



Community Policing Report Area Board - 25th May 2017

Corsham

Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

Over the last month Wiltshire Police has been running a survey, collecting feedback about the Community Policing Team model. We thank you all for your help in generating this important information, which will help us to ensure that we are providing the high quality of service that the people of Wiltshire and Swindon deserve and expect.

Police use of Taser and Body Worn Video Cameras

Many of you may have already seen a number of our officers sporting new body worn video cameras. These devices are the latest of investments in technology as Wiltshire Police strives to be innovative in its approach, providing an effective, efficient and quality service. Following our successful pilot earlier in the year, our full rollout is progressing well and already there has been positive feedback.

Wiltshire Police currently has 160 Tasers and is offering instruction to officers who successfully apply for additional training in an effort to help maintain public and officer safety by making a greater number of the existing devices able to be deployed at any one time.

Tasers are used by trained Police Officers in a number of ways, many of which involve no direct physical force to be used on a person.

They can be drawn from the holster, aimed at the subject, have the 'red dot' pointed at the subject with the laser sight or activated so that an electric current is 'arced' at the front of the device, all of which can resolve incidents.

Home Office figures released last week showed a drop in the number of times Tasers were discharged nationally.

Chief Constable Mike Veale said: **"The use of Taser has been widely debated and I have carefully considered the options.**

"I feel that by giving officers the option to carry Taser we are giving them the choice to use the tools available to us at this time to keep both keep the public and themselves safe.

"However, let me make it clear that I see the rollout of Tasers as a preventative measure not an aggressive tool.

"I also want to make it clear that it is not a tool to default to at the earliest opportunity; it needs to be used with precision, wisdom, proportionality and measure.

“I want to have the right resources in the right place at the right time with the right skills and accreditation to deal with the threat, risk and harm faced within communities.

“We have, geographically, a very large force with a huge degree of rurality which often leaves officers and staff working single crewed and on occasions feeling vulnerable to the dangers they may be facing.

“This decision is something which I hope will give our colleagues more confidence and courage to remain on the front foot so that we are able to protect our communities.

“We constantly assess the current risk and threat in the county and I believe that it is the right time to increase the training in Taser and in turn, increase our capacity.

“Although Wiltshire is one of the safest counties in the country, we still face a rise in violent crime and the threat of terrorism remains very real throughout the UK.

“Taser can be used effectively as a deterrent or as a way of ending a violent situation where someone is at risk of harm.”

In addition to increasing Taser capability, Wiltshire Police is rolling out body-worn cameras to front line officers and staff. Many of you may have already seen a number of our officers sporting the new body worn video cameras.

Mr. Veale said: **“This new investment in body-worn video cameras will help us transform the way we work, allowing our officers and staff to do their jobs serving the communities of Wiltshire and Swindon with greater confidence and security.**

“Our police officers and staff put themselves into volatile and dangerous situations every day and these cameras should not only act as a deterrent to those who may wish to cause them harm, but can also be used as valuable evidence when officers and staff are subjected to violence and abuse.

“It should also give the public greater confidence in our professionalism and, on the rare occasions where our service does not live up to our high standards, allow us to take action and learn from any errors or mistakes.

“These cameras are as much about the officer behind the camera as the person in front of it. They will help ensure Wiltshire Police continues to provide the high standards of service that both the Force and the people they serve expect.”

With the news that a general election has been called, we would like to reassure the public that there will be an appropriate policing plan in place ahead of the vote in June.

Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police. Please follow us on:

Twitter <https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>

Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>



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COMMUNITY MESSAGING

We are constantly reviewing our visibility and how we can develop this and work with our communities.

We cannot physically be everywhere all of the time and we want to ensure consistent information with our communities and to be able to provide the information that matters to you when you need it. There has been some good feedback from our new way of working using Community Messaging so please sign up and use it.

<https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

Our CPT priority: Persistent offenders and ongoing issues affecting the Community in line with our Force Control Strategy. Priority Offenders are established at a weekly Sector meeting, as a result priorities and taskings are raised as a way to effectively manage live intelligence and priorities that are developing in the northern hub.

