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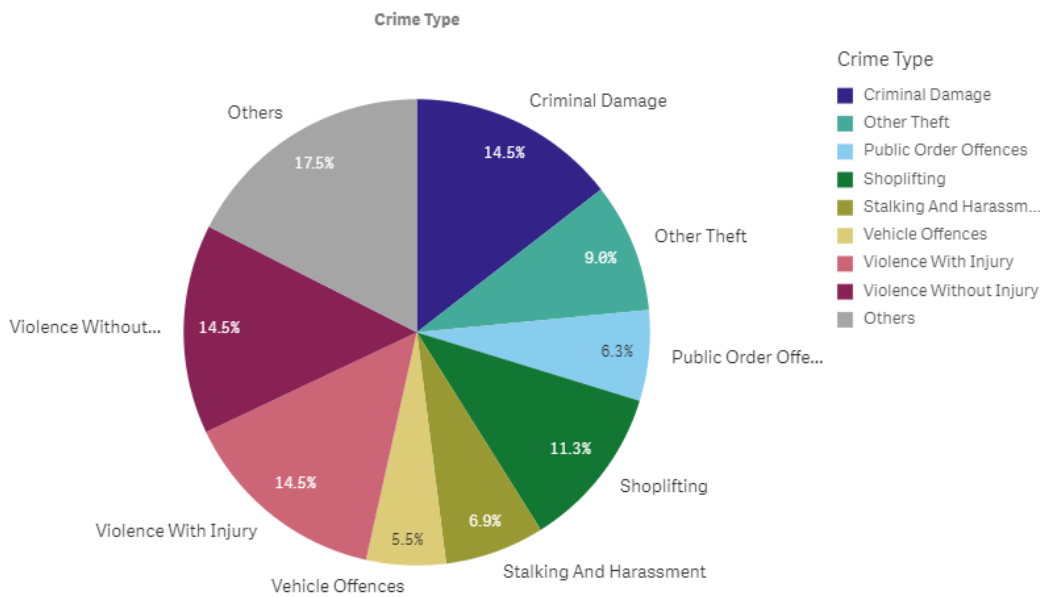


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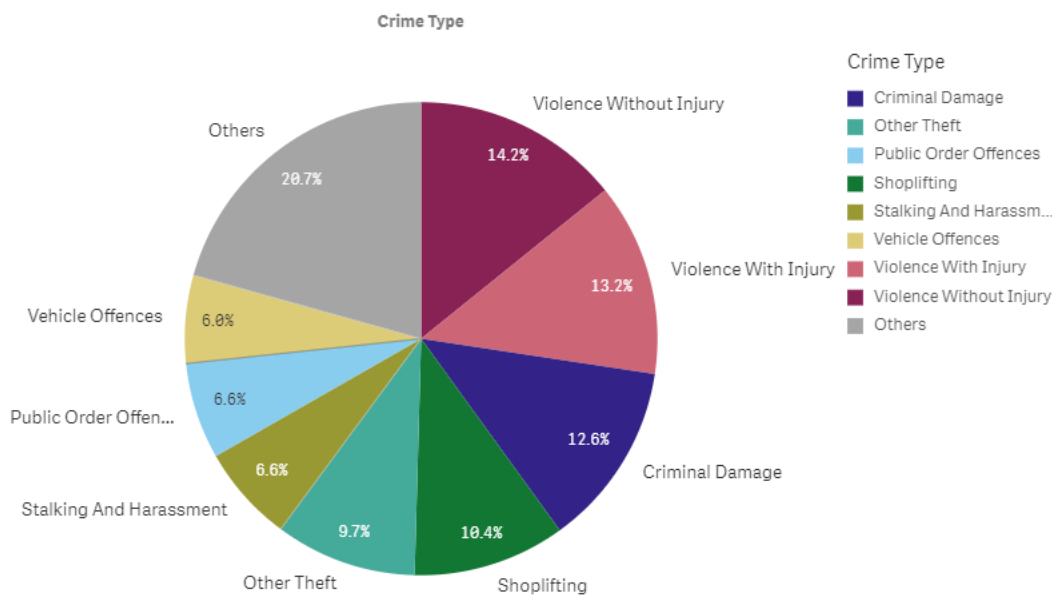
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PERFORMANCE

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



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Wiltshire West CPT - crime and incident demand for the 12 months to November 2019

