

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Area Board Report - Devizes

Neighbourhood Policing Team

September and October 2024



Keeping Wiltshire Safe

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

Inspector: Simon Garrett



Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt Chris Wickham

Neighbourhood Officers:

PC Chris Rideout (Devizes Town)

PC Sarah Hardwidge (Devizes Town)

PC Jenny Groome (Devizes Rural)

PC Jason Steele (Marlborough)



PCSOs:

Amy Jones, Andrew Maclachlan, Debbie Lowe

Kelly Watts, Paula Yarranton (Devizes Rural)

Emily Johnson, Melissa Camilleri (Marlborough Rural)

Mark Braithwaite (Marlborough Town)

Jonathan Mills (Pewsey)



Our Community Commitment

ENGAGE REGULARLY WITH COMMUNITIES BY HOLDING FACE TO FACE EVENTS

- We will hold at least one public meeting / surgery per month, giving you a chance to meet your local team and find out more information on local policing priorities, crime stats and engagement opportunities
- We will advertise our public meetings and surgeries on the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website, on local Neighbourhood Policing Team social media channels and Community Messaging
- Every engagement opportunity will be recorded so we can ensure we are meeting our commitment to you
- We will hold regular face to face meetings and events with a wide range of community groups such as businesses, faith groups, youth groups and residents' associations
- We will bring policing out to your community, through the proactive use of the Neighbourhood Engagement Vehicles.

ENGAGE REGULARLY THROUGH ONLINE CHANNELS

- We will actively use local Neighbourhood Policing Team social media channels to engage with our communities
- Every Neighbourhood Policing Team will host quarterly Facebook Live events
- We will exchange information with those signed up to our Community Messaging alert system via email, text or phone and continue to promote this free service to new members.

INCREASE AND BROADEN OUR ENGAGEMENT ACROSS NEED TO REACH COMMUNITIES

- We will build Community Beat Profiles for each of our Neighbourhood Policing Team to help us better understand the specific communities within our local areas
- We will engage with specific community groups and those living and working in particular geographical areas about those issues that are important or impacts most upon them
- We will work with young people and our partners in education settings to help improve safety, reduce reoffending and, along with relevant other agencies, offer support to those who need it.

PUBLISH INFORMATION ON YOUR LOCAL TEAM, LOCAL PRIORITIES AND UPDATE ON ACTIVITY

- We will provide you with information so you know who your local Neighbourhood Policing Team is by publishing this on the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website
- We will publish monthly local priorities on the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website and, through our regular engagement with you, we will consult you when we are setting them
- We will provide community updates on activity being carried out to help tackle local priorities
- We will ensure intelligence-led visible patrolling in local communities, at least once a week, responding to local policing issues and concerns
- We will publish local policing updates, wherever possible, in community magazines / newsletters or bulletins.

CONSULT AND ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITIES ON KEY DECISIONS

- We will ask the public to take part in questionnaires and surveys to build information and improve our policing service
- We will provide visibility at Parish Council meetings and, in the absence of physical attendance, will provide a written update. We will also support a programme of additional meeting attendance through Area Boards or Community Safety Groups
- We will action feedback, concerns or complaints – and tell you what action has been taken. If we cannot help, we will help signpost the public to who can
- We will work closely with our partners, such as local authorities and parish and town councils, and community representatives i.e. businesses, faith groups, schools to tackle community issues
- We will work closely alongside local watch schemes to enable strong partnerships between the police and communities
- We will consult regularly with our Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) to ensure they have a voice as a critical friend to help shape our policing service.

Our mission: Keeping Wiltshire Safe

Our priorities:

Safer public spaces

Violence

Burglary

September and October 24 stats - Devizes

		Last Year	Last 2 months
Violence Against The Person	126	156 ↓	119 ↑
Theft Offences	42	56 ↓	53 ↓
Arson And Criminal Damage	29	52 ↓	27 ↑
Public Order Offences	29	29	26 ↑
Burglary	25	18 ↑	15 ↑
Drug Offences	15	13 ↑	11 ↑
Sexual Offences	11	13 ↓	11
Miscellaneous Crimes Against...	11	8 ↑	14 ↓
Vehicle Offences	11	6 ↑	12 ↓
Possession Of Weapons	2	0 ↑	7 ↓
Robbery	2	2	1 ↑

Number of Crimes

306

Number of Incidents

288

- Crime levels fairly stable 6 more recorded than in previous 2 months
- Drop in Theft
- Significant rise in Burg (See next slide)
- Sexual offences – One unknown suspect in relation to a sexual touching that occurred in Devizes town centre – Enquiries ongoing to identify

September and October Burglary Stats- Devizes



Number of Crimes

25

- Attendance rate of burglaries at a home 96% Sept & 90% Oct
- FAT rate 9.6% Sept, 8.8% Aug. Over the average for similar forces
- Series of dwelling burglaries (5) where vehicles have been stolen or sought by offenders – one juv remanded into secure accommodation. One further suspect on police bail
- Further garage breaks in Devizes – Tasking for response officers to conduct night-time checks of garage blocks

In the community

Fantasy 97FM
RADIO

- Monthly appearance on Fantasy FM
- Safer Business action week
- Focus on rural crime
- Serious organised crime disruption/ education.
- Fatal 5 prevention.
- Night-time economy/ licencing operation



Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Burglary offences	There has been a rise in burglary statistics due to an ongoing dwelling burglary series that is being investigated by the Force's Burglary Team. 1 Suspect is in custody, and another is subject to bail conditions which are being actively policed. Officers will continue to patrol and target vulnerable locations associated with unconnected buildings.
Street Drinking and ASB in the Market place	Public Space Protection order expected to be launched on 15 th November. Police now have powers to confiscate alcohol and disperse ground of people acting in an antisocial manner. Further partnership work is ongoing to support those impacted and to ensure consistent policing of the order.
Theft from vans	The south of England is seeing an increase in the theft of high value tools from vans. This appears to be a very organised nationwide group committing these offences. Locally officers are liaising with counterparts in other forces and giving crime prevention advice to the community.
What do you want us to focus on	devizesareanpt@wiltshire.police.uk Subject – Devizes area Priorities.

Useful Links

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

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Devizes Neighbourhood Policing Team area visit <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/area/your-area/>

Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our **Community Messaging service** – www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Follow your NPT on social media

- [Devizes Police Facebook](#)
- [Devizes Police Twitter](#)
- [Marlborough Police Facebook](#)
- [Marlborough Police Twitter](#)
- [Pewsey Police Facebook](#)
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Find out more information on your NPT area at:
www.wiltshire.police.uk/area/your-area/wiltshire/devizes/

