



Cricklade, Purton and Royal Wootton Bassett Community Policing Team Update



Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

Well it has been a busy time for Wiltshire police over the last couple of months and for myself as your new community coordinator . I have settled in well and I am thoroughly enjoying working with the local community.

There will be a few changes to the report over the next few months , which I hope you will enjoy and give you a better idea of what is happening in your areas and our results.

I will also make you aware of the current Wiltshire police campaigns and what you can do to help.

GOOD NEWS STORY

A male by the name of Sean PORTER appeared at Swindon Crown Court for sentencing today, July 23, he was sentenced for three counts of robbery, three counts of burglary, possession of an offensive weapon in a Lad-brokes store and aggravated vehicle taking from an address in Swindon.

PORTER was responsible for the Burglary at Crumps, 120 High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett which was

investigated by local officers, along side CID. PORTER was sentenced to 7 years in prison for all offences including this one.

This was excellent work by the local; community police of Royal Wootton Bassett and central CID.

One of our control strategy's

Help us tackle County Lines

Young and vulnerable people living in our communities are being exploited by drugs gangs. It's happening right now. And we need your help to protect them.

County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas in the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of 'deal line'. They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money, and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence and weapons. gangs based in cities like London are targeting the most vulnerable people in small towns across the country to sell class A drugs on their behalf.

This type of behaviour is a significant threat to our communities and will not be tolerated.

But we need your help to spot the signs and act on your concerns. Your voice will be heard and will make a difference.

Director of Intelligence Sonja Leith said: "County lines is everyone's responsibility and I would urge members of the public to be vigilant and look out for some of the most visible signs that county lines drugs gangs are operating in neighbourhoods and to report this to police.

"Our intelligence teams work hard to identify where county lines are exploiting vulnerable children and adults, and to proactively disrupt these networks. The intelligence we receive from our communities is crucial in helping us, our partner agencies and neighbouring forces in tackling county lines and safeguarding people.

"By raising awareness of the issue, I hope more people will be able to spot the signs, and feel comfortable in reporting information to the police. Your call could save lives."

Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, said: "Two of my priorities for the next four years, as outlined in my Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021, are to prevent crime and keep people safe, and protect the most vulnerable people in society. It is these very people who are being targeted by individuals from large metropolitan cities, who are travelling to rural counties like Wiltshire, with the belief that they will be able to deal drugs from the properties of these vulnerable people. As a result, vulnerable people are being threatened and exploited, often in their own homes.

"I am aware that many people still consider drugs as a victimless crime. This is not the case, and we want to ensure that people who find themselves in these situations have support.

"The Force will continue to work with local authorities to reduce the harm and prevent the crime caused by alcohol and substance misuse, but I would also urge the residents of Wiltshire and Swindon to help us combat drug supply – we cannot do it alone and the police often rely on information from the public to build up an intelligence picture. Please continue to help by reporting any information to 101."

Signs to look out for:

Exploitation

- ■ Has a child or young person gone missing from school or home?
 - ■ Are they meeting with unfamiliar adults?
 - ■ Have you noticed a change in their behaviour?
 - ■ Are they using drugs and alcohol?
 - ■ Has there been a breakdown in relationships with family and friends?
- This could be a sign that they are being coerced and controlled to commit crime.
Call 101 to report it.

