

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Chippenham Community Area Board

5<sup>th</sup> March 2012



## **1. Neighbourhood Policing – NPT Sector Inspector – Martin Schorah**

**Chippenham NPT Sgt: Alan George**

### **Town Centre**

Beat Manager – PC Rachel Webb

PCSO – Ali Duncan

PCSO – Barbara Young

### **Town West**

Beat Manager – PC Sarah Pulman

PCSO – Val Wagstaff

PCSO – Aaron Rowe

PCSO – Michelle Nears

### **Town North East**

Beat Manager – PC Ash Jones

PCSO – Geoff Biddall

PCSO – Will Taylor (50% shared with Safer Schools Partnership – Sheldon & H-Huish)

PCSO – Linda Staples

### **Town South**

Beat Manager – Vacant but recruitment process advanced.

PCSO – Helen Bray (50% share SSP Abbeyfield)

PCSO – Toni Brown

PCSO – Emma Bird

### **Chippenham Rural Team**

Beat Manager – PC Emma Higgins

PCSO – Norman Webster

PCSO – Elizabeth Holland

\*PCSO Mark Cook\* - Temp cover at Calne

## **2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:**

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

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## **3. Police Authority Representative: Mr Chris Caswell**

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or

<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

## **4. Performance and Other Local Issues**

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The Chippenham Neighbourhood Policing team have seen a lot of changes since my last report in December. We are now located and working effectively from our new home within Monkton Park Council Offices. We now count the officers from such departments as Environmental Health, Benefits, Anti-social behaviour reduction as not only our colleagues but also close neighbours!

An example of where this has been advantageous is when a member of my team came into work recently commenting that she had seen a well known criminal working locally. She walked a few yards to the benefits department and spoke directly with them. Within a few minutes it transpired that the individual appeared to be claiming benefits which they were not entitled to. The evidence was secured and action taken in a prompt and efficient manner and in a way that we may not have achieved so readily in the past.

At the time of compiling this report the mechanism for gaining statistics is not available, suffice to say that I am proud that we have helped reduce violent crime year on year and that this has helped elevate Wiltshire to the safest county in the country! Crimes such as theft and preying on vulnerable and often elderly people make their mark on society, Chippenham is no exception. I am pleased to report that a joint operation with Chippenham NPT and plain clothes officers from the Priority Crime Team resulted in the arrest of four individuals from London for passing counterfeit £20 notes. £1200 in counterfeit notes, genuine cash and various stolen goods were recovered in their vehicle. A prosecution is pending subject to further enquiries to establish the scale of this criminal enterprise. (see Gazette & Herald 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.,)

‘Purse Dipping’ offences also cause considerable unease amongst shoppers in our towns. I can think of a number of instances where elderly residents have had cherished photographs stolen in the pursuit of monetary gain. It is easy to replace a £20 note but some memories are irreplaceable. I am again pleased to report that following extensive research by PCSO’s Duncan and Young, this has resulted in the early identification and detection of suspects apparently intent on committing these offences in Chippenham during February. Through excellent liaison with town centre security staff, two suspects were prevented from offending and escorted from the town and put on a train back to Hampshire. I referred earlier to statistics...it is easy to record what we can measure and detect but often difficult to record what we prevent by such pro-active measures.

Much of what we do and the success we achieve is due to support from the public and partnership working with our many colleagues. I end this report by extending my thanks and reaffirming our intention to maintain our position as the safest county in the country.

Martin Schorah

Sector Head – Chippenham, Calne and Corsham.