

Devizes Area Board Police Report March 2019

1. East Community Policing Team

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Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report,

Targeted Patrols Devizes and surrounding areas:

THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

Wiltshire East CPT has seen an unusual rise in the number of reported thefts from vehicles parked up at the many beauty spots within the area. This is likely due to the weather, meaning that more people are visiting than usual.

Along with increased patrols of these areas we are urging members of the public to be vigilant when visiting these locations.

We are also offering the following advice to those who are visiting:

- Ensure valuables are either taken with you when you leave the vehicle or hidden well
- Ensure vehicles are locked and secure before you leave them
- If visiting in the evening, where possible, park in a well lit area

If when at beauty spot locations and car parks you see someone acting suspiciously, please call us on 999 straight away with as much information as possible.

PURSE THEFTS

Within the town centres of the 3 main towns that are covered by East CPT we have had an increase in the number of purse thefts. These have been occurring when people are in shops and are leaving their purses and wallets on the counter to pay and also when walking around town with the offenders taking them directly from bags. We are committed to not only reducing this but to also bring those that are identified as suspects to justice where possible. We are endeavouring to increase the foot patrol within the town centre of both uniformed and non uniformed staff in an effort to tackle this problem. Local PCSOs are also attending various places within the community where they are issuing those that want them with purse chains.

Please also take note of the following advice to keep your possessions safe during this busy shopping period.

- Where possible, dont put your purse down on counters. Place them back in your bag or pocket to keep them out of sight.
- Always fasten your bag when you are walking out in the street. This will prevent easy access for potential thieves.
- Avoid using the back pocket to store wallets and phones in. Items stored here are much easier to take than if they are in a pocket on the side or front.

As always, if you see anyone acting suspiciously then please call in and let us know.

As you may be aware officers arrested a female on suspicion of a number of offences related to this series. The investigation is still ongoing into these offences.

Media

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

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

Drugs

There have been 11 drugs offences recorded in the Devizes area between 14/01/2019 and 13/03/2019.

These drug offences include any Class of drug.

Domestic Abuse

Devizes CPT have dealt with 93 domestic incidents in the Devizes area between 14/01/2019 to 13/03/2019.

A number of these incidents resulted in criminal action being taken.

Missing Persons

Devizes CPT have dealt with 15 reports of missing persons between 14/01/2019 to 13/03/2019. These missing persons can vary between children, young persons, adults and the elderly. Each individual case is graded appropriately to the circumstances.

Devizes This Month

 **Devizes Police**
Published by PC Dave McCalmont [?] · 6 March at 10:00 · 🌐

Officers from Team 4 CPT Devizes conducted speed checks in the Bromham area this morning. Glad to report that out of 30+ vehicles checked, only 1 driver was given words of advice in relation to their speed.



9,707
People reached

3,711
Engagements

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 **Devizes Police**
Published by CrowdControlHQ [?] · 4 March at 15:37 · 🌐

A woman was arrested at Erlestoke Prison on Saturday on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class B drugs.

The woman was detained whilst visiting the prison, following an indication by a drugs dog as part of ongoing partnership work between Wiltshire Police and HMP Erlestoke.

She was found to be in possession of three packages, believed to contain cannabis.

The 24-year-old, from London, was taken to Melksham custody and has since been released under investigation while further enquiries are carried out, including forensic analysis.

PC Alastair Jarvis said: "We continue to work closely with HMP Erlestoke in a bid to tackle criminality at the prison, and this includes disrupting the supply of illegal drugs to inmates, as well as those attempting to take packages containing prohibited items inside the prison.

"It is in the interests of everyone that we have a safe prison and this kind of behaviour will simply not be tolerated.

"We will continue to carry out both proactive searches, as well as responding to specific intelligence when we receive it. We'd also encourage any members of the public who see anyone acting suspiciously in the surrounding area to call 101 so we can take action."

Devizes Police Published by Emily Sykes [?] · 2 March at 12:27 · 🌐

Fiona Herbert born 24/02/1976 has been charged with 2 thefts in Devizes. Theft of alcohol from Sainsburys on the 27th February and theft from Mainlys hardware on the 1st March. She has been remanded to appear in court on the 4th March at Swindon Remand Court.



Devizes Police Published by CrowdControlHQ [?] · 25 February at 09:00 · 🌐

A man has been charged after two officers were assaulted in Devizes at the weekend.

Officers were called to reports of a disturbance by The Green in Devizes at approximately 11pm on 23 February.

George Maslen, age 26, of High Street, Chapmanslade, has been charged with assaulting a person occasioning them actual bodily harm, obstructing/resisting a constable in the execution of duty, and two counts of possession of a class B drug. ... See more





Devizes Police

Published by Paul Woodbridge [?] · 20 February at 08:08 · 🌐

Following a report of a male entering a store yesterday evening and exposing his genitals to the female member of staff, we have a suspect in custody.

