

# Pewsey Area Board

December 2015

## 1. Neighbourhood Policing

**Team Sergeant:** Clare Wallace (currently A/PS Richard Barratt)

### **Pewsey East**

PC Teresa Herbert

### **Pewsey West**

PC Dave McCalmont

### **Pewsey PCSO (both areas)**

Jonathan Mills

## 2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

One of the current priorities for Pewsey NPT is to focus on Non-dwelling burglaries and thefts, as over the last month there has been an increase in these offences in both the Marlborough and Pewsey areas.

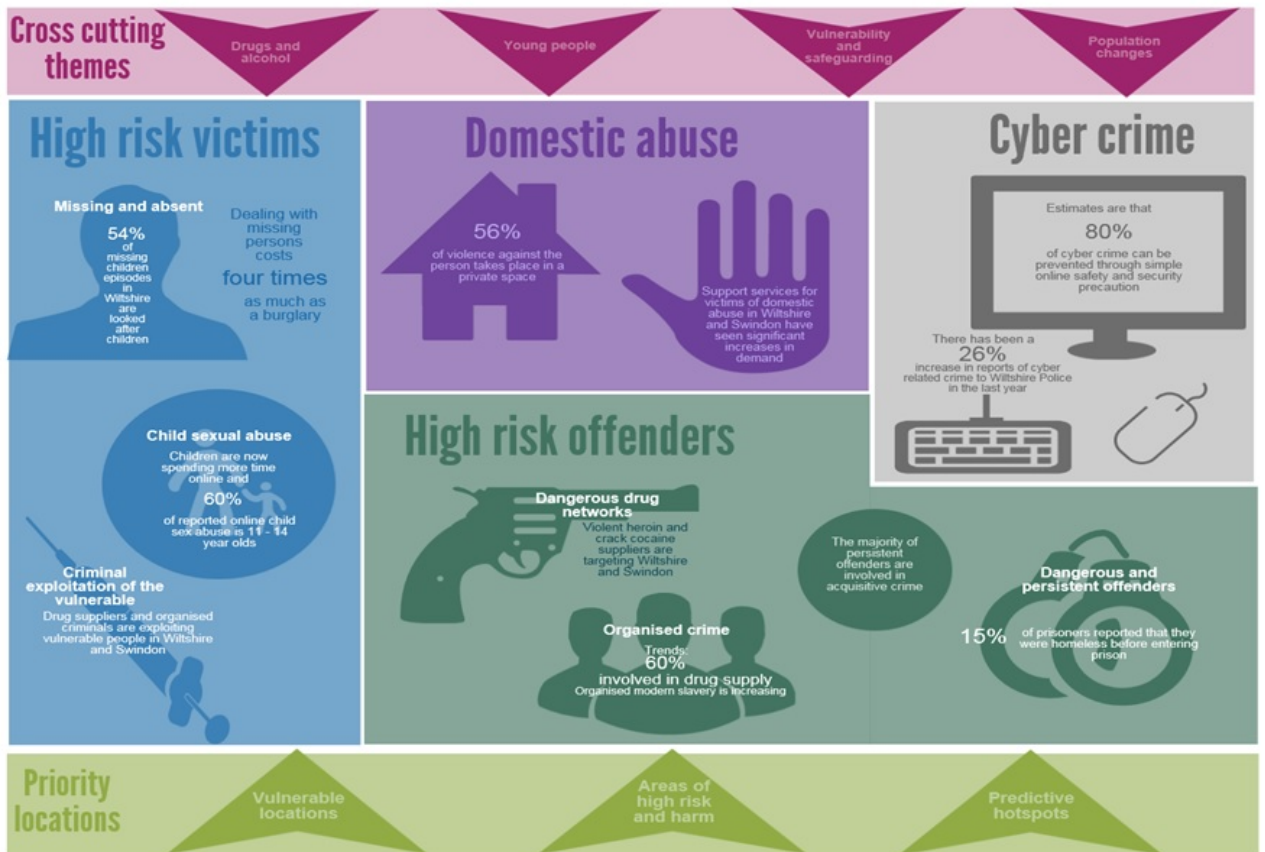
- On the evening of 30<sup>th</sup> November approximately £4000 worth of equipment was taken from a local shop in Pewsey, as well as a vehicle from Burbage
- On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, a burglary was reported in Upavon whereby a male entered the Post Office and, after being served by a member of staff, leant over the counter and grabbed some money from the till.

