

# Corsham Community Policing Report Area Board – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report. We wish you all a Happy New Year!

On the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Wiltshire Police launched its new web site and I would encourage you all to take a look. Whilst the report below gives a summary of Key Impact Crimes in your area such as Burglaries, the interactive element will allow you to see the statistics of the reports for your area and your local Police contacts. The website address remains unchanged and the interactive map can be found by following the below link.

## http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/832/Your-Area

I would like to raise the profile of **The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust**, Home Security and Stay Safe Online Schemes. The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is an independent charity, who work closely with Wiltshire Police to provide an invaluable home security service. The Trust has been operating this scheme for the past 20 years helping to secure homes for the elderly, vulnerable & disadvantaged throughout Wiltshire.

Responding to the changing needs of the community the Trust has launched a new scheme to offer advice on keeping safe whilst online. Through raising awareness about computer fraud and what to do if you have concerns about your online safety the Trust aims to help reduce the risk of this type of crime. If you are aged over 60 or 18+ registered disabled & have concerns about your Online Safety you can request a home visit or arrange a group talk.



To enquire about a Home Security check for your home **Call**: <u>01380 861155</u> Or **Email**: <u>bobbyvan@wiltshire.police.uk</u>

For all enquiries regarding the Stay Safe Online Scheme **Call:** <u>01380 861191</u> Or **Email**: <u>bvonlinesafety@wiltshire.police.uk</u>

Or complete the online form by visiting <u>www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk</u>

<u>Wildlife Officers</u> - During November 2017, twenty Community Policing Team officers attended a Wildlife crime course run by the Rural Crime Partnership at Lackham college. The expectation is that they will act as an extension of the Rural crime officer by supporting initiatives and operations within the Community Policing Teams relating to the following areas of rural crime:

- Agricultural crime
- Heritage crime
- Wildlife crime
- Environmental crime

Future training and inputs are planned to assist with their knowledge and capability as the Rural crime portfolio moves forward.

We hope you find these updates useful, for the latest news, crime prevention advice and appeals please follow us on:

Twitter <u>https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice</u> Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/</u> Or sign up to Community Messaging <u>https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/</u>

Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police.

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

Our CPT priorities can be accessed online, also 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.

**<u>CONTROL STRATEGY</u>** - 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.



#### LOCAL ISSUES/CRIMES

06/11/2017 18:00 - 07/11/2017 08:00 Entry was gained to a property on Coulston Road and car keys have been stolen. The suspect has then stolen the victims vehicle which contained £1300 of cash. Two males aged 22 and 23 years old from Bath have been arrested and have been released from custody under investigation and the stolen car has been recovered from Bath.

08/11/2017 22:00 - 08/11/2017 22:34 A silver Audi A4 was stolen from outside an address on Cleaves Avenue, Colerne.

08/11/2017 13:25 - 08/11/2017 13:35 Unknown suspects have picked up a shopping bag worth £2.50 in Whitehall Garden Centre and put a christmas laser light worth £100 in the bag before walking around the shop and leaving via the entrance without making any attempt to pay. Male desc: Indian male, slicked back hair in ponytail, glasses, goatee moustache and beard, mid 20's, wearing a zip up white hoody, black jeans, black shoes/trainers, Female desc: WF, black hair tied in bun, mid 20's, wearing a blue winter coat with fur hood, grey top, black leggings and shoes, sunglasses, black handbag.

09/11/2017 11:41 - 2 x unknown females have entered the Wadswick Store and placed numerous garments into bags and also concealed under their own clothing. The females have exited the premises without paying TVO £3000. Both females described as 5'6", white, Female 1) Long greying hair, long outer clothes and a big floppy hat, Female 2) Long dress, Poncho. Enquiries are ongoing.

11/11/2017 07:12 Unknown suspect(s) have gained entry in to a building site welfare unit at Thingley by drilling off the locks. Once inside they have stolen Chainsaws, hedge trimmers and Arata kits. T.V.O of items stolen approx £8000.00.

12/11/2017 14:00 - 12/11/2017 16:00 Unknown suspect/s have knocked down a wooden arch in the front garden of a property on Oliver Avenue, this has been completely destroyed.

12/11/2017 12:48 2 male suspects entered Whitehall Garden Centre and filled the trolley with goods then were seen to throw items over the fence and return. Value of items approx £1000. Two males aged 56 and 59 years of age from Trowbridge have been arrested and released from Custody under investigation.

15/11/2017 10:45 hours - Known suspect has entered the Co-op, Martingate Centre and selected 8 bottles of Glenfiddich and a bottle of vodka and rum in his basket, he has then exited the shop without any attempt to pay. TVO £220. Enquiries are ongoing.

15/11/2017 19:00 - 16/11/2017 06:15 hours - A Land rover discovery was stolen off a driveway in Academy Drive. The keys were secured in the owners' house. It is thought that this is achieved by using a device that exploits the keyless entry/keyless start features of the car, one person stands next to the car with a device and the other stands as close to your car key as possible (ie at a window) with a device, the transmissions are then relayed and the car is opened and started. It is advised if you have a keyless entry car, keep the car key in a metal tin within a drawer away from the windows, not on hooks near to your front door. You can purchase a signal blocking pouch on the web.

