

**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Chippenham Community Area Board
10/05/2010**



1. Neighbourhood Policing:

Team Sgt: Allan George

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Ashleigh Jones
PCSO – Barbara Young
PCSO – Alistair Duncan

Town West Team

Beat Manager – PC Arwen Lucena
PCSO – Elizabeth Holland
PCSO – William Judd

Town North East

Beat Manager – PC Toni Evans
PCSO - Matthew Dibble
PCSO - Mike Jones

Town South

Beat Manager – PC Emma Higgins
PCSO – Toni Brown
PCSO – Helen Bray

Town Rural

Beat Manager – Heather Barham
PCSO – Norman Webster
PCSO – Steve Butler

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Town Centre Team – ASB Town Centre
ASB Monkton Park

Town West Team – ASB/Arsons Sheldon Road
ASB Middlefield Road

Town North East – ASB Cowleaze
Parking issues Sadlers Mead

Town South – ASB Pewsham Lodge Road shops
Drugs Charter Road/Royal Close

Town Rural – ASB Hullavington
Vehicle ASB Castle Combe
Rural village burglaries

3. Police Authority Representative: Mr Chris Caswill

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

Disorder and the Night Time Economy – Chippenham Town

With the improvement in weather and the promise of a warm summer, attention has been increased to robust Policing and management of the Town night-time economy, specifically in relation to underage sales of alcohol and drinking.

The Town Centre Beat manager, PC Ashley Jones last week (22/23 & 24th April) undertook partnership work with colleagues in plain clothes and also our colleagues in the licensing department. Several licensed premises were subject to unannounced spot checks with test purchase volunteers.

The aim of these checks was to identify premises that were potentially supplying alcohol to underage persons, intoxicated persons and to identify areas where crime and disorder caused concern.

As a result of the checks, it was pleasing to note that no premises visited were found to be supplying or offered to supply alcohol to anyone under the legal age and a number of young people were checked, all of whom were of legal age and had suitable proof of age with them.

Further, of the establishments visited, no intoxicated persons were found that had been served alcohol whilst already inebriated. One premises turned away an intoxicated male who then managed to gain entry via a side exit, he was ejected on Police advice.

This was a pleasing result and further checks are planned throughout the coming months.

Cannabis Factory – Kington Langley

A warrant was executed under the Misuse of Drugs Act in the Kington Langley area relating to the suspected production of Cannabis. This was a positive result that led to the arrest of a male and the recovery of numerous cannabis plants, along with a specialised hydroponic set-up and a full scale cannabis factory within the premises.

The estimated street value of the plants seized (if harvested and distributed as cannabis) is around £80-100,000. This was a positive warrant, disrupting the supply of cannabis in the community and sending a firm message to the dealers that drug misuse will be robustly policed.

John Coles Park – Suspicious male

We are appealing for information on a male seen to get out of a silver Discovery and take photographs of people. At this stage there is nothing to indicate any unlawful intentions, but we would ask anyone with information to make contact so we can identify this male and to establish the reasons for this activity. The local NPT have set

up a 'problem solving pack' to conduct targeted patrols to reassure residents. Any help would be appreciated

Wood Lane- ASB

In response to a spate of damage and anti-social behaviour public meetings were held with residents at the church hall. These meetings were attended by the Neighbourhood Policing Team, local Councillor and Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Officer (ASBRO). At the meeting residents have pledged their support for four new Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) schemes and as a result of police, partner and residents action, calls have significantly reduced.

Theft and Vandalism – Hardenhuish Lane

Schools and business premises on Hardenhuish lane have been experiencing theft, vandalism, trespassing and underage drinking. As a result officers have been targeting the area for increased patrols, challenging people in the area and removing alcohol from young people. Reports of crime and disorder have reduced and in the early hours two local males have been arrested on suspicion of theft from a building site following a short chase. They remain on police bail pending enquiries.

Cowleaze - Noisy Parties

Following a number of reports of loud parties and disturbances PCSO Mike JONES has been working with our partner agencies to tackle the issue. Incidents have reduced with a number of individuals facing the threat of action from their housing provider should problems persist.

CRIME & DETECTIONS (APRIL 08 TO MARCH 09 & APRIL 09 TO MARCH 10) compared to previous year)

CHIPPENHAM	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	APR 08 - MAR 10				APR 08 - MAR 10	
	2008/09	2009/10	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	622	624	2	0.3%	62.9%	53.4%
Dwelling Burglary	83	110	27	32.5%	24.1%	17.3%
Criminal Damage	618	683	65	10.5%	11.8%	16.8%
Non Dwelling Burglary	163	133	-30	-18.4%	11.0%	5.3%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	137	176	39	28.5%	8.8%	13.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	64	44	-20	-31.3%	39.1%	25.0%
Total Crime	2753	2844	91	3.3%	31.7%	30.6%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently County Division is performing very well and is ranked **1st** (out of 15) for our overall detection rate and **2nd** (out of 15) for our overall crime levels

Anti-Social-Behaviour – reported incidents

APR-JUNE 2009	JULY-SEPT 2009	OCT-DEC 2009	JAN-MAR 2010	MONTHLY AVE (09/10)
746	811	606	600	230

5. Abstraction Rate Performance:

The Policing Pledge sets a target of a minimum of **80%** for the time spent by NPT staff on their respective areas. The performance figures for Melksham for February:

SGT % ON AREA	CBM % ON AREA	PCSO % ON AREA
95.4%	88.5%	99.3%

A/Insp Steve McGrath
26th April 2010
Area Commander