CONTROL STRATEGY

Below is our control strategy for your reference. This focuses on where how we conduct our operational Policing based on the Police & Crime Plan. We will continue to align our resources with the threat/harm/risks presented in line with the control strategy.

- Domestic abuse, Cyber Crime, Organised criminality, County lines and the criminally exploited, Dangerous and persistent offenders, Child sexual exploitation and abuse, Modern Slavery and human exploitation.



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LOCAL CRIMES

On the 14th March at approximately 22:00 hours, unknown suspect(s) have gained access into secure garage in Woodlands, Corsham and stole a Stomp Pit motorbike from within.

Between 14th and 15th March overnight, unknown suspect has broken into a taxi which was parked securely on Queens Avenue, a wallet and a coin holder was stolen.

On the 16th March, there was an attempt burglary at a property on The Ley, Box, no entry was gained but tool marked were left on the door frame, a quantity of lead was also stolen from garden at this location.

Overnight on the 18th of March an unknown person has caused damage to the offside door mirror of a car parked on Priory Street

On the 21st March unknown suspect has smashed the rear windscreen of a vehicle parked in Gastard and stole a Drone from the boot to the value of £4,000.

On the 28th March, an unknown female as stolen a quantity of clothing from TK MAXX, enquiries are ongoing.

On the 3rd April at 14:00 hours a 45 year old male was arrested for being aggressive to members of the public and Police officers in Station Road. He was issued with a Fixed penalty notice for public order offences, also on the same day, an unknown suspect has filled up a jerry can with £24.86 of unleaded petrol at the Texaco garage and left without making payment. Enquiries are ongoing.

Two unknown males have entered the Co-op in the Martingate Centre and stole a bottle of alcohol.

During the early hours on the 5th April, entry was forced to the old Jaipur Restaurant which is currently being renovated for a new restaurant. A quantity of tools was stolen to the value of approximately £2000. Later the same day, a vehicle was involved in an RTC within the Avon & Somerset area and Police attended, the occupants of the vehicle were subsequently arrested for the Burglary in Corsham and the tools were recovered.

Between midnight on 9th April and 01.50 hours on 10th April, unknown suspect(s) have broken into the old library building on Pickwick Road by kicking and forcing the fire door, it would appear that they have lit a fire inside of the building.

Overnight between 9th and 10th April unknown suspect has put paint on the children's equipment at the Magic Dragon Pre School in Box, they have also thrown paint over a bench and road sign and stuck broken glass onto the paint covering the bench.

Between 14th and 17th April Unknown persons have caused damage to the childrens play area at Springfield Play park next to the Campus by pulling up the tarmac. Damage is two £1000 plus VAT.

Overnight on the 19th April, entry was gained to a White Transit Van which was parked on Bences Lane, Corsham. A quantity of tools were stolen.

On the 19th April at 16.30 hours approximately 14 unknown males have been seen to trash a pile of hay and have pulled up apple trees and have strewn litter over the Rough Street area.

Between 1700 hours on 24th April – 0800 hours on 25th April a black Landrover 90 Defender was stolen from Queens Square in Box.

At 09.13 hours on 27th April Unknown male suspect selected a box of Seaweed plant feed two £9.99 from the display at Whitehall garden Centre, then walked through the till area making no attempt to make payment. I have no description but CCTV is being viewed to identify the suspect.

Between midnight on the 27th April to 14.15 hours Unknown suspect has damaged a front door to a property on Charlwood Road by punching a hole in an attempt to gain entry.

At 15.12 hours on the 7th May, a local adult male from Rudloe was issued with a Fixed Penalty Ticket for shouting and swearing at his neighbours.

Between 00.20 hours and 08.35 hours on the 8th May, superglue has been put into the lock of a garage in ASHWOOD ROAD, RUDLOE, the owner of the garage had to force entry to the lock and remove it so they could gain access.

Overnight on the 17th May unknown suspects have stolen tools by forcing entry into a number of vans parked on Pineway Wood, Colerne.

The Community Policing Team continue to liaise with Notton House School to improve ways of working as Police are called on a fairly regular basis.

Unknown person(s) have attempted to gain entry to the money can in the National Trust car park. The security screws have been damaged but no entry gained.

