

MINUTES

Meeting: SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
Place: Nadder Centre, Weaveland Road, Tisbury, SP3 6H
Date: 18 September 2019
Start Time: 6.30 pm
Finish Time: 8.50 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Jose Green (Chairman), Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Tony Deane (Vice-Chairman) and Cllr Bridget Wayman

Cllr Chris Williams

Wiltshire Council Officers

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Karen Linaker, Community Engagement Manager

Town and Parish Councillors

Berwick St. John Parish Council – C Churchill (also clerk to Fovant & Donhead St Mary)

Bower Chalke Parish Council – J Body

Hindon Parish Council – D Robertson

Mere Parish Council – C Hazzard

Quidhampton Parish Council – J Cater & K Taylor

Tisbury Parish Council – E Forbes

West Knoyle Parish Council – J Brockely

Partners

Wiltshire Police - Inspector Pete Sparrow

Total in attendance: 26

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
55	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Jose Green welcomed everyone to the meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board.</p>
56	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Banas – Swallowcliffe PC • Mike Ash – Bishopstone PC
57	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
58	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th July, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
59	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nadder Centre piece of art commissioned by the Area Board would be unveiled on Saturday 28th September. • Ansty had been awarded 1st place overall in Wiltshire, in the Best Kept Village competition. • The Board reflected on the local contributions of Jeremy Hooper, former Salisbury District Council councillor and local teacher and Elizabeth Young, clerk for Fovant and Hindon parish council's for many years, as they had both recently had passed away. • Recycling week was on 23rd to 29th September, as detailed in the agenda pack. • Congratulations were given to Simon Rowe from Highways and Streetscene, who has been awarded an MBE in recognition for his work, particularly during the Novichok incident.

Partner and Community Updates

The Board noted the written updates attached to the agenda, and received the following verbal updates from partners present:

Police – Inspector Pete Sparrow

Any suspicious vehicles being driven around should be reported to the police on either 999 or 101. We can assess the matter and decided if we need to attend.

Last year we reduced the number of insurance claims, by way of reduction in rural crime. Crime prevention in rural locations could include digging ditches around the edges of fields, to prevent access.

Inspector Andy Fee not able to attend tonight, however questions could be fed back.

The Police report for the South locality would be attached to the minutes.

Often, demand outstripped the resources available. We have had to look hard at changing our model, to try and reduce things. We anticipate number of new Officers, which would enable us to deliver more proactively.

In terms of demand reduction, there had been a lot of training recently, where the focus was on how to stop the next officer coming along to the same incident in repeat offences.

Over the summer there had been issues with motorbikes riding over Harnham Hill. A series of measures were introduced, increased patrols, letters of actions and seizing vehicles.

County Lines was mostly focused around Salisbury area, but there had been an incident in Wilton. We have put a closure notice on premises, stopping anyone other than the registered resident from entering there.

A change to the PCSO for Wilton, as she will become a full Police Officer and move to a new post. Matt Smith from Downton would move over cover.

There would be three new PCSOs in October, deploying on the city beats to learn their trade.

A vehicle was recently tracked through Salisbury, and was stopped and found to have stolen farm tools from Devon.

An operation around knife crime was running.

There had been recent lead thefts, from churches. This was being handled by the CID in Melksham. There had been one offence at Salisbury Cathedral, there were also offences in the SWW community area.

Questions and comments:

- Cllr Wayman – The West report details Community Speedwatch (CSW) checks were supported, have you done any in your area, in the South? Answer: Yes we do follow the CSW it is one of our priorities. Over the summer resourcing was difficult.
- We do not see any data fed back to the Area Board. We would like to know how often you are going out and the result of these checks. We really would like to see some positive constructive help and tickets issues to try and slow them down. Yes, crime is low, but we feel neglected, we would like a positive action in reducing speeding as it is an issue in our areas. Answer: The problem is the geographical area, and the amount of crime in these areas is low. The Officers do migrate to the busier areas. If you have a PCSO, they are asked to be visible around CS. They are not able to enforce, but act as a deterrent.
- Could you report back to the Area Boards? Answer: I can try and include that information. Maybe this needs to go back to the CSW coordinator.
- Tisbury CSW – we do appreciate the work of Roger Fooks, I never have received anything other than support and encouragement. People are still trickling in to help us.
- The team leaders do get a news update from the coordinator.
- Cllr Church noted that she had been burgled a month ago. Officers from the Amesbury Police team had attended and provided a very good service. Crime is low, however, the risks are still there, so take your precautions.
- I am told that Swindon has the second highest levels of county lines activity outside London. What are you doing to prepare for this creeping? Answer: The supply and use of class A is creeping into areas outside the larger cities. In 2017, we ran a large operation where we took 25 drug dealers to court and they received significant sentences, that started the process of how we deal with these offenders. The drawing in of the youth element is a massive problem, and led to the surge of antisocial behaviour in Salisbury last year. We are keen to share that information across our partners.
- Cllr Green - Can the knives be handed in at any Police Station? Answer: I will find out and feed back to you.

