



Bradford-on-Avon Area Board January 2013

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Current NPT Priorities:

Up-to-date details of the current news about Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs), including profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police website www.wiltshire.police.uk

Team News:

PS Chris Hams has now left Bradford-on-Avon NPT with PS Sean Brady taking his place.

Sean is in post and is making arrangements to meet with local partners within the Bradford-on-Avon area. Sean is managing the following staff:

PC Lee Pelling & PCSO Andrew MacLachlan
PC Martin Annetts & PCSO Joe Leeds

2. Crime Priorities

Domestic and non-domestic burglary is on the increase. The numbers are sometimes reaching 4 or 5 over a 24 hour period!

Offenders are gaining entry through insecurities or through forcing shed doors. They are also targeting garages, whether or not they are attached to a house.

Offenders are using any advantage to sneak into properties to steal anything they can carry. This can be at any time of the day or night.

Once inside sheds, outbuildings and garages; cash, wallets, telephones, gardening equipment and handbags are stolen. If a garage is entered, offenders are even breaking into cars parked within the garage and stealing items such as cash, MP3 players and laptops.

If the public fail to lock a door or padlock a shed, they increase the risk of becoming a victim.

These crimes are intolerable as many impact on people's livelihoods. The police want information and calls in respect of suspicious vehicles & people. The community needs to play its part in gaining intelligence so that the police can take action.

Violence Against the Person (VAP) is a key focus for the NPT at this time, especially within the town centre area at weekends. The incidents are mainly between those who know each other and often between people who have been or are in some form of relationship. This is a concerning issue for police and one that increases fear and uncertainty amongst the community. The problems are not directly linked to the night time economy but such acts impact on those who are law abiding and enjoying a night out.

The focus on reducing violent crime will remain and is under constant review by the police. The problem though does require cooperation and support from the community. The message is clear - *perpetrators who push, punch and threaten others, committing acts of violence will not be tolerated.*

The police will take action. Anyone subject to or a witness to assaults (physical or non-physical) needs to report what's happening as this is unacceptable behaviour and will be addressed either by the police working with other agencies or by another agency.

Vehicle crime is also sadly on the increase. There are no direct links however work has been commissioned to understand repeat locations, times and likely suspects at this time.

Overall performance

At the foot of this report, the performance figures for Bradford-on-Avon are set out. It remains the overarching priority to reduce the number of burglary and violent offences.

The key messages to the public are:

- 1 Keep buildings secure – lock doors and windows.
- 2 Keep cars locked and property out of sight.
- 3 Report suspicions about people – the police need this information from you.

- 4 Record details of identifiable property and/or take photos of your belongings – this gives the police more of a chance to identify stolen property.

With Christmas approaching and people spending their hard earned money on presents, goods such as electrical items, pedal cycles and jewellery need to be photographed and any identifiable markings should be recorded.

This approach provides the police with more opportunities to locate the property when searching people or carrying out warrants.

The website www.immobilise.com can be used to record these details and may even prevent offenders taking the item in the first place. Check on-line for this site and consider using it.

**Lisette Harvey
Sector Commander
19 December 2012**

EA Bradford-on-Avon	Crime			
	December 2010 - November 2011	December 2011 - November 2012	Volume Change	% Change
Victim Based Crime	558	527	-31	-6%
Domestic Burglary	25	51	26	104%
Non Domestic Burglary	83	53	-30	-36%
Vehicle Crime	92	100	8	9%
Criminal Damage & Arson	153	98	-55	-36%
Violence Against The Person	72	90	18	25%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	338	302	-36	-11%