near water

The following are some key safety tips for staying safe near water:

- Alcohol and swimming do not mix – stay out of the water if you've been drinking.
- Always watch your child while at the beach, lake or other natural bodies of water.
- Never let older children swim in unsupervised areas like quarries, canals or ponds.
- Don't swim near motor boats, jet skis or other power vehicles.
- Never interfere with lifesaving equipment – you might need it yourself.
- Learn to spot and keep away from dangerous water.
- Take safety advice – heed notices which warn you of the danger. See [\*\*national water safety signs\*\*](#) for guidance.



- Children should always visit open water sites with a grown-up.
- Swimming anywhere other than at purpose built and supervised swimming pools is highly dangerous and is not recommended, unless as part of an organised club.

**See also:**

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents – [advice on water safety](#)

**Safe and Well Visits- Home safety**

The Trowbridge area has a dedicated FRS ‘**Safe and Well**’ advisor who can visit people, within their own homes, advising on home safety and wellbeing.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

If you have thatch property, are living alone, have a young family, are over 65 or a smoker please get in contact with us. We want to help make you safer in your own home. If you or someone you know has mobility or sight and hearing impairments, please suggest a Safe and Well visit.

Visit <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/news/new-name-new-contact-details-same-service/> to book one.

**Response**

*Due to a system fault, incident data was not available during the preparation of this report. Details will be included for the next meeting.*

**Community Engagement**

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service provides a free service called a Safe and Well visit. We will visit a person’s home by appointment and discuss any safety issues in the home. We will also have a conversation about improving an individual’s health and wellbeing.



If you or someone you know need a smoke alarm, some advice or are worried about what to do in an emergency, contact us for a free Safe and Well visit;  
<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>

### **Community Safety Plan**

DWFRS Community Safety Plan 2018-2022 outlines our plans for the future. It explains the diverse services we provide and how we plan to improve and deliver them over the four-year period. The plan can be found on the DWFRS website <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

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