Fire – The written update was noted.

Community Engagement Manager

Karen Linaker gave a verbal update, the main points were:

- Nadder centre had seen a good summer with almost 1000 attendees for the holiday activities programme.
- The Real Madrid football programme was very popular.
- Over coming months there would be a preschool, a football club, gymnastics sessions, dodgeball and NHS diabetes clinics all running from the centre.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 28th September the unveiling of the 'Silent rhythm' sculpture would take place. <p>Mon 23rd – gathering our dementia champions at the Broadchalke hub to support and learn from each other.</p> <p>Silver Salisbury Programme – free activities for older people, we extended it to benefit Mere, Salisbury and Wilton, 50 activities.</p> <p>The our Community Matters website – interactive community information board – you can upload your info locally. You can register to upload your own info, and subscribe to the Friday newsletters – follow this link or contact karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk</p>
61	<p><u>Bringing back to life the ancient landscape of the Cranborne Chase and the Chalke Valley</u></p> <p>Linda Nunn, Director of Cranborne Chase AONB, and Mel Capper, Communications Officer, gave a presentation and provided a summary of the projects that were on offer and how people could get involved.</p> <p>In 2015, we submitted a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to enhance and improve the heritage of the landscape partnership area, and to better involve and engage people across the whole area. We were awarded £1.68 million, and with match partnership funding the total project fund is £2.7 million for a five-year project, which would run until 2024.</p> <p>Just over a third of the AONB was in the partnership area. The idea was to bring people in from the surrounding areas and to get involved.</p> <p>The Partnership Chairman was Martin Packworth, and there would be a community stakeholder group. Members would be sought by advertising for interested people to join. Two people from that group would be elected to sit on the Landscape Board. There would also be an opportunity for people from the local area to be involved.</p> <p>The Landscape Partnership Scheme was separated into 3 areas, and under that there would be an array of projects including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal Clear Ebble • Nurturing Nature • Greater Grazing • Wonderful Woodlands • Starry, Starry Nights <p>Linda explained that there was a new app coming out during the October half</p>

