

# Wiltshire Police Calne

Calne Police – November/ December 2009

## Sergeant's message

Sergeant Connor is currently performing 'other duties' for a four week period; as such I have the pleasure of writing the Sergeants message. I am pleased to report on the continued hard work performed by the Calne NPT in conjunction with our partner agencies and networks.

I know it was raised in the last document, but feel it is worth another mention. We continue to work alongside Calne Town CCTV to help prevent, and detect crime. Thanks to the sterling efforts of the operators we have had numerous success stories since the last update, I have no doubt there will be many more to come. Building on this success we plan in the near future to deliver a 'Drugs' presentation to the operators to raise their awareness of the issues, and in turn improve on the already impressive record which they have for reporting such incidents to us. It is hoped that this will be the first of many such inputs aimed at raising operator awareness of to maximise the evidence that we, the Police, can gain from the CCTV system. Further to this I am pleased to report that not only are things moving forward in relation to the planned CCTV system being installed at the Porte Marsh Industrial Estate, but Hills Waste at Compton Bassett are also looking into a high-tech system to be linked with Town Council CCTV. The CCTV network has already proved to be highly effective, and I am sure this will continue!

On another note, I have today had a meeting with a local Youth Worker and am pleased to announce that Calne NPT will be looking at improving its relationship with the local Youth Centre. In the first instance PCSO'S will be visiting the Youth Centre in Priestly Grove to engage with the youths and answer any questions they may have. It is the plan that this will become a regular occurrence which will no doubt lead to better relationships between Police and the youth of Calne. In the future it is hoped that we can give inputs on specific topics that effect the local youths with a view to raising awareness and preventing offences or ASB.

In recent months we have worked hard with our partner, Westlea Housing, to address two separate issues with tenants of their properties. As a direct result of the hard work by both parties one tenant has now been evicted from his address. At the second address as a result of an injunction the number of calls has reduced significantly which has meant Police are able to concentrate their efforts on more important matters.

These are examples of just some of the ways in which we aim to make the local community as safe as possible. Should you have any suggestions or queries for us then please feel free to contact me, or one of the Calne NPT members.

Finally an update in relation to the new Police Station in Calne. I am pleased to announce that the schedule remains on track. Those of you who have recently been past the site will have seen that the old station has now been knocked down in preparation for the new building. Calne NPT are looking forward to the successful completion of the project, and being able to move into the new station. In the mean time, please remember that we are here for the local community and still maintain a constant presence in the town. We can still be contacted via the normal means.

**Simon Wright**  
Acting Sergeant Calne NPT

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## Crime Statistics:

### Town Centre:

Date/ Type of Crime:	Burglary :	Anti-Social Behaviour:	Violence:	Vehicle Crime:	Robbery:	Total Crimes:	Explanation:
Dec 2008:	2	40	10	0	0	52	<b>Anti-social behaviour</b> shows a steady increase. It should be noted that under Home Office rules ASB includes public order offences. Recently due to partnership working with CCTV and active patrolling FPN's have been issued for section 5 offences, littering and possession of cannabis.
Dec 2009:	9	83	4	2	0	98	<b>Burglary</b> figures have increased, however it should be noted that several arrests have been made and numerous offenders have been charged following targeted work by Police officers.

### Rural:

Date/ Type of Crime:	Burglary:	Anti-Social Behaviour:	Violence:	Vehicle Crime:	Robbery:	Total Crimes:	Explanation:
Dec 2008:	6	17	6	0	0	29	<b>Vehicle crime</b> is up; this is due to an increase in thefts from vehicles parked in lay-bys at beauty spots. PCSO's are working on raising awareness of these types of crimes, and are encouraging people not to leave valuables in their vehicles. Local press have been used to try and raise awareness of the issue,
Dec 2009:	11	6	3	6	1	27	



## Priorities & ongoing activity:

### Town Centre Priorities -

- **Anti-Social Behaviour Newcroft Road:** This priority began in mid November 2009 after receiving a number of complaints from residents in the area of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage; also including verbal abuse of a homophobic nature particularly towards the area of the flats. Reassurance patrols are being carried out and Westlea Housing Association are currently installing cameras to help gather intelligence and evidence. Police are actively engaging with local residents to target the issues effectively.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour Broken Cross Health Centre:** This is another new priority that was started at the end of December 2009. There are complaints from the staff at the Broken Cross Health Centre of youths congregating at night. There is a significant amount of litter and broken glass found after the weekends. Discussions are taking place with staff from the family health centre with the possibility of installing CCTV cameras. Regular patrols in the area have been made but to date very few groups have been found. Police have requested the Health Centre address certain issues relating to site furniture to help alleviate the problems.
- **UPDATE AND CLOSURE FOR 'Anti-Social Behaviour Grierson Close':** The priority was completed at the end of December 2009 it was a success in that it has been a fact finding mission. A perspective on the level of anti-social behaviour is clear. In general most residents are happy with their environment and Police patrols have targeted areas of concern. Monies have been raised for the bobby van which can focus on areas in Coleman's Farm which need addressing.