Thanks to the excellent new CCTV system in the town, we were able to follow this male back to his car and obtain the registration number. From there we were able to identify an address where a male matching the description of the suspect lived and he was arrested.

This was also the same male that had been reported on 2 separate occasions for the same offence, in the same shop, last year that we weren't able to identify. As a result, he has been arrested for those offences as well.



Devizes Police

Published by Peter Foster [?] · 19 February at 15:34 · 🌐

In the last two days Devizes Police have arrested two people on suspicion of drug driving. One was also in possession of suspected class A drugs and the other an offensive weapon. One of the drivers also had their vehicle seized for having no insurance. We will update the result once the specimens of blood provided have been analysed.



Devizes Police

Published by PC James Twyford [?] · 15 February at 06:49 · 🌐

We've been busy promoting Health and Wellbeing tonight!

Well done to our first willing volunteers to take on the Marden to Hilcott Field Run, you managed to disappear into the fog fairly well, for now.

In case you're wondering where it went; we're looking after your Mazda. Give us a shout if you'd like it back; there's some paperwork in the back that I'm sure one of you will be missing.



Devizes Police

Published by Paul Woodbridge [?] · 13 February at 09:46 · 🌐

Following a call from a member of the public last night officers attended Station Road car park in Devizes to deal with a report of ASB. They found a couple of vehicles there that were causing problems so checks were made of the vehicles and the occupants. As a result of these checks, one driver received a ticket for a tyre offence and also had his vehicle prohibited due to having a dangerous bumper.

A prohibition means that the vehicle cannot be driven any further until the issue is rectified and will need to be recovered by the driver.

We will always look to deal with vehicles in a dangerous condition, but it is made significantly easier when they draw attention to themselves. Please make sure to check the condition of your cars before your journeys, particularly long ones. Problems can be made significantly worse by the changeable weather conditions at this time of year.



Devizes Police

Published by Peter Foster [?] · 7 February · 🌐

On Tuesday evening PCSO Georgie DODD hosted an Internet Safety Evening at Rowde Primary School (Joint Devizes schools collaboration). This was for parents, to try and teach them how to help keep your child safe on the internet. Thanks to the school for the use of their venue and we hope it was useful to those that attended.





Devizes Police

Published by CrowdControlHQ [?] · 1 February · 🌐



Following a spate of purse thefts in Devizes over the past few months, officers conducted a special operation in the town yesterday.

During the joint operation, officers from the Crime Targeting Team and the local Community Policing Team carried out high visibility patrols as well as some covert patrols with plain clothes officers and a 27-year-old woman from London was arrested on suspicion of attempted theft following an incident in the Air Ambulance charity shop in Maryport Street.

She was taken to Melksham custody for questioning and has since been released under investigation until all enquiries are complete.

Sgt Pete Foster said: "Over recent weeks, especially over the Christmas period, we have received a number of reports of 'purse dips'. On most occasions, elderly women are targeted, often during busy shopping days for the town. With this in mind, we decided to hold this operation on Market Day when the town centre was busy with shoppers.

"This is a deplorable crime where vulnerable members of our society are being targeted. Those committing these crimes give no thought to the impact their mindless actions have on a victim.

"We would urge members of the community to be vigilant to this kind of behaviour and report anything suspicious to us via 999 if the crime is in progress or 101.

"Anyone with specific information in relation to this incident should call 101 and quote crime reference number 54190010554."



Devizes Police

Published by CrowdControlHQ [?] · 31 January · 🌐



A woman has been arrested on suspicion of drugs offences at Erlestoke Prison.

Officers were called to the prison at 7.15am on Sunday morning (27/01/19) following a routine stop and search by members of staff.

A 25-year-old woman from Chippenham has been arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply Class A and Class B drugs. She has been released under investigation while our enquiries continue.

As part of our enquiries a number of items have been seized, including a quantity of tobacco, as well as what is believed to be Class A and Class B drugs. We have also seized cash and mobile phones.

Sgt Pete Foster, from Wiltshire East Community Policing Team, said: "We have a close relationship with HMP Erlestoke and have a joint approach to tackling criminality at the prison, including the supply of drugs and other prohibited items to inmates.

"Our investigation into this specific incident is continuing but I want the public to be reassured that we are taking a proactive stance in combating these problems.

"We would also urge anyone who has suspicions or who witnesses suspicious activity, to contact us via 101, or 999 if a crime is in progress."



Good News

PC Emily BUTWELL will now be taking over as the community coordinator for the East sector. She has a wealth of experience working previously as a PCSO within Wiltshire Police and also as a PC within the East sector. She will be a great addition to the team.

Dangerous and Persistent offenders

Work is continuing with our SWITCH nominals, (those who are identified as persistent and prolific offenders), including intelligence gathering and relevant actions following dissemination. We currently have two nominals within the East Policing Area classified as such and we work closely with our SWITCH team members and partner agencies to manage these offenders.

This month we have accumulated one new offender – we see this as a positive move as the SWITCH team can manage this person.

Inspector Chris Martin
Wiltshire East CPT