	<p>term. The app was created using augmented reality. There would be five locations you could visit with the app, where an actor would start talking to you in the role of a character.</p> <p>Thomas Hardy was one of the characters, he and other direct you on to the next place through the app on your phone.</p> <p>The theme for the Chalke Valley History Festival next year would be Romans. We will have some Romans march from the cursors to the festival.</p> <p>A panel would be set up to look at grant applications. Once we are ready to promote this funding scheme information would be publicised.</p> <p>The Larmer Tree had already offered us a space to come together after the five years to present what has been achieved.</p> <p>We will produce a Stakeholder Relations Plan. When the project was launched we started a register of interest so that we could involve as many people as possible.</p> <p>Those present were asked to consider the details circulated on each project and make suggestions of any local groups or organisations which could be approached to be involved.</p> <p>The Heritage fund will support a team of five for the five years, a minibus that can take wheelchair users and a pickup vehicle to access the landscape.</p> <p>We are moving our location from Wimborne, to Rushmore farm, Tollard Royal Wiltshire.</p>
62	<p><u>Local Community Priorities (2017-2019) - Progress Update</u></p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager, Karen Linaker gave an update on the progress made on community projects agreed by the Area Board in 2017.</p> <p>Every 2-3 years the council and its partners hold local events to discuss with you how key strategic priorities can link with local priorities.</p> <p>This process informs the joint strategic needs assessment which local government is required to carry out, and in so doing, you tell us your views on issues to do with e.g. children’s health and education, older people’s health and wellbeing, transport and highways, the environment, housing, the local economy and community safety.</p> <p>When you last did this at the end of 2017, the list of local priorities for local action that you agreed with the South West Wiltshire Area Board were:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Children and young people</i>: obesity, positive leisure time activities, emotional and mental health • <i>Community safety</i>: highway safety, alcohol and drug misuse, protecting the vulnerable • <i>Culture</i>: affordable access to cultural activities, diversity and social inclusion, participation in arts, crafts and culture • <i>Economy</i>: apprenticeships and work experience, broadband and digital, support for existing businesses • <i>Environment</i>: flytipping and litter, river quality, wildlife and biodiversity • <i>Health, wellbeing and leisure</i>: physical fitness and activity, healthy lifestyles, support for carers • <i>Your community and housing</i>: affordable housing, deprivation and poverty, digital engagement and broadband • <i>Transport</i>: road improvements, access to public transport, highway infrastructure • <i>Older People</i>: support for carers, social isolation and loneliness, dementia <p>The work we do is very much linked with the Wiltshire Council Business Plan, the CEMs have to make sure the work is fed up to the strategy of the council.</p> <p>The Council’s vision has been to create stronger communities. There are 4 key priorities in the business plan, one of which is ‘creating stronger communities’.</p> <p>Karen ran through a list of local projects funded by the Board since 2017.</p>
63	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Update</u></p> <p>The Board noted the minutes and considered the recommendations for funding arising from the last Community Area Transport Group meeting which was held on 24th July 2019, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The South West Wiltshire Area Board approved CATG funding to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2,000 transferred to the Fingerpost Scheme • £3,000 allocated for 20mph assessments • Issue 6659, Fonthill Bishop - £1500 towards white gates & £3000 towards improvement scheme • Tisbury Row - £750 on carriageway footway <p>Cllr Deane - Thanks to Julie Watts and David Button for all of their hard work. CATG is specifically for small schemes. The Board does expect contributions from the local parish council.</p> <p>For many years the Area Board had allocated funding to a specific pot for</p>

	<p>applications to renovate and repair fingerposts. Cllr Deane urged parishes to submit their bids for this scheme to the CEM, six weeks prior to the Area Board meeting.</p> <p>The next CATG meeting was scheduled for 6th November 2019, at 2.00pm.</p>
64	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Board considered four applications for funding from the Community Area Grant Scheme for 2019/20, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Wilton Baptist Church requested £1250 towards the Wilton Town Clock project. Applicant Simon Cook was in attendance to present his project and answer questions. For the last 40 years the Baptist church had taken on the maintenance to the clock. The clock often required correction by climbing up in to the roof, which has now become impracticable for the man responsible.</p> <p>A pendulum corrector was now required to solve the need for manual corrections. The town council had agreed to provide £500, with the church also making a contribution to the balance. This was the town clock, used by all the community.</p> <p>Cllr Church noted that the clock was an important landmark in Wilton. There was a running joke in the town that it was always out of time.</p> <p>Cllr Dean noted that most people now used their mobile phones to tell the time. The clock was of importance because of its historic value.</p> <p>It was noted that often a clock on a church or community building had been considered by Boards across Wiltshire, and were considered a community asset.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Wilton Baptist Church was allocated £1250 towards the town clock project. <i>Reason</i> <i>The project met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2019/20</i></p> <p>South Newton Parish Council requested £290 towards some Kissing Gates.</p> <p>Cllr Church noted that just before Salisbury Armed Forces weekend there was a charity run, and this gate was repeatedly left open, resulting in the livestock and horses nearly escaping on to the A36.</p> <p>Cllr Deane added that the Board supported countryside gates to make our areas more accessible.</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p>

South Newton Parish Council was allocated £290 towards the kissing gate project.

Reason

The project met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2019/20

Chilmark Reading Room requested £781.80 towards new lighting and heating. Applicant Kirk Murray Jones spoke in support of the project. He noted that this was a place where the entire community came and enjoyed social interaction.

Cllr Wayman noted that the Board had always tried to help communities with their community spaces.