### Rural Priorities -

- **Police Visibility and Reassurance patrols in villages surrounding Calne:** This is an ongoing priority which has been running since July 2009, we believe it's very important to continue these patrols as there have been some Rogue Trader and Distraction Burglaries in the area over recent months which have caused the residents some concerns. This also involves the use of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and Public Consultations. The Police will be conducting regular patrols through all villages in the Calne Rural Neighbourhood Police Team area. This will help to reassure members of the public, enable the police to gain intelligence through vehicle and person stop checks, and be a visible deterrent to traveling criminals. Trading Standards Officers will be contacted for their advice and input when required.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour in the Lower Compton area/ Hills Waste:** This priority was started at the end of Nov 2009 due to a number of reports that were received relating to anti-social behaviour on the estate and thefts and criminal damage at the Hills waste/ recycling centre. In Dec numerous anti-social behaviour warning letters were issued to youths that live on the Lower Compton estate that were suspected of being involved. This seems to have worked as we haven't received any further complaints. Patrols will continue to be carried out, specifically in the evenings and at weekends. We will also continue working alongside management from Hills Waste. (Please see recent success stories for an update on arrests).
- **CLOSURE AND UPDATE OF 'Speeding in Church Street Derry Hill':** This priority was completed in Jan 2010. Church Road Derry Hill now has a 20 mph speed limit, along with traffic calming measures and speed humps along its length. The area is well signed with the normal posted signs, along with road markings stating the same. This has been achieved with work between the NPT, and the Wiltshire Council. The priority was raised and discussed at the Community Safety Forum, and at the last meeting it was agreed that everything that was set out to work with the community on this issue has been addressed, and implemented, and therefore this priority is now being closed. It is felt by the NPT and Wiltshire Council that this has been a great success, and a good example of multi agency working.

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## Examples of Ongoing Positive Arrests/ Warrants/ Targeting ASB in the Calne area over the past weeks.

1) The Christmas Blues and 'Zuz Disco was held on Friday 18th Dec at John Bentley School, a face painter was hired who also did glitter tattoos which were enjoyed by 70 youngsters. For the January Disco the venue was changed to the Town Hall due to exams taking place at John Bentley. 99 youngsters attended this event. The next one is to have a Valentines theme and will be held at John Bentley School on Friday 12th February from 7pm-9:30pm.

2) In recent months Hills Waste at Compton Basset, Calne, have been hit by thefts. Offenders mostly target batteries and metals from the recycling bins. Calne Police launched an operation over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January which proved to be very successful! On the first night one male was arrested and given a Police caution for Theft. On the second night two males were arrested for theft of batteries, they have been charged and are currently on bail. Police are working with Hills to improve security, a new CCTV system is planned for the site and it is likely that it will be linked with the Town Council system.

3) Through partnership working with Westlea Housing a local male has been evicted from his flat following numerous reports of ASB and drug taking/dealing at the address. The male has now moved out of the area

4) Calne CCTV reported to Police a male who was seen to be snorting white powder on a town centre CCTV camera. Calne NPT identified the male, he was interviewed by Police and admitted that he had been snorting cocaine. He was given a Police caution.

5) A spate of incidents in Calne Town centre occurred over recent weeks whereby a gang of local youths have been attacking known drug users at random. Some fine work by local PCSO'S in conjunction with Calne Town CCTV led to the offenders being identified. The offenders have been arrested and are currently on Police bail, it is expected that they will be charged with when they return.

## Upcoming Consultation Dates

### Town Centre

- 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 1400hrs at The Community Hub, High Street Calne
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010 1000hrs at James House, Broken Cross
- 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 1900hrs at Calne Town Hall, The Strand (Community Safety Meeting)

### Rural

- 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 1900hrs at Calne Town Hall, The Strand (Community Safety Meeting)
- 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010 1100hrs at Bank House, Calne Community Safety Forum
- 10<sup>th</sup> April 2010 1000hrs Street Visit, East Tytherton
- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 1000hrs East Tytherton Drop In Centre
- 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010 1000hrs Street Visit, East Tytherton