Cuckooing

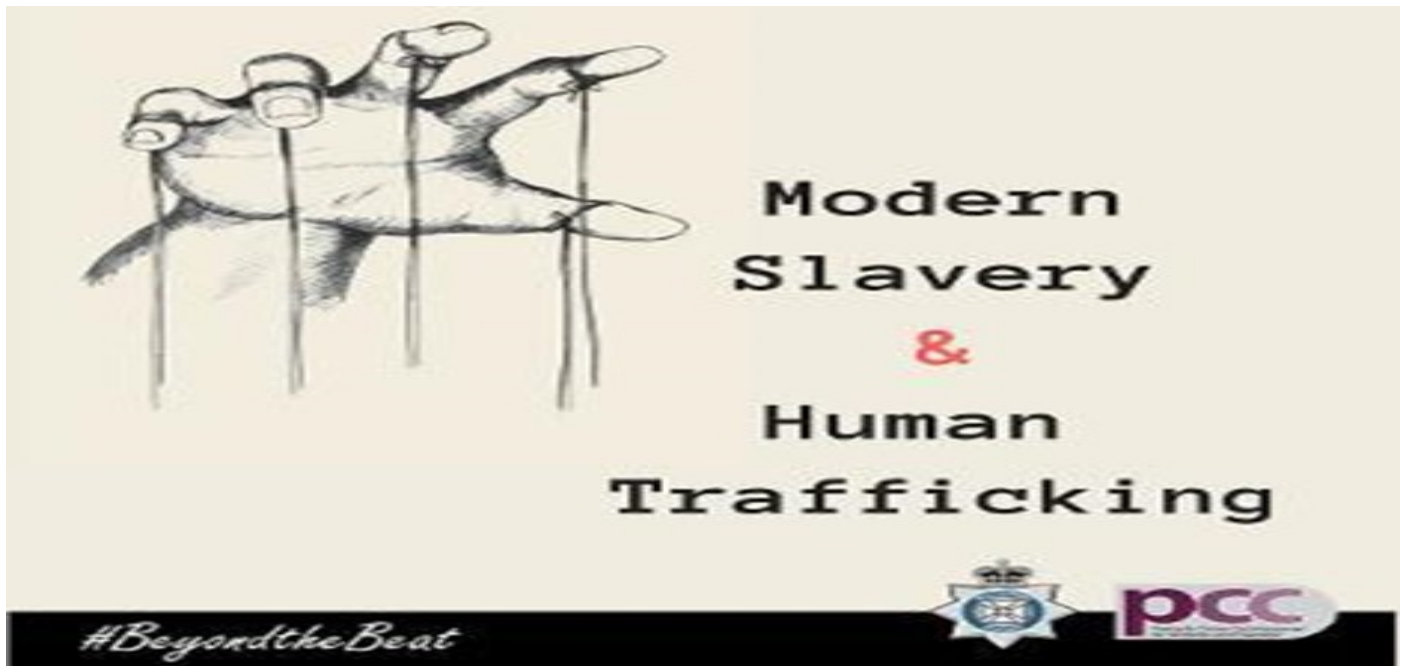
Drug dealers will often take over the homes of vulnerable people as they use it as a base to deal drugs in the area. The vulnerable person may be being kept inside against their will.

- ■ Have you noticed more people calling at an address? Sometimes at unsociable hours?
- ■ Have you noticed a neighbour has not been seen for a while?
- ■ Are there suspicious smells coming from an address?
- ■ Are there suspicious or unfamiliar vehicles outside the address?

Cuckooing could be taking place. Look out for your neighbours and report suspicions to 101.

Crimes that have impacted on the community from the 2nd August 2018 to the 31st August 2018