Decision

Chilmark Reading Room was allocated £781.80 towards the lighting and heating project.

Reason

The project met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2019/20

Quidhampton Village Hall Committee requested £3625 towards the village hall kitchen roof replacement.

Applicant John Cater spoke in support of the project. He explained the reason for the application coming in late, as this was due to complications with access due to an adjoining resident.

The required repairs to the roof were needed imminently before the bad weather arrived. Using previous Area Board funding, a patch repair was carried out the previous year after a leak was found.

The total project cost was £8,000. The applicant had applied to three funding streams.

Questions and comments:

- You have tried to spread the load by applying to more than one funding pots. It would be good to know what the outcome of the Community Foundation bid is.
- You have explained the problem with the vegetation, how do you guarantee that this will not happen again from the neighbour's garden. The Board gave a grant last year for patch repairs, was the ivy not reported back to you then? **Answer:** Yes it was, there are two roofs, one on the main hall and the other on the kitchen. We patched the main roof and cut down the ivy back there. It was only this year that we realised the state of the kitchen roof.
- The repair is expected to last for a number of years but you only have a 5-year lease. **Answer:** The building is owned by the church, they let us have it for £1 a year. The diocese we approached for a new lease, the

local vicar is in charge of our hall, we didn't have a decision-making body, so the diocese said we could extend the date of the current lease for 5 years, that now expires in 4.5 years' time. No funding is available from the diocese.

- At one time there was funding held by community first, that money now comes to the Board. Community Foundation funding is dependent on having some Board funding. You can include a caveat to say that unless the Community Foundation funding is awarded the Board money is returned.
- There is a history of late submissions from your parish. What else goes on in the hall? Answer: The hall is used 2 or 3 times a week. A social event on Tuesdays in a coffee shop, in addition there are fitness classes each week. With occasional band practice. It is important that any village has a centre of community and the hall is that for us.
- Your income is shown as lower than your outgoings. Answer: We have a firework event each year that raises under £2,000, this year the roof would be the appropriate charity.
- Local fundraising should be considered, as West Knoyle raised £4,000 in one night. Something similar could be looked to, to raise some of the funds needed.

Cllr Church moved motion to support the full amount. Cllr Wayman noted that there was a poor inspection regime in place which would need to be improved, however if that was addressed she seconded the motion.

Decision

Quidhampton Village Hall Committee was allocated £3625 towards the kitchen roof replacement project, with the condition:

- that if match funding from the Community Foundation was not secured then the Area Board funds would be returned.

Reason

The project met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2019/20

Area Board Initiative - £600

The Board considered the proposal to fund an intergenerational silent disco, from the Health & Wellbeing budget.

This initiative would run in Mere, Tisbury & Wilton in sessions of up to 50 people of mixed ages. To be advertised widely and transport made available to enable people in isolated areas access it.

Decision

The South West Wiltshire Area Board allocated £600 from the Health &

	Wellbeing budget for 2019/20, towards the Silent Disco initiative.
65	<u>Close</u> The next meeting of the South west Wiltshire Area Board will be held on Wednesday 20 th November 2019.
<u>Attachments: Police South Report</u>	

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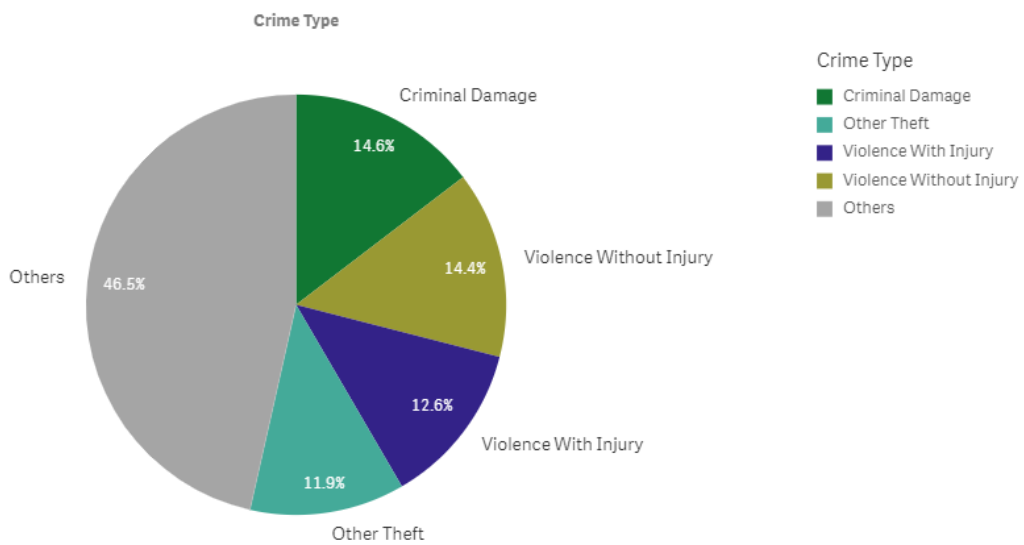