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Force-wide

- Wiltshire Police has had an increase in the volume of recorded crime by 4.5% in the 12 months to November 19 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country.
- Our service delivery remains consistently good.
- In November, we received 8,234 999 calls which we answered within 5 seconds on average and 11,604 CRIB calls which we answered within 1 minutes 28 seconds on average.
- In November, we also attended 1,594 emergency incidents within 10 minutes and 30 seconds on average.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 10% reduction in vehicle crime and 9% in residential burglaries in the 12 months to November 2019.
- The Crime Survey of England & Wales recently ranked Wiltshire as one of the top forces (78.3%) nationally for public confidence. It covers the 12 months to March 2019.
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.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>

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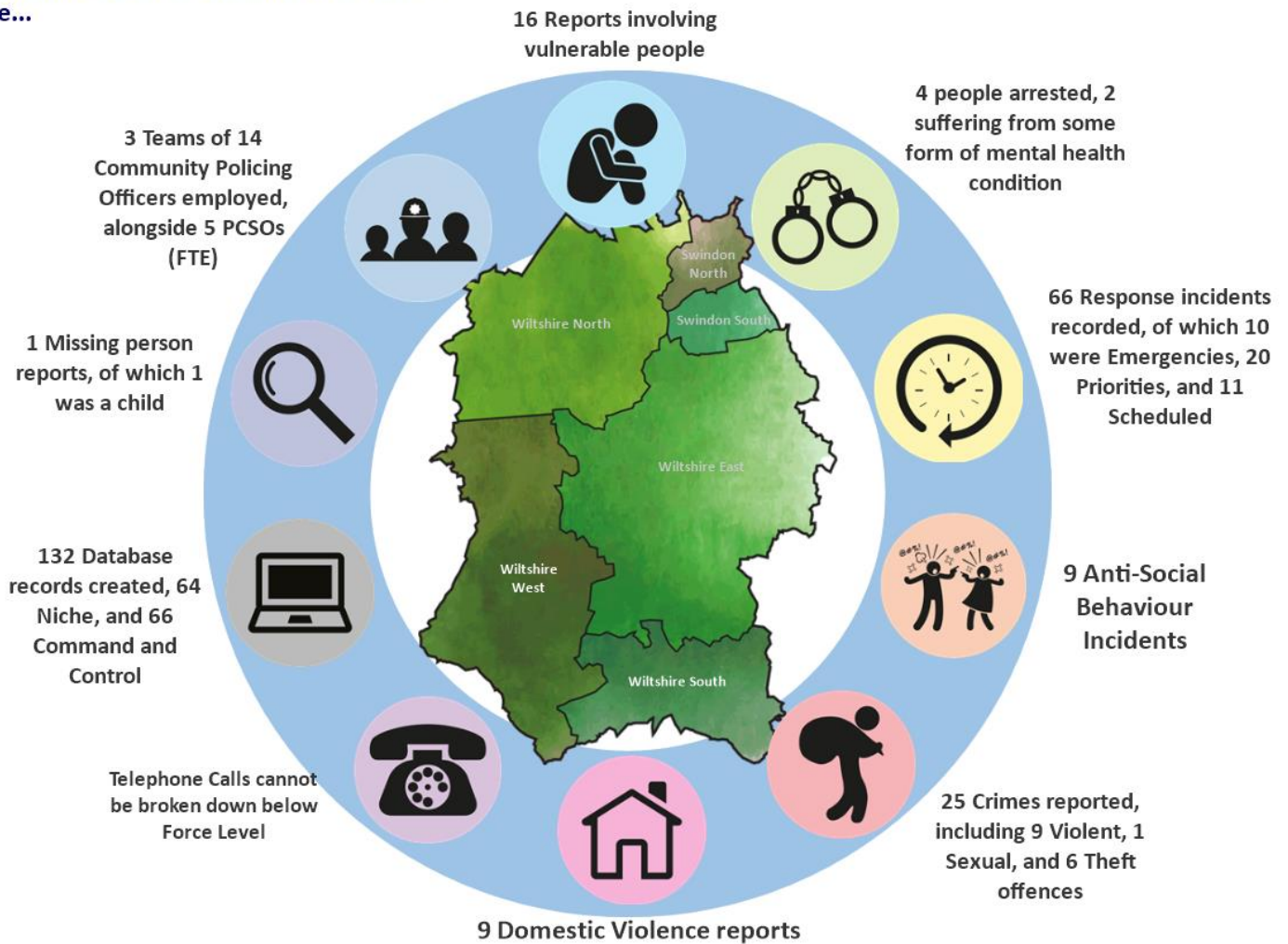


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Area specific

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



Wiltshire West CPT Demand Overview – 12 months to November 2019

Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speed watch Schemes across West Wiltshire are selected by the Community Speed watch Team for CPT support (additional targeting, enforcement and patrols) to supplement the CSW team planned sessions.