- ◇ On 02/08/2018 13:00 to 03/08/2018 09:00 at a farm in Chelworth road Cricklade Unknown suspect(s) have cut the lock off of the Injured parties generator and broken the grill it was behind in order to steal it from the premises. Goods stolen TVO £1,200. All enquiries have been exhausted and no offenders have been identified.
- ◇ On 04/08/2018 17:56 a vehicle was stopped at juct 16 coming into Royal Wootton Bassett and the driver was found in the possession of cannabis. The driver was dealt with by the way of a cannabis warning by the officer..
- ◇ On 08/08/2018 01:33 an unknown suspect (s) has gained entry via a back door of the local butchers in Royal Wootton Bassett and whilst in the premises they have stolen charity boxes from within.. Enquiries are on-going at this time.
- ◇ On 08/08/2018 19:25 a known male was staying at an address in Royal Wootton Bassett and whilst staying there he has stolen the owners vehicle . The vehicle was later located and police are currently looking for this male to arrest him.
- ◇ On 10/08/2018 00:01 Unknown suspect(s) has gained entry to a local Purton building by breaking the top panel on the door, and stolen items TVO £70. Enquiries have been completed but no suspects have been identified..
- ◇ On 13/08/2018 13:30 Unknown suspect has gained entrance to the unit in Cricklade that the injured party pays rent for. The injured party keeps his work tools in there, whilst in the premises they have stolen £7000 worth of tools. Enquires have been completed and no offender(s) have been identified.
- ◇ On 19/08/2018 18:30 a known group of youths have held a knife up to injured party's throat and stolen items including a speaker and its charger, £40 cash, cannabis and a grinder. . This took place close to Cricklade Leisure Centre. Three youths have been arrested and interviewed. All youths are currently released under investigation.
- ◇ On 20/08/2018 00:37 4 males in a black vehicle have attended Tesco express Lyneham and used cutting equipment to steal several cartons of cash from the ATM at that location. Police are currently investigating this crime at this time.
- ◇ On 19/08/18 at 2100 hrs Unknown suspect(s) have glued the owners locks closed on their farm gates in Purton, which will cost over £400 to replace and repair. Enquiries are ongoing.
- ◇ On 26/08/18 at 1700 hrs Unknown suspect has removed the gate securing a stable yard near Thornhill ,where the injured party stores his caravan. Suspects have then cut the crook lock off and stolen the caravan.. Property stolen was a - Bailey Pageant cream coloured - 2006.. Police are continuing with all lines of enquiry to identified any suspects and recover the property.
- ◇ On 31/08/2018 11:04 unknown suspects (s) have broken into the injured party's property in Royal Wootton Bassett and stolen jewellery of a sentimental value.. Police are continuing with their enquiries.



As part of our summer-long #BeyondTheBeat campaign to highlight the hidden demands on policing, we are urging residents to familiarise themselves with the potential signs of Modern Slavery.

Modern Slavery is the recruitment, movement, harbouring or receiving of children, women and men through the use of force, coercion, deception, and abuse of vulnerability or other means for the purpose of exploitation.

Individuals may be trafficked into, out of or within the UK, and they may be trafficked for a number of reasons including sexual exploitation, forced labour, domestic servitude and organ harvesting.

Often, people may not see themselves as victims.

Assistant Chief Constable Craig Holden, Force Lead for Crime, Justice and Vulnerability at Wiltshire Police, said: "Although Modern Slavery presents itself in many different ways in our communities, over the last few years the most notable and visible have been within nail bars and car washes.

"There has also been a significant trend in off-street prostitution, often involving women trafficked into sexual slavery; many who thought they were coming to the UK for other jobs and a better life.

"It is understandable that spotting the signs of modern slavery can be difficult but it is vital that we as a Force, and our local communities, are educated and have an approach that helps us to protect vulnerable people and prevent their exploitation.

"Information from the public is vital in the fight against modern slavery. Together, we can eradicate slavery and trafficking in Wiltshire, and reduce the exploitation of the most vulnerable people".

What are some of the signs of exploitation?

- Lack of personal protective equipment
- Chaperoned or accompanied everywhere
- Money being withheld from them
- Language barriers
- Working long hours
- Lack of possessions
- Passport held by someone else

Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, said: "Wiltshire Police and local partner agencies play a crucial role in tackling modern slavery and human trafficking across the county.

"This type of crime is an emerging national threat, and the reality is the Police cannot tackle this alone and need to draw upon the local community and partners to play an equal part. I would urge the public to remain on the look-out for possible exploitation in their communities and to report any concerns they have.

"Safeguarding the most vulnerable people and offering the best possible service to victims across Wiltshire and Swindon continues to be a top priority for the Police".

To report your concerns call us on 101. If you or someone else is in immediate danger call 999 straight away.
You can also report anonymously via:

- The National Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700
- Or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Your Local PCSO's

Below are a list of the PCSO's that cover Royal Wootton Bassett/Cricklade/Purton and their specific area's of responsibility. If you need to make contact then you can use the email address,

northwiltshirecpt@wiltshire.police.uk

This is monitored by a number of officers who may be able to answer your query if your local PCSO isn't on duty.