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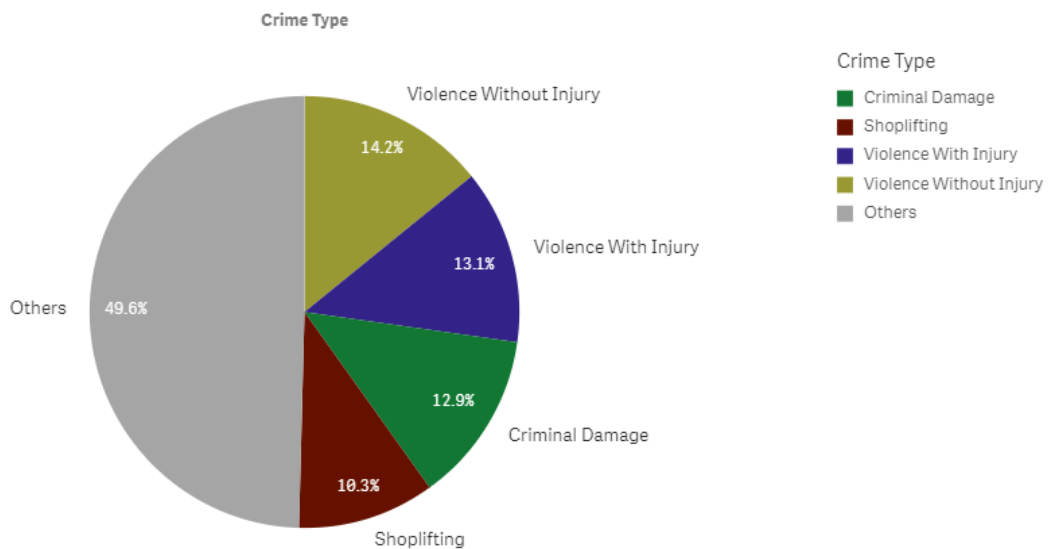
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PERFORMANCE

Your Area - Five Highest Crime Groups (Previous 12 months)



Force Area - Five Highest Crime Groups (Previous 12 months)



Wiltshire South and South East CPTs - crime and incident demand for the 12 months to July 2019

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Force-wide

- Wiltshire Police has reduced the volume of recorded crime by 1% in the 12 months to July 19 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country.
- Our service delivery remains consistently good.
- In July, we received 9,653 999 calls which we answered within 4 seconds on average and 14,474 101 calls which we answered within 1 minutes 44 seconds on average.
- In July, we also attended 1,862 emergency incidents within 10 minutes and 49 seconds on average.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 26% reduction in vehicle crime and 20 per cent in burglary in the 12 months to June 2019. These are the most improved trends in the country.
- The Crime Survey of England & Wales recently ranked Wiltshire as one of the top forces nationally for public confidence. It covers the 12 months to December 2018 The publication can be found here: WWW.CRIMESURVEY.CO.UK

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/article/1847/Performance>

HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectrates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>