These are included in our weekly tasking document for action and update. All the results from the supplementary The

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Speed watch locations that were supported throughout November were:

Frome Road, Bradford on Avon – 4 checks completed, no vehicles observed exceeding the speed limit

Edington – 1 check completed, words of advice given to one vehicle

Shaw Hill, Melksham – 1 check completed, no vehicles observed exceeding the speed limit

Berryfields – Melksham – 1 check completed, no vehicles observed exceeding the speed limit

Dilton Marsh – Westbury – 1 check completed, no vehicles observed exceeding the speed limit

Hinton – Warminster – 1 check completed, no vehicles observed exceeding the speed limit

The speedwatch locations that were supported throughout December were:

Tisbury, Hill Street Cottage – 4 checks completed, no vehicles observed exceeding the speed limit

Clay Street, Crockerton – 4 checks completed, no vehicles observed exceeding the speed limit

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LOCAL CPT UPDATES:

- **Incidents of note**

[Appeal after spate of post box thefts across Wiltshire \(05/11/19\)](#)

We are appealing for witnesses after a spate of post box thefts across Wiltshire in recent weeks. Since the end of August, we have received 12 reports of Royal Mail post boxes being stolen at various locations across the county.

They are all working post boxes, the type which are fixed to a pole, and have apparently been cut free from the posts and stolen. The locations are:

- West Lavington (31/08).
- Fonthill Gifford (10/09)
- Langley Wood, Salisbury (12/09)
- Briar Leaze, Compton Bassett (12/09)
- Corsley Heath, Corsley, near Warminster (12/09)
- Springfield Road, Rowde (12/09)
- Manningford Bruce (23/09)
- Manningford Abbots (26/09)
- Wilsford (27/09)
- Easterton Sands, Easterton (9/10)
- Westwood Road, Trowbridge (1/11)
- Mill Lane, Poulshot (2/11)

PC Michelle Haley, who is based at Trowbridge Police Station, said: "These are the 12 offences which have been reported to us, but there is a possibility that there have been further incidents which haven't yet been reported.

"The thieves seem to be targeting post boxes in quieter, rural areas, and not only are they stealing the boxes but also the mail inside. These boxes may have been stolen for their scrap metal value, or perhaps because they may be collectable items, so we are appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

"If you have seen any post boxes for sale in unusual or suspicious circumstances then please contact us. Anyone with information should call PC Haley on 101, quoting crime reference 54190109101.

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Delivery driver assaulted in Trowbridge (11/11/19)

We're investigating an assault on a man in Trowbridge and would like to speak to the man pictured in connection with the incident.

Shortly before 1am on September 20, two men were making a delivery in The Shires service yard. While one of the men was in the trailer of the articulated lorry, a man who was not known to him jumped inside and punched him in the face. The victim, a man in his 50s, was taken to the Royal United Hospital in Bath and sustained bruising and swelling to his eye.

The suspect is believed to have left the area in the direction of Market Street. He is described as approximately 5 ft 8 inches tall and of muscular build and he was wearing a black scarf, a grey hoody and khaki combat trousers.

Anyone who can help should call 101 and quote crime reference number 54190093351.

Cannabis worth £3,000 seized and man arrested in Trowbridge (21/11/19)

Approximately £3,000 worth of cannabis was seized from an address in Trowbridge yesterday (20/11). At 8pm, officers from Team 4, as well as firearms officers and the dog unit, attended an address in Ushers Court for an unrelated matter.

While at the address, officers located cannabis with a street value in excess of £3,000. A man in his 20s was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply a class B drug and taken to Melksham custody where he remains.

PC Storm Brand said: "This was a great result. Drug dealing will not be tolerated in our community. Drug use and supply has a significant impact on our local community in terms of vulnerable people being caught up in crime, and the associated criminality that often comes with it, such as anti-social behaviour and violence. We will continue to take a robust approach towards illegal drug use – if you have concerns about suspected drug use in your neighbourhood, please call 101 and report it."

Witness appeal after woman has purse stolen in Trowbridge (21/11/19)

We are appealing for witnesses after a woman had her purse stolen in Trowbridge. The victim, who is in her 20s, was walking through the underpass between West Ashton Road and Polebarn Road between 10am and 10.15am last Tuesday (12/11). She was approached by two men who stole her purse. She wasn't injured and no weapons were seen.

The first suspect is described as aged between 17 and 20 years old, white, around 5ft 8ins tall, very skinny build with spots on his cheeks, and had short dark blonde hair and a front tooth missing.