17/11/2017 17:00 - 18/11/2017 14:00 hours - A local farmer has been informed that there was a young male walking his dog off the lead in her field at Corsham Park, there is a public footpath which runs through the field however, the dog was seen running towards the farmers sheep which were grazing in the field and causing them distress, the farmer has later found one of their sheep dead in the lake. Enquiries are ongoing. Can we take this opportunity that dog owners should take responsibility for their dog by keeping them on a lead and under control especially when there is livestock grazing in the fields.

8/11/2017 18:00 - 19/11/2017 18:00 Unknown suspects have cut electric fencing to a field at Euridge Manor allowing sheep to stray into neighbouring fields.

19/11/2017 18:50 - 19/11/2017 19:02 hours - Officers attended a location near to the Cross Keys traffic lights on the A4 as a result of a Nissan being involved in a road traffic collision, a 70 year old male from Queens Crescent, Chippenham was arrested on suspicion of drink driving and was later released from custody under investigation.

21/11/2017 13:20 hours - Unknown male has entered the Factory shop, Martingate Centre and walked out of the store with a Juke Box and Speaker without paying for them TVO £139. The male has now been identified and is not local. Enquiries are ongoing.

21/11/2017 13:00 - 23/11/2017 12:30 - Unknown male has entered Boots and stole Christmas Gift Sets on two occasions and emptied most of the shelves, goods TVO approx. £600.00. The male has now been identified and is not local and is linked to the Factory Shop theft. Enquiries are ongoing.

21/11/2017 11:30 - 22/11/2017 07:45 Unknown suspect(s) have removed two stones approximately 1ft x 1ft in size from the top of the 6ft garden wall at a property on Pickwick Road, and have placed them in front of his car that was parked on his drive.

24/11/2017 21:30 - 25/11/2017 13:01 Unknown suspects have gained entry into a yard in Box and have damaged all of the windscreens to 3 vehicles and two of these vehicles have scratches to the bonnets. The cost of replacement of the windscreen is £180.

26/11/2017 02:15 - Male suspect has thrown bricks at two windows causing them to smash at The Brewers public house on Priory Street. Enquiries are ongoing.

25/11/2017 18:00 - 26/11/2017 15:35 Unknown suspect has stolen both number plates from a cream mini cooper in Home Mead.

25/11/2017 11:45 - 25/11/2017 11:50 Known suspect(s) have attempted to steal 5 gift sets from the Co-op, Martingate Centre, when they tried to exit the store they were stopped by a member of staff. The suspect handed over the bag and left the store. Enquires are ongoing. Suspects described as a white male, approx. early 20 yrs. old, wearing a baseball cap and short black hoodie and quite short, other suspect was described as white male, early 20's, fairly tall, with fair hair wearing dark clothing. Enquiries are ongoing.

02/11/2017 16:54 - 02/12/2017 09:00 hours - Unknown suspect/s gained entry to a garage on Shearwater Way and have stolen the petrol lawnmower TVO £150.

03/12/2017 21:00 - 04/12/2017 09:00 Unknown suspect has smashed rear windscreen to parked, secured, unattended silver Vauxhall Vectra which was parked on Silver Street, Gastard. Value of damage not known at this time.

06/12/2017 23:40 - 07/12/2017 00:10 Unknown suspect by unknown means has gained entry to a blue Ford Transit parked on Arnolds Mean despite the alarm activating, the owner attended the vehicle and the suspect has run from the area. It is though that this is linked to a similar job in Bences Lane as below.

We are urging residents in Chippenham and Corsham to be vigilant following incidents which occurred on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017. At approximately 10.50pm, we received a report of two men acting suspiciously around a van in Sheepscroft, Chippenham. The pair left the scene in a vehicle. Officers were deployed and carried out an area search but were unable to locate the suspects.

At 11.45pm, we received a report of a burglary in progress in Bences Lane, Corsham. Two men were seen in the area wearing masks.

Another report was received a few moments later of a theft from a van in the same street. Items stolen include various power tools worth several hundreds of pounds. When disturbed by a resident, the men then made off in a vehicle, described as a silver or grey X-type Jaguar in the direction of Chippenham past the Cross Keys in Corsham.

Detective Sergeant Debbie Hatch said: "We believe, from the descriptions given, that all three incidents are linked – we have been conducting a thorough investigation to trace the men responsible and would be really keen to hear from any members of the public who may have information regarding their identity. Both men were wearing masks or balaclavas and were wearing dark clothing. It is possible there was a third man in the vehicle.

"We would also like to remind residents to be alert and report any suspicious activity in their neighbourhood – if you think a crime is in progress please call 999. "Anyone with information should call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

12/12/2017 15:00 - 13/12/2017 09:00 Unknown suspect has tried to force entry to a white Peugeot Partner van which was parked securely on Freestone Way, entry was not gained.

13/12/2017 14:30 - 13/12/2017 15:00 Unknown suspects have drilled out the lock on the back door of a white Toyota Hilux Active and also forced the door open causing damage, once inside the suspects have stolen various tools including chain saws, drills, and other equipment. The vehicle was parked at The Wharf, Box.