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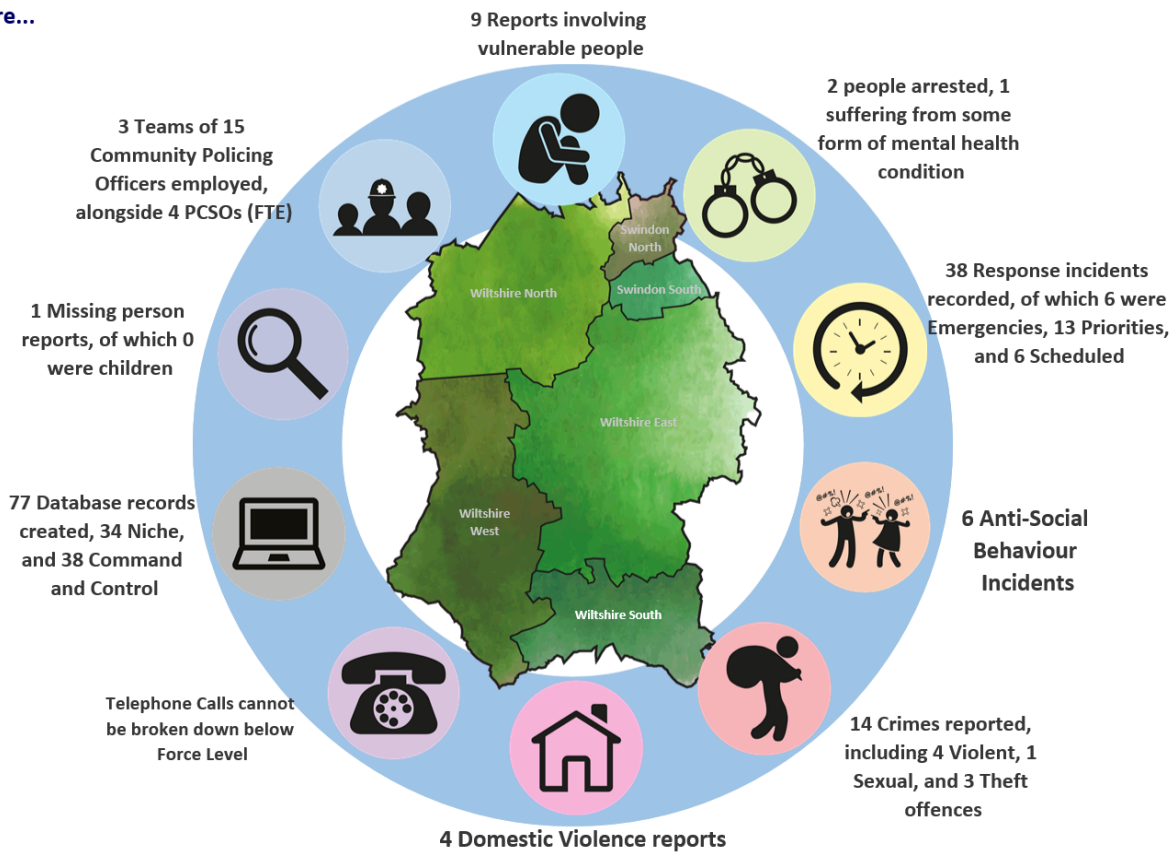


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Area specific

On an average day in Wiltshire South there were...



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HIGH LEVEL CPT UPDATES:

Welcome to the all-new Area Board report, which builds on the change of direction implemented locally last year in provided a much more holistic view of Wiltshire Police as a whole, including Swindon.

Youth ASB - This is always a challenging period for police; not least due to the demands of further reduced policing numbers due to colleagues taking well-earned summer holidays, but, as we move through the summer period, unsurprisingly we have seen an increase in ASB particularly from a minority youth element. Once again, their activities take up a disproportionate amount of our time and measures such as Sect 35 dispersal orders have had to be issued to a few individuals causing the most problems.

Some youths have been arrested and subsequently charged with offences including Assault, Dangerous Cycling and Public Order type offences, all of which are wholly avoidable with a modicum of common sense and the will to treat each other with respect.

We will continue to deal with such offences robustly as the holidays continue and we would like to thank the public for their overwhelming social media support for the actions thus far taken.

Cycle Theft - One area of particular note is the high number of cycle thefts currently being experienced in the city centre. This year has seen a sharp increase of thefts of cycles or cycle parts and some of these cycles have been locked at the time of the theft.

As we work through the numbers and available evidence, our message has to be a clear one – a locked cycle is always harder to steal and you should always get the best lock that you can afford. Many people spend £100's or even £1000's on a cycle, only to buy a cheap lock. Also, wherever possible when at home, lock your bikes within your shed as well as locking the shed as an excellent deterrent.