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The second was also aged between 17 and 20 years old, white, 6ft tall, with short ginger hair and wore a baggy grey hooded top with the hood up.

The incident was reported to police shortly before 11am and officers quickly attended the scene but were unable to locate anyone who matched the descriptions of the two suspects. We have also viewed CCTV footage in the area and spoken to potential witnesses, but unfortunately have not managed to identify the offenders.

Anyone who can assist should call PC Ben Williams, from Wiltshire West CPT, on 101, quoting crime reference 54190112329.

Man arrested in connection with Trowbridge stabbing (28/11/19)

A man has been arrested in connection with a stabbing in Trowbridge over the weekend.

A 24-year-old man from Trowbridge has been arrested on suspicion of grievous bodily harm with intent and is currently in custody at Melksham Police Station. He was arrested at an address in the town last night (27/11). Due to the nature of the initial incident, armed officers were involved in the arrest, but we do not want the community to be unduly alarmed.

It is in relation to an incident in the town centre in the early hours of Sunday morning (24/11) where a 41-year-old man sustained a number of stab wounds. The victim is making a good recovery and is expected to be discharged from hospital shortly.

Our enquiries are ongoing and we would continue to urge anyone with information which could assist the investigation to come forward. We are particularly interested in speaking to anyone who was walking or driving in the town centre between 4.15am and 4.45am on Sunday and may have either witnessed something or may have dash cam footage.

Anyone who can help should call Det Sgt Adam Fleetwood-Brown, from Central CID, on 101, quoting crime reference 54190116640.

Car tyres slashed in Trowbridge (03/12/19)

We're currently investigating a spate of criminal damage on a number of vehicles parked in an area of Trowbridge. Sometime between 3pm on Wednesday 27 November and 9.15am on Thursday 28 November, four cars parked on Navigator Close, Hilperton, had their tyres slashed.

PC Michelle Barratt said: "We'd like to speak to anyone who may have heard or seen anything suspicious or anyone acting suspiciously in this area between these dates and times. "Perhaps you

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have dash cam footage of the suspect/s or CCTV outside of your property.

"If you can help - please contact us via 101 quoting crime reference number 54190118176."

Witness appeal after altercation outside Trowbridge pub (05/12/19)

We are appealing for witnesses after an altercation in Trowbridge town centre over the weekend.

Police were called to Park Road, outside the Albany Palace pub, at around 9.25pm on Sunday (1/12). It is believed that a group of people had walked past the pub and become involved with an argument with another man. This resulted in an altercation, where a number of people were assaulted. Nobody was seriously injured, but injuries included a chipped tooth, cuts and bruises.

PC Millis Miller, from Trowbridge Community Policing Team, said: "Despite police officers arriving at the scene quickly, the group had dispersed and unfortunately no arrests have been made. However, we do have descriptions of two people who were seen running away and who we would like to speak to in connection with this incident."

The first is a white male, with brown hair and a moustache and small beard. He was topless but wearing black three quarter length trousers with a thick white stripe down the leg.

The second was a white make, with dark brown hair and a moustache and full beard. He was tall and of slim build, wearing black trousers and a dark blue T-shirt with a distinctive white Henri Lloyd motif on the front. This t-shirt was later found discarded in the town centre.

We would urge any witnesses who haven't already spoken to police, or anyone with information, to call PC Miller on 101, quoting crime reference 54190119216."

Fraud warning after Wiltshire couple scammed by criminals posing as police officers (05/12/19)

We are urging people to be vigilant after a Wiltshire couple were defrauded by scammers posing as police officers.

The couple were contacted over the phone by a man who claimed to be a police officer investigating fraud. He told them that someone had attempted to use their bank card fraudulently and even told them to dial 999 to speak to their local force.

But, he kept the line open, meaning the victims were still speaking to the fraudsters.

The victims then followed the instructions of the criminals, still believing they were police officers, and withdrew a large amount of cash, which was collected by someone pretending to be a courier.

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Det Con Emma Wood, from Swindon CID, said this case showed how convincing and persuasive these types of fraudsters can be.

She said: "The victims in this case genuinely believed they were speaking to police officers and that they needed to cooperate with their requests or they could lose more money to fraudsters or even be arrested for perverting the course of justice."

Man, 21, sustains broken jaw during assault in Trowbridge (16/12/19)

Officers from CID are investigating an assault which took place in Trowbridge early yesterday morning (15/12). At approximately 1.30am, a 21-year-old man had arranged to meet friends near the bike rack in the Tesco Extra car park when he was approached by two men who he did not know.

