

# Pewsey Community Area Board

May 2014



## 1. Neighbourhood Policing

**Team Sgt:** Vincent Logue

### **Pewsey West Team**

Beat Manager – PC Richard Barratt

PCSO – Joe Sadd

### **Pewsey East Team**

Beat Manager – PC Teresa Herbert

PCSO - Melissa Camilleri

## 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 website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

## 3. Police and Crime Commissioner: Mr Angus Macpherson

PCC website: [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)

## 4. Performance and Other Local Issues

### **Current Policing Priorities:**

Pewsey Neighbourhood Policing Team has now enjoyed a good period of stability in terms of staffing. With that come the benefits of good local knowledge and contacts and therefore a more targeted approach to policing in the area.

A good example of this was in March this year when PC's Barratt and Herbert stopped a vehicle coming from a known area of drug dealing which resulted in an arrest of a male for Possession with intent to supply drugs. This male is currently on bail and we are hopeful of a charge being made. Drug use and dealing is also one of our Priorities.

Another of our priorities is rural thefts and PC Herbert has had a good result in this area in the village of Ham. Through liaising with the community and businesses that were being targeted by criminals, staff at farm estate in Ham were made aware of the issues and given advice on what to do. As a direct result of this, a male who is well known to police was detained by staff in the act of committing theft and was arrested by PC Herbert. This male has been charged and has already appeared in court and pleaded guilty.

## Crime Statistics

EC Pewsey NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to March 2013	12 Months to March 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to March 2013	12 Months to March 2014
Victim Based Crime	452	402	-50	-11.1%	18%	12%
Domestic Burglary	24	10	-14	-58.3%	33%	30%
Non Domestic Burglary	92	83	-9	-9.8%	2%	0%
Vehicle Crime	74	81	+7	+9.5%	5%	1%
Criminal Damage & Arson	91	68	-23	-25.3%	23%	6%
Violence Against The Person	55	60	+5	+9.1%	51%	47%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	224	198	-26	-11.6%		

Crime figures for Pewsey are very encouraging with significant reductions in domestic burglary and Criminal damage as well as reductions in non-domestic burglary and anti-social behaviour. As a result of these reductions there have been 50 fewer victims of crime in the Pewsey area this year compared to the same period the previous year.

While there is still the occasional burglary, most recently only outbuildings have been targeted with nothing stolen. Simple measures such as security lighting and the installation of garage/shed alarms will further deter offending. When I last looked, a large online auction site had such alarms available to purchase from £4.79 with free postage. A low cost option for more peace of mind and I am just about to order another one for myself!

Of the two areas that have shown a small increase, violence against the person figures relate to 8 incidents of low level assaults in private places. Vehicle crime continues to affect a wider area than just Pewsey. A significant volume of offences involved forced entry by smashing a window to steal property left on display, including handbags, coats and other articles. The offenders hope to find valuables in whatever they steal. A smaller number of offences include vehicles left insecure and theft of parts from vehicles. Landrovers are being targeted with items seemingly stolen to order. We are working hard to prevent offending and to ensure owners take responsibility by not leaving valuables on display.

### **Matthew Armstrong**

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