Locally, we are also recommending spending a few minutes taking pictures of your valuable possessions and any identifying features such as serial numbers and marks or features particular to the cycle. Also, post-coding and registration of bikes with <https://www.bikeregister.com/> will significantly aid our ability to reconcile stolen goods with their owners when recovered through arrest or warrant. There have been some great examples of this lately, following recovery and it would be great if this can continue through a few minutes well spent in the recording and storing of such simple information.

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Harnham Hill - Following concerns raised by residents in Harnham over recent weeks regarding the illegal use of motorcycles on public footpaths and wooded areas, police activity in the area has increased.

Earlier this month a combined multi team operation was conducted in Harnham as a show of support to the residents that we are taking these concerns seriously. Again, the support through our social networking accounts was clear to see so thank you. The operation utilised the drone unit and roads policing, as well as an off road motorcycle



Operation Wolf - Further south, we hosted a multi force and agency operation recently in Downton, targeting rural crime trends. As we all know, criminals that enter Wiltshire often do so from far reaching areas where they live so an operation to target typical vehicles often associated with acquisitive crime is a useful manner in which to have an impact on this type of criminality.

The operation involved agencies including: Trading Standards, HM Customs, Police and the Vehicle Standards Agency and over 100 vehicles were stopped, with several being taken off the road for one reason or another.

Dangerous Drug Networks (DDN's)

We continue to work closely with our specialist teams and arrest and charge visitors to the city who come here for the sole purpose of "making money from the misery of others".

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This work is an ongoing feature of our policing activity locally and positive action is always taken when there is evidence to do so.

*Any intelligence in this regard is always welcome and can be fed in to the system via speaking to an officer or member of staff, e-mail or through **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**.*

DS Nick Bailey – Update – Nick successfully completed the Salisbury Marathon as planned and so far has raised in excess of his £15,000 target at £15,499.

Thank you to all those that have supported his efforts.

Stories that you may have missed:

- Cannabis factory raided in the city and two arrested with seizures to the value of circa £70,000 street value of cannabis in varying forms.
- Thousands of pounds worth of counterfeit goods seized during local operation.
- Salisbury Police pursue vehicle resulting in 2 arrests and £1,000's of tools and garden machinery being recovered.
- Following a robbery of an elderly female leaving Salisbury train station, 2 persons quickly identified and arrested.

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YOUR CPT – Wiltshire South



Pete Sparrow
Inspector - Sector Head



John Hutchings
Sergeant - Sector Deputy

Community Co-ordinators:



PC Matthew Holland
(Salisbury Rural)



PC Al Cromwell
(Salisbury City Centre)



PC Jack Billington
(Salisbury)

Beyond the above, the main contact within the teams are the PCSO's for your area. Recent weeks have further seen some changes in the staffing dynamic, as some of our PCSO's have moved on to other roles within the policing family.

PCSO Kim ORZA has left her role in favour of becoming a Police Officer with Gloucester Constabulary.

PCSO Laura KING has been successful in her application to become a Local Crime Investigator and has been posted to Amesbury CPT.

Both roles currently sit vacant and we are hoping for an intake of PCSO's to start shortly. In the meantime, the wider team will look to pick up the relevant work on these areas.

PC Caroline Ralph has now commenced her maternity leave and she has been formally replaced by Pc Jack Billington as the Salisbury Coordinator.

Listed below are our PCSO's

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Salisbury

PCSO 3951 Val BROWN - City Centre
PCSO 8686 Gareth JAMES - City Centre
PCSO 9465 John Taylor - City Centre
PCSO 9590 Harrison EVANS - Southampton Road and the Friary
PCSO 8704 Kady GREEN - Castle Road and Bishopdown
PCSO 9001 Matthew MURRAY - Churchfields and St Pauls
PCSO 6025 Simon WARD - Harnham

South Rural

PCSO 6227 Matt SMITH - Downton Rural
PCSO 6314 Nicola CLARK - Wilton Town/ Rural
PCSO 6150 Jenny MOSS - Laverstock and Old Sarum
PCSO 8076 Simon NASH - Alderbury Rural

Community Engagement Sessions

Engagement sessions come in many forms, from community events, to formal public meetings such as Area Boards and meet and greet sessions in places like Salisbury Market.