PCSO Andrew Singfield
Royal Wootton Bassett



PCSO Nicola Allan
Cricklade



PCSO Erin Davis
Royal Wootton Bassett Rural



PCSO Joshua Sherratt
Purton



National research indicates that a third of all reports of missing people are children aged between 13 and 15 years old.

In the last six months in Wiltshire there were 927 reports of missing children. Last month alone officers dealt with 193 missing children, a significant number of whom were reported missing more than once.

Detective Inspector Mark Kent, Force lead for Missing said: "The national and local statistics are shocking. When we hear about missing children we think of this happening in big cities, but the plain truth is that it is happening locally in our largely rural county of Wiltshire.

"No matter what your lifestyle or circumstance, growing up can be a difficult. Young people are exposed to a whole host new of threats, challenges and choices, which place them at greater risk.

"We know that with missing there is often a clear link to Child Sexual Exploitation, domestic abuse, neglect, grooming, gangs or drugs, But whatever the reason they are missing, we consider children and young people vulnerable and at risk of harm. Going missing is the symptom of underlying, more complex problems."

Over the last six months we have seen an increase in the number of young people reported missing in Wiltshire, which has risen by just under 50 per cent. This is a seasonal trend - we see numbers reported rising during the summer months and falling in the winter.

National charity Missing People reports that one in five children experiencing conflict and neglect in the home have been reported missing. Seven in 10 young people who have been sexually exploited have been reported missing and one in 10 children with mental health issues reported missing.

Many of the young people who frequently go missing are in care. Those who go missing from their home or place of care often have complex needs, resulting from challenging and traumatic family backgrounds.

DI Kent added. "Missing adults and children have a huge impact on the demand for policing in Wiltshire and the cost of it reflects on the number of individual cases that exist. Most children return safe and well soon after their reported disappearance. Many children go missing frequently and each report costs an average of £2,500 to investigate.

"It would be easy for the police to become frustrated with children who frequently go missing, but it is our job to protect them from harm, and we know that children who go missing a lot are most at risk from abuse or exploitation. It is important to see the bigger picture. Behind every report is a vulnerable young person at risk and in need of our help.

"We work together with the local authority Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and specialist children's social care teams; professionals who look for what is going on behind the scenes in young people's lives.

"We remind our officers to put themselves in their shoes, ask the right questions, listen and treat every child as an individual. No two cases will ever be exactly the same and everyone should be treated fairly and with compassion."

Wiltshire Police is signed up to Child Rescue Alert, a national system to alert the public to an abduction or other high risk child disappearance where the child is in imminent danger of serious harm. The initial hours after a child goes missing are crucial and a sighting by a member of the public can lead to the safe recovery of the child.

Alerts are used in extreme cases and are fortunately used rarely. They can be sent directly to individuals who register with the service, as well as through the media.

Nationally 152,465 members of the public have already signed up, some 5,263 of these in Wiltshire. The charity has set a target of getting one million people registered to receive alerts.

Anyone can register free at <https://www.childrescuealert.org.uk/register> to receive alerts near their home or place of work by text or email. Missing People's advice to anyone thinking of going missing, who is already away from home, or missing a loved one is to call or text them on



The Emergency Services Show 2018

@ Cotswold Airport

**Cotswold Airport, Kemble,, Kemble,, Gloucestershire, GL7
6BA**

16th Sep 2018 10am-4pm Sunday



The link below is for Community Messaging. The Community Coordinator for this area sends out a daily message, if there has been any crime that will benefit the community to be aware of. This includes thefts, scams and burglaries, the aim is to inform you of what is happening in your area, help you take any actions to avoid becoming a victim of crime and to alert you as a potential witness to any crime. Its easy to sign up and only messages, relevant to your area, are sent to your email inbox.

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

The email address for the Wiltshire North Community Policing team is
northwiltshirecpt@wiltshire.police.uk

Please phone 101, or 999 in an emergency to report any incidents or
crimes

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

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

This report has been prepared by PC 1952 Steve Carroll

Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police.