14/12/2017 12:12 An 82 year male from Rudloe was arrested on suspicion of Breaching the Harassment Order issued by Court by allegedly shouting abuse at a neighbour, he was remanded on bail until 28/02/2018 with conditions.

14/12/2017 16:00 - 15/12/2017 08:00 Unknown suspect has stolen Makita powers tools from an open insecure barn in Ditteridge, Box.

16/12/2017 22:00 - 17/12/2017 06:30 Unknown suspect(s) have thrown eggs at the windows of a property on Station Road overnight.

15/12/2017 22:11 - 15/12/2017 23:41 Two unknown males have entered the public chapel at the Box Cemetery, Bath Road, Box and pulled a Dimplex radiator off the wall causing damage to a bracket. They have also left food remains in the chapel, they have also appeared to return with some type of small package which they put into a rucksack, ongoing enquiries are being made with CCTV etc.

21/12/2017 18:32 Unknown suspect has thrown an item at a window on a dwelling in EASTON causing it to smash.

25/12/2017 13:00 - 25/12/2017 18:45 Unknown suspect has stolen an insecure electric bike from outside the front of a property in Broadmead. It's a Kalkhoff Electric bike, Dark steel grey in colour - TVO £2500.

26/12/2017 22:15 - 27/12/2017 05:42 Three unknown males have entered the public chapel at Box Cemetery, Bath Road, Box and pulled the electric heater off the brackets attaching it to the wall and have placed it next to the memory book table burning one of the table legs.

27/12/2017 16:00 - 27/12/2017 22:00 Unknown suspect has smashed the rear window of a blue Citroen C1 parked on Bradford Road.

27/12/2017 14:30 - 28/12/2017 20:00 Unknown suspect has stolen both front and rear number plates from a silver Suzuki SX4 which was parked in Pool Green, Neston.

30/12/2017 20:00 - 31/12/2017 13:00 Unknown suspect(s) have slashed 3 of the silver Ford Fiesta car tyres, damaged the nearside wing mirror and have also put a long scratch along the nearside passenger doors from front to back whilst parked on Beechfield Road.

04/01/2018 21:30 - 05/01/2018 07:00 Unknown suspect has gained entry to secure vehicle parked on Kings Avenue, by unknown means, have stolen Dewalt drill, Hitachi SDS Drill, Hitachi Impact driver and batteries.

04/01/2018 17:45 – 05/01/2018 06:30 Unknown suspect has forced entry to a White Berlingo Van parked on Priory Street and stole a socket set.

**Rogue Traders** – We have had a few reports that home owners have agreed to have work carried out at their home for an amount less than £42 and therefore it is not an offence for failing to provide cancellation information and pre-contractual information as this does not apply to contracts under £42. However once the work has been carried out, the victims are attending the Bank to withdraw over £200! If you suspect a rogue trader is at your door then call 999.

Visit **<u>buy with confidence</u>** to find a list of trusted traders in your local area.

<u>ASB</u> - We have received a number of reports of ASB whereby youths are entering the Campus and abusing the facilities and staff. A number of youths have been banned and continued to breach this banning notice. Youths use this facility to congregate in particular during the colder months and this is impacting on the staff and community using the facility.

<u>Warrants</u> – We continue to develop intelligence to assist with the preparation of further warrants in the future, so they may be executed in line with the Force Control Strategy.

Other – CPT Officers attended the Christmas Lights Switch on which was well attended.

**Drink Drive Campaign** – The Community Policing Team have been pro-active during the month of December as part of the Drink Drive Campaign. Thirty-five motorists in Wiltshire have been arrested since 1 December as part of Wiltshire Police's Christmas anti drink-drive campaign.

More than 1,700 roadside tests have been carried out with 31 drivers arrested for providing a positive test and four failing to provide a sample.

Officers have issued tickets for speeding, defective tyres and seized a number of vehicles with no insurance. More importantly we provided community reassurance and raised awareness about the dangers of getting behind a wheel when not fit to do so.

Below are links to articles/features should you wish to view them:

- Gazette and Herald -<u>http://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/15780038.Police\_enforce\_drink\_and\_drug\_drivi\_ng\_campaign/</u>
- BBC Wiltshire <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05nz9vm#play">http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05nz9vm#play</a> (feature can be found between 1:05:21 1:10:00)
- ITV West Country Feature appeared on the 6 o'clock news.

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

If you are planning any event and require assistance from the Police to assist, please e-mail <u>CPTNorthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk</u> 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 organising 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 <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf">http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf</a>, In essence, all organisers must be responsible for identifying any risks and putting in measures to remove or reduce them.

In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Chippenham CPT has 1967 followers on Facebook, please join us either on Facebook or Community Messaging.

PCSO Will Todd will be joining the Community Policing Team this month and will be working with PCSO Shaun Redmond covering Corsham Town and Corsham Rural. PCSO Barbara Young will move from the Corsham area to return to Chippenham Town.

### For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit... https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/

## The e-mail address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing Team is <u>cptnorthwiltshire@wiltshire.police.uk</u>

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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