Since our last report, we continue in our trend to meet the demand for our attendance at such events and I can only encourage you to continue asking and we will endeavour to continue to deliver.

Salisbury Market engagement will continue from next Tuesday and be monthly thereafter, but please keep an eye on Facebook for ad hock sessions as and when someone is available.

You can find out more about Wiltshire South CPT, including news stories and contacts for local officers, on our website: www.wiltshire.police.uk/WiltshireSouth

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LOCAL PRIORITIES

During the summer months, we are actively engaging in activities to prevent, deter and detect crime through the use of our high visibility patrols. With this in mind, expect to see officers out on an area in numbers. This could be anywhere across the South but particularly where we are experiencing higher than usual instances of ASB or other criminality. This is not something to fear, but moreover please embrace the sight and engage with officers when out and about or even take a photo, we love to share them through social media.

PRIORITIES FOR WILTSHIRE SOUTH CPT	UPDATE
Priority 1:	
Youth ASB in the city centre	High Visibility Patrols and positive action continue to be the theme over the summer
Priority 2:	
ASB Harnham area including Harnham Hill, the chalk pits and Harnham Old Mill and the Town Path.	Foot patrols and cycle patrols will continue over the school holidays.
Priority 3:	
Cycle Thefts	Police continue to stop and challenge youths on cycles both in the manner of riding and ownership of the cycle
Priority 4:	
Rural Crime - Theft and Poaching	Rural patrols and stop checks of vehicles persons were appropriate.

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HIGH LEVEL PCC UPDATES

- **Pay increase** - Police Officers are to receive a 2.5% pay increase as agreed by the Government. This is welcome news and well deserved, I only hope that the same increase is also afforded to police staff as well. However, it is expected that we will have to meet this increase from existing Wiltshire Police budgets and that no further funding will come from the Government to fund this rise, which is disappointing and I continue to lobby the Government for fairer funding in Wiltshire.
- **PCSOs** - Last month Wiltshire Police Federation, which represents police officers within the Force, wrote an open letter suggesting that the Force should 'axe PCSOs' and recruit police constables instead. Both the Chief and I strongly refuted this suggestion. We both recognise the key role that PCSOs play in community engagement, intelligence gathering and supporting the most vulnerable. The role of a PCSO is a completely different one to that of a police constable and they play a key role in our community policing teams.
- **Additional police officers** - I was pleased to hear the new Prime Minister's commitment to policing and his promise of 20,000 additional police officers in the next three years. We don't know what this will look like in terms of how many more we will get in Wiltshire but I trust that more detail will soon be forthcoming. I do have some concerns around the practicalities of recruiting so many officers in such a short period of time and it certainly won't happen overnight, with it taking around a year to recruit and train an officer before they're able to go on the beat, but his commitment to strengthening our police forces is welcome nonetheless.

HIGH LEVEL FORCE UPDATES

- **Youth crime** – A Government report into the increase in youth violence has been welcomed by the Force. Chief Constable Kier Pritchard has said that although there hasn't been a significant increase in Wiltshire, it is still a concerning issue for local people. He is calling for a multi-agency approach and focused on the need to engage with young people to help prevent them from falling into a life of crime.
- **Rural crime** – Wiltshire has bucked the national trend when it comes to rural crime, recording a 36% year-on-year drop when it comes to the amount of money this type of crime is costing people in the county. This is believed to be due to the focus our Rural Crime Team has placed on crime prevention advice, including the encouragement of CCTV, anti-poaching ditches and the installation of GPS trackers on equipment.

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- **Domestic abuse** – As part of our Summer Demand campaign, we have been focusing on highlighting the important topic of domestic abuse and making sure victims know how to access the support available. There is also a focus on encouraging friends and neighbours to report concerns to the police. You can read more online: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/4820/VIDEO-What-to-do-if-you-have-concerns-your-neighbour-is-being-abused-by-a-partner>

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- You can keep up to date with the latest news in your area by signing up to our Community Messaging service – www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk
- You can follow your CPT on social media <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/Followus>
- More information on your CPT area can be found here: www.wiltshire.police.uk and here www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

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