

South West Wiltshire Community Safety Group Record

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The Chairman referred to this standard announcement at the start of the meeting, and all present agreed to its sentiment.

Area	South West Wiltshire				
Date	15/01/2020	Times	6 – 8.00pm	Venue	Nadder Centre, Tisbury
Present	<p>Cllr George Jeans (Chair, Wiltshire Councillor), Nigel Cooke (Swallowcliffe PC), Karen Linaker (Wiltshire Council), Clare Churchill (Berwick St John, Burcombe, Dinton, Donhead St Mary, Fovant, Quidhampton), Mike Davidson (Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association), Frank Freeman (Hindon PC), Cllr Jose Green (Wiltshire Councillor), PC Matt Holland (Wiltshire Police), Mary Barlow (Tisbury resident), Wendy Blake (Tisbury resident), David Childs (Sutton Mandeville PC), Jane Mayhew (Burcombe PC), Anna Southern (Dinton PC)</p> <p>Apologies received from Roy Sims (Mere PC), Rodger Fooks (Community Speedwatch Officer) and Police Officer - Richard Salter</p>				

Decisions/Actions from this meeting:

- a) Ask the South West Wiltshire Area Board to consider formulating a recommendation requesting the reinstatement of speed cameras in South West Wiltshire, and forwarding the same request to the two MPs
- b) Karen and Mike to liaise over improving communications between neighbourhood watch co-ordinators / volunteers and this community safety group
- c) Karen to liaise with Mike to set up some drop in support and training sessions in Mere and Wilton and a repeat session in Tisbury

Actions completed since last meeting in 2019 :

- a. Matthew Stops – Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service representative has been confirmed for the South West Wiltshire Area. Karen to liaise with him and invite him to future meetings.
- b. Matt Holland confirmed that a range of speed awareness courses are offered in the county, as queried at the last meeting, including a motorbike safety and motorway safety course

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Speeding Issues

- (a) The group considered a request originally submitted by the Tollard Royal parish representatives regarding a recent news article reporting that Wiltshire had only recorded 807 speeding offences in 2018/19 on speed cameras, compared to the next lowest recording county (Cleveland 11,937). The group raised a number of queries and concerns regarding this and concluded that subject to more investigations being carried out, representations should be made to the local MPs and to the Wiltshire & Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner via the Area Board requesting speed cameras to be reinstated in the county.
- (b) Regarding community speed watch (CSW), Matt Holland reiterated that local police teams remained committed to supporting community speed watch and the various teams of volunteers across the community area. The group nonetheless repeated concerns raised previously that volunteers would prefer to see more support and more police presence at speeding hotspots. Parish representatives also raised concerns about the recent lack of responsiveness from officers responsible for the CSW scheme.
- (c) Hindon parish council repeated its request for the issue of neighbouring counties not collaborating with Wiltshire or following up and penalising speeders who are recorded speeding by CSW, but not then written to and pursued by the police force in the neighbouring county where they live
- (d) Matt Holland alerted the group to the new traffic powers held by the police which is helping to bring down vehicle crime: power to seize vehicles with no tax or insurance
- (e) The group discussed the recently re-issued SID protocol and noted that an update was still outstanding from Cllr Bridget Wayman regarding whether or not training was required to accompany the protocol.

2.	<p><u>Drug & Alcohol Misuse</u></p> <p>Karen explained that following the area board themed meeting back in mid 2019 regarding drug and alcohol misuse in the community area, teams continued to work together, especially regarding the county lines strategy, but that more was needed to in particular to bring about interventions through the collaboration of community teams (parish council, sports development officers, housing officers, schools etc).</p>
3.	<p><u>Service/Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Matt Holland provided the following further updates and responses to questions raised at the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a newly revised and strengthened neighbourhood policing structure had been agreed and would be detailed in the January 2020 reports to area boards and parish councils • current policing priorities are rural crime, including hare coursing, and community speedwatch • he would follow up with the Tisbury police team regarding concerns raised by local residents following a recent spate of burglaries in the village • clarified that if Tisbury wanted to put up CCTV in the village, this would be a scheme that would require finding and instigation by the parish council in the first instance. He mentioned that Warminster had recently set up CCTV, and that Tisbury PC might want to enquire with them as to what is involved • Matt also explained how residents and businesses can set up their own CCTV • Matt repeated the correct ways in which the police would prefer people to report crime – i.e. using 999 or 101, or in non urgent situations, Crime Stoppers as an alternative
	<p>Mike Davidson provided an update on behalf of the Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) In reviewing what NHW co-ordinators remain active – there are 11 currently active in Tisbury. b) According to research, NHW signs reduce crime by 11% c) Mike will look to arrange more NHW events across the area to help recruit new co-ordinators and to continue to raise the profile of the scheme

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- (a) Hindon representative thanked police for recent quick response to apparent security threat from drones
- (b) Mere is having problems with inconsiderate parking of large vehicles in narrow highways which cause real obstructions and highway safety risks
- (c) Karen to ensure future CSG meetings are notified well in advance to the group contact list and the parish councils and posters displayed to ensure the wider public are aware of the meeting