

Devizes Area Board Report

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Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

We have just completed a busy period of attendance to Parish annual meetings in recent weeks, in our efforts to reach as many of the fifty plus Parish and Town councils we work in partnership with. This has allowed for feedback in relation to policing priorities, areas of concern and relevant tasking of officers for local engagement, in addition to our daily policing and tasking commitments.

Our monthly report, established at the commencement of the CPT model, sent to each of our Parish councils has assisted with this process of information sharing. Please do advise our community co-ordinator if you have any further feedback regarding this.

Update from Helen Kennedy, Head of Media Services, Wiltshire Police

Many areas boards are raising the issue that our 101 Call handling for Wiltshire remains below the standards we wish to deliver.

To give context to the current position it is important to understand that there has been a significant shift in the way we manage our demand within the Police Service.

The Community Policing Model recognises that the Police service is being asked to do 'more with less' and helps to address this fact by assessing the demand at the first point of contact. The call handler will assess the threat, harm and risk without necessarily tasking an officer to attend in the first instance. The adage they work to in our Communication Centre is to get it right first time.

As a result of this change in handling we have seen an increase in waiting times for calls to be answered.

However, since we initiated the CPT Model, calls for immediate help have seen an improvement.

It is also important to note that we have engaged in a significant recruitment phase for many roles within the CPT. Police Officers, PCSO, Local Crime Investigators and Prisoner Transport Team members have all been recruited. Where do we find people with the right skills to do these roles? One area is our Communication Centre. These are members of Police Staff who have been trained in aspects of law and have good communication skills. It is not surprising that they then wish to use their training and continue to develop. Consequently recruitment and retention of staff is a challenge, however to reassure you our Communication Centre Leadership team have a well-established rolling recruitment programme in place.

We continue to review and assess where improvements are needed. We are currently exploring solutions including on-line reporting of crime, a more informative website and on-line chat and hope this different access channels will start to be available late summer 2017. We will not solve this issue overnight and are working hard any problems to deliver the best possible service to those who contact us.

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2. CPT - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Current Priorities Devizes and surrounding areas.

ASB Prevention

Following on from the previous Anti-Social Behaviour in the Town Centre, for which in excess of 250 patrols were recorded of the key areas, there is now a new ASB prevention priority in place covering not only the town centre but a slightly wider area, including Hillworth Park, The Green, The Crammer, Green Lane and the Skate park.

It is recognized that the core of the problem is the homeless population of Devizes many of whom are alcohol and/or drug dependant. As well as generalized anti-social behaviour by this core group, there are also issues of street drinking and begging. In addition to this core of homeless people there have also been reported issues of youth anti-social behaviour which is also forming part of this priority.

There has been ongoing multi-agency work on this priority with some progress made including the issue of a Community Protection Warning Notice (CPWN) to one individual in regards to begging. Two youths recently also received Acceptable Behaviour contracts via referral to Anti-Social Behaviour risk assessment conference (ASBRAC).

Those involved in working on this priority include Devizes Town Council, Town CCTV, Wiltshire Council, the local community and shopkeepers. At this stage the collation of evidence is a key aim as at present there is a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) which is valid until October 2017 but if this is to be replaced with a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) then evidence will be required to support an application for a PSPO.

We are aware that anti-social behaviour often increases as the weather improves and as such this priority will remain open until we are satisfied with the outcome. To date the new priority has recorded 41 patrols since its implementation three weeks ago.

Dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries.

Targeted patrols continue throughout the area in relation to this policing priority. A total of nine burglaries have occurred within the past two months throughout the Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey area.

These include two dwelling burglaries; both in Devizes on 6th and 21st of June 2017. Three business premises were broken into and items stolen, one in Devizes, the other in Pewsey and the other burglaries consisted of items being taken from garages or sheds. Enquiries are continuing for both the dwelling burglaries and a suspect has been charged for one of the business burglaries.

Wiltshire Police will continue to limit the number of offences by pro-active policing, intelligence gathering and conducting policing operations in these areas.



Theft from motor vehicles

Over 300 targeted patrols have been completed in relation to this priority. Nine thefts from motor vehicle offences have occurred within the past month across the Devizes, Pewsey & Marlborough area with locations including Everleigh Road & Roundway Hill White Horse.

Several of the beauty spot locations recently targeted currently have no Police warning signage - having been forcibly removed, which includes our posters. Thank you for funding further metal Police warning notice signage for fitting at such locations, these will alert our visitors of the need to be vigilant and not to leave any valuables within parked and unattended vehicles.

Two males have recently been charged with conspiracy to steal from vehicles, which covers a very large number of offences committed within the CPT area. This case is subjudice but I hope to report on this in future Area Boards.

Update re Rural Crime Partnership

Recent meetings have been held with local farmers in east Wiltshire and the WCC Rights of Way Officer in relation to discussions concerning the use of byways for illegal purposes which is most impactful upon our east Wiltshire community. We are working together with our partners to consider relevant legislation and powers available for our use to robustly manage those offenders and offences identified.

Activity around hare coursing is a focus of concern and our rural crime team are planning forthcoming policing operations.

Operation ASTEN has involved dealing with illegal off roaders on Salisbury plain. These policing operations have continued in recent weeks with engagement and relevant disposal of offences identified.

3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy

Over the page is our Control Strategy for your reference. This focuses on how we conduct our operational policing based on the Police and Crime Plan. We will continue to align our resources with the threat/harm/risks presented in line with the control strategy. Our priority will always be matters that fall within the control strategy however it is right to say that these issues do not take up all of our available resource and there remains sufficient capacity to deal effectively with the majority of community issues raised.



4. Events

Devizes Muslim Community are holding Eid Celebrations at Devizes Sports Club, London Road on Sunday the 9th of July between the hours of 12:00 - 17:00. The event will be attended by Devizes MP Claire Perry and the Mayor of Devizes, who will both be providing speeches. The event will include a Celebration lunch, Fund raising, Children's activities and Henna art, with monies raised going to The Devizes Foodbank.

Event planning

A toolkit is available from Wiltshire Council which gives fantastic guidance and advice for organising most types of events including topics ranging from traffic management to toilets and provides 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.

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