One of them hit him round the head from behind causing him to suffer a broken jaw. The victim attended the Royal United Hospital in Bath where he remains today.

It is not clear which direction the suspects left in, but the first man is described as aged in his 40s, short, bald, with a goatee style beard. He was wearing a dark coloured coat and joggers.

The second man is described as aged in his 20s, tall, and wearing a hoody style jumper or coat.

Det Con Rob Goacher said: "This was a nasty incident which has left a man with a broken jaw which will require surgery. We are keen to hear from any witnesses or anyone who was in the area of Tesco during the early hours of Sunday morning. I know a lot of people were out and about enjoying Christmas parties so I am hopeful that someone may have seen something which could help us with our enquiries."

Call 101 and quote crime reference number 54190124043."

Trowbridge Arson (31/12/19).

A man has been arrested and charged following a fire in a block of flats in Trowbridge in the early hours of Tuesday morning (31/12).

We were called to a block of flats in St Thomas Passage shortly after 5.30am. Nobody has been injured, but extensive damage has been caused to the properties. Dylan Rose, 32, of St Thomas Passage, Trowbridge, has been charged with arson with intent/reckless as to whether life was endangered.

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Rose was remanded in custody and appeared at Swindon Magistrates Court on January 1. No plea was entered and he was remanded by the court to appear again at a later date.

A trial date has been listed for 31/01/20 at Swindon Crown Court.

Inspector Andy Fee is currently responsible for the Community Policing Teams in Trowbridge. These are based at Trowbridge police station with 5 teams in each covering a 24/7 365 duty pattern.

Each team is made up of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Local Crime Investigators. Central to these officers are the Neighbourhood Police Officers who are very much the heart of the team and whom many of you will know on first name terms.

In addition to these officers we have a number of Special Constables who are aligned to the teams. They will try to work predominantly with their aligned team but can slot in anywhere around their availability.

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

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LOCAL PRIORITIES

PRIORITIES FOR WILTSHIRE WEST CPT	UPDATE
Priority 1:	
<p><u>Community Speedwatch</u></p>	<p>During the last couple of weeks of December, Trowbridge Road – Hilperton was added to the Community Speedwatch locations but being over Christmas time, unfortunately this was not checked by the CPT teams due to other priorities. This was the only Trowbridge location selected.</p>
Priority 2:	
<p><u>PSPO – Trowbridge Town Centre</u></p> <p>A PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) is currently in place in Trowbridge Town Centre.</p> <p>Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers have been proactively patrolling the town centre.</p>	<p>In the initial instance, street drinkers are issued with a Community Protection Warning (CPW).</p> <p>If the CPW is breached, the next step they are issued with a Community Protection Notice (CPN). Since the main offenders have been issued with CPNs in the past few months, street drinking appears to have reduced.</p> <p>Once issued with a CPN, if further breaches are evidenced then the issuing of a Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO's) is then considered.</p>

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Priority 3:

Trowbridge Town Centre – Begging

Trowbridge CPT has been working closely with partner agencies to ensure that everyone begging within the town centre have been referred and signposted to the necessary support agencies.

As an initial step, begging warning letters are issued to those seen by PCs and PCSOs begging to make them aware of the offence and of the support and services accessible in the local area.

Community Protection Notice (CPN) can and will be served to persons prohibiting them from begging. This seems to have been less of an issue during recent months, possible due to the colder weather, but this is still a priority we are closely monitoring and plan to productively deal with.

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HIGH LEVEL PCC UPDATES

- **Precept Consultation** – From 6 January, I will be consulting with residents and businesses in Wiltshire and Swindon on what they would be prepared to pay as part of their council tax bill next year's towards local policing. I am still waiting for notification from the Home Office on what our settlement will be in Wiltshire for 2020/21 and hope to be in receipt of this soon. I strongly encourage you to [submit your feedback on my website](#).

HIGH LEVEL FORCE UPDATES

- We continue to implement **changes in our community policing teams** to better meet demand in our different patches. It is a phased approach and as of December the boundaries of our community policing teams changed with their names also changing to reflect the areas covered.

The new list is: Swindon Area CPT, Chippenham Area CPT, Royal Wootton Bassett Area CPT, Trowbridge Area CPT, Warminster Area CPT, Salisbury Area CPT, Devizes Area CPT and Amesbury Area CPT.

- **Changes to 101 system** – In mid-December the options available when members of the public call 101 have changed to allow for to be connected directly to some departments. They will also no longer be taking reports of shoplifting unless it is in progress, an offender is detained or there was violence to any members of the public or staff. Instead callers are encouraged to report the crime online and submit any available CCTV

GET INVOLVED

- 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