We have received a number of reports advising that road users are breaching the 7.5 ton weight limit in Lacock. A report has been placed in the Gazette and Herald on this subject.

Other - The new Sector Head Inspector Mark Luffman and Deputy Sector Head Sgt Sean Brady are responsible for overseeing The North CPT Hub based at Chippenham, which encompasses Corsham, Chippenham and Calne.

The Force now has a dedicated cybercrime Facebook page. Sgt Paul Harvey is planning to attend an Area Board meeting in the future on behalf of Wiltshire Police to present a short 20-30 minute Power Point ref Cyber Crime threat in Wiltshire, the time of this can be reduced. If there are any local businesses who would value having this information do please e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham CPT Facebook has 1700 followers. Please join us either on Facebook or Community Messaging.

The mobile CCTV van has been a very useful piece of equipment and can be deployed to show a visible presence preventing criminality and assist with detecting crime. Also deployment in the evenings to assist with any reports related to Night Time Economy. Officers are being encouraged to deploy the CCTV Van within the 3 towns.

Police Cadets who are aged 13-16 years of age can attend local events and assisted with community engagement, they are very keen to get involved in future events, please e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

If you are planning any event and require assistance from the Police to assist, please e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk in advance as you may be required to complete an 'Events Form' and there may also be a cost incurred to ensure that you have dedicated officers throughout. If you would like the Cadets to assist with community engagement at events please e-mail the address above, there is no charge for this.

EVENTS... Don't forget that a toolkit is available from Wiltshire Council which gives fantastic guidance and advice for organizing most types of events, including topics ranging from traffic management to toilets, and gives contact details for which agencies and departments need to be contacted when applying for various licences or road closures. It can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf>, In essence, all organisers must be responsible for identifying any risks and putting in measures to remove or reduce them.

SPRING IS HERE... As the warmer weather starts to appear it is tempting to throw open the windows and leave doors ajar to allow for the fresh air to flow through, BUT, this is often an open invitation to opportunistic burglars. Please do be mindful about keeping windows closed, many modern windows allow you to lock them whilst slightly ajar and I would urge you to do this if you have the capability to do so. Even if you are only in the back garden having out the washing or mowing the lawn, please ensure that your front door remains locked. Don't give these opportunists any excuse to try their luck at your property.

VEHICLE CRIME... I cannot urge people enough to keep their valuables with them or to simply not take them out when walking through our beautiful countryside. Thieves are frequenting car parks and side roads all over the County and looking out for unattended vehicles. They are notoriously difficult to catch because of the speed they work at and the distance they travel. If you leave your valuables in your car, hidden in a foot well or under a coat they will see it. And we have had recent reports of car boots being broken into and handbags having been taken. This indicates to me that the thieves have watched the owners secure their valuables before heading off on what should be an enjoyable walk. Please strongly consider taking your valuables with you on your walk, or leaving them at home. Police will do all they can, but prevention is often the most successful way to reduce these thefts from occurring.

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

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

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POLICE COMMUNICATION

In an emergency call 999

Call 999 if you need an immediate response because:

- A crime is in progress.
- You or someone else is injured or there is a threat to life.
- A serious road traffic collision has taken place.
- Violence is being used.

Call 101 for less serious matters

- To report a crime or issue that does not require an immediate emergency response
- You or someone else are not in immediate danger
- You would like to speak to your local police officer
- You want to provide information about a crime

Stop a police officer or PCSO

Although we cannot take reports of crime on the street we are happy to receive information and give advice.

E-mail

Your local officer can be contacted by e-mail CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Website

There are a number of forms available on www.wiltshire.police.uk where you can pass information.

Crimestoppers

Information can be passed anonymously via Crimestoppers. They can be contacted at crimestoppers.org.uk or via telephone on 0800 555 111. Their website also provides useful information and crime prevention advice

Facebook

Each town within the Community Policing Team has its own Facebook page, where you can find information about what has been happening in the area. We are unable to take reports of crime through Facebook.

The e-mail address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing Team is
cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.police.uk

Please phone 101 (non emergency) or 999 (emergency) to report any incidents or crimes, reports cannot be taken via the above e-mail address.

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