



Marlborough Town Council Police Report March 2017



Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

As many of you may have seen in the news over recent months, a number of police services nationwide have invested in body worn video cameras. Wiltshire Police is currently conducting a trial of this technology and will, further to evaluation, look to roll it out to frontline officers and staff over spring and summer.

The technology has had proven benefits in other forces and we are confident that it will help us bring offenders to justice and serve our communities more effectively and efficiently. Body worn cameras are as much about the people behind the lens as they are the people in front of the lens and they will help us to further improve openness and transparency as well as upholding the high standard of service we always aim to deliver.

Throughout March, you may notice Wiltshire Police taking a more in-depth look at equality, diversity and inclusion. At a recent conference for the South West Black Police Association, hosted at Police HQ in Devizes, Chief Constable Mike Veale discussed the importance of recognising and celebrating difference. Having a diverse organisation not only makes the police service more representative of the communities it serves, but also culturally richer and more receptive to different perspectives. We encourage you to keep an eye on our Wiltshire Police social media accounts as we offer an insight about this very important aspect of policing during March.

In addition we will be supporting a national campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of using a mobile phone while driving and to highlight the changes in legislation that come into effect in March.

Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police.

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Current Priorities Marlborough and surrounding areas.

Hare coursing and poaching

This is a sector wide priority. Since commencing activity against this priority at the end of November 2016, there have been 130+ extra patrols recorded. We have issued a Community Protection Warning notice to one of the most prolific offenders, meaning that should he fail to adhere to the terms of the warning we can then commence more robust action against him. We have recently conducted a social media campaign to raise the awareness of this crime area which created significant online debate. Hare Coursing remains popular with a small proportion of the population and we will continue to target these criminals, we have carried out Rural Crime operations alongside our Special Constabulary colleagues and these will continue over the coming weeks and months.

Theft from motor vehicles

Since the turn of the year, there have been twelve reports of thefts from motor vehicles, predominantly around our area's beauty spots. With the warmer weather soon to come in, this number could increase significantly. This has now been made a new sector wide priority. Wiltshire Police will be erecting new signage at beauty spots in partnership with the local councils and English Heritage warning motorists of the perils of leaving valuables in cars. Patrols will also seek to educate motorists via leaflet drops and face to face discussions with those that we meet along the way.

Dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries

From a review of the numbers of burglaries in Marlborough and the surrounding area which totalled twenty nine since the commencement of CPT on 17th October 2016 to the 4th December 2016, we then created this as a priority to allow for targeted patrols, intelligence development and progress in these investigations. Since that date, up until the end of February, the number of burglaries have dropped to nineteen in almost the same time frame.

We have experienced a significant reduction in the numbers of burglaries in the Pewsey villages in recent months following our focus upon such a priority.

Wiltshire Police continue to limit the number of offences by pro-active policing and ongoing policing operations in these areas. A rural crime operation was carried out in early February. This involved local estate managers and gamekeepers, as well as our colleagues from Thames Valley Police, there are more planned in the coming weeks and months alongside our Special Constabulary colleagues. A further county wide rural crime operation involving nearly 70 of our Special Constabulary colleagues was carried out on Saturday 25th February 2017. This was a great success - 90 vehicles were stopped at 10 sites throughout the county including Marlborough, 24 licensed premises checks were carried out, 83 people were checked via the Police National Computer and 12 people were stop checked in the areas.

Community intelligence is crucial for us to take action on this priority so please continue to report incidents, information and any concerns.

Any Relevant Series for March 2017

10 reports of burglaries between 08/02/2017 and 06/03/2017, we will continue to tackle these offences as per the ongoing priority.

10 reports of "bilking" from the town's petrol stations between 08/02/2017 and 06/03/2017, namely the Bridge Garage and Fraser Budgens.

Local Crimes

Between 18/02/2017 and 19/02/2017, unknown suspect(s) have damaged the IP's car by smashing a rear light, scratching the paintwork and damaging both wing mirrors.

On 08/02/2017, while out on patrol in St. Margaret's Mead, PCSO has noticed a vehicle smelling of cannabis of which the occupants admitted to having drugs. Caution issued to one of the occupants for possession.

On 23/02/2017, a known male found in possession of cannabis, Mildenhall

<https://www.police.uk/> will allow you to check stats in more detail for your area, and all surrounding areas.

Community Consultations.

Marlborough Market – High Street 9am – 2pm, first Wednesday of each month. Next consultation is Wednesday 5th April 2017, your local PCSO's are Mark BRAITHWAITE (town) and Lucy STONESTREET (rural).