Arrests have recently been made in the Marlborough area for theft and burglary offences and suspects are currently on bail.

Please contact Pewsey NPT for any crime prevention advice or to pass on details of individuals or groups who you feel would benefit from some input.

## 3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy

Last month's report mentioned that there will be a change to the structure of future police reports to focus on the Wiltshire Police Control Strategy which describes the current and emerging threats that are of greatest impact to Wiltshire's Communities.



## Cybercrime

Cybercrime is a growing area of crime (Wiltshire Police has seen a 26% increase in reports of cyber related crime in the last year). Criminals are moving online and there is an increasing cyber element to many traditional crimes.

Pewsey Neighbourhood Policing Team have been visiting local schools to deliver lessons on cyber-crime and bullying. The course is aimed at primary school aged children. Several lessons have been delivered across the Marlborough and Pewsey areas recently and there are further lessons planned.

Wiltshire Police have a dedicated Cybercrime Facebook page 'CyberBee WiseWilts' which aims to help people to avoid becoming victims of cybercrime. There are regular cyber safety messages and updates so this is well worth visiting, particularly as 80% of cybercrime can be prevented by following simple online security advice.

## Domestic Abuse

Pewsey NPT regularly has involvement in attending incidents of domestic abuse and through liaison with other departments within Wiltshire Police we are able to identify those people who are repeat victims so that safeguarding measures can be put in place.

## **High Risk Victims**

Unfortunately, there have been a number of scams and bogus calls to vulnerable and elderly residents across our NPT areas, such as telephone calls from people purporting to be police officers. These incidents can lead to distraction burglaries or people parting with large amount of money. NPT officers have been visiting the victims of these crimes and giving advice to elderly residents and the most vulnerable in our communities to help reduce the likelihood of their criminal exploitation.

We often receive calls from concerned residents about people selling door to door, which can create some distress. On the 16<sup>th</sup> December PC McCalmont stopped two males who were doing this in Pewsey and reported them for summons to court for acting as pedlars without a certificate.

Pewsey & Marlborough NPTs have recently been engaging with schools, giving stranger danger talks and assisting Wiltshire Life Education Centre with inputs to primary school aged children. These inputs are a great way for younger people to engage with police and for them to take on board valuable information to reduce the risk of them becoming victims.

If you have any concerns about a vulnerable person, please contact Wiltshire Police.

## **High Risk Offenders**

The NPT work closely with the Public Protection Department to identify persistent or dangerous offenders, to engage with them and to take positive action where required.

## **Priority Locations**

We regular engage with the youth in the Pewsey area and are committed to identifying ways of reducing incidents of ASB, particularly on Friday nights when traditionally large numbers of youths have congregated in the CO-OP car park. We have had only a few reports of ASB recently but encourage residents to report incidents as and when they occur.

As a result of recent thefts and burglaries, and following up on concerns raised by local communities, Marlborough and Pewsey NPT, officers from the Rural Crime Team, Roads Policing Units, VOSA, and HMRC carried out a rural crime operation on 26<sup>th</sup> November around Marlborough and Pewsey. The aim was to remove illegal vehicles from the roads and to target vehicles involved in rural offences, like hare coursing and burglaries. During the day a total of 166 vehicles were stopped, two arrests were made, six penalty tickets were issued, four prohibitions were issued to commercial and agricultural vehicles for not being roadworthy, and 25 verbal warnings were issued for minor vehicle faults.

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