



Marlborough NPT

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Current Priorities

The current priorities for the Marlborough area are to focus on overnight rural thefts and burglaries, and thefts from vehicles in our beauty spot areas.

We have previously reported that there has been an increase in the number of thefts and non-dwelling burglaries, particularly in the Aldbourne, Ramsbury and Baydon areas. Thankfully, the number of these offences has now reduced but there has been three overnight commercial burglaries to shops in Marlborough on 24/12/15, 29/12/15 and 05/01/16. These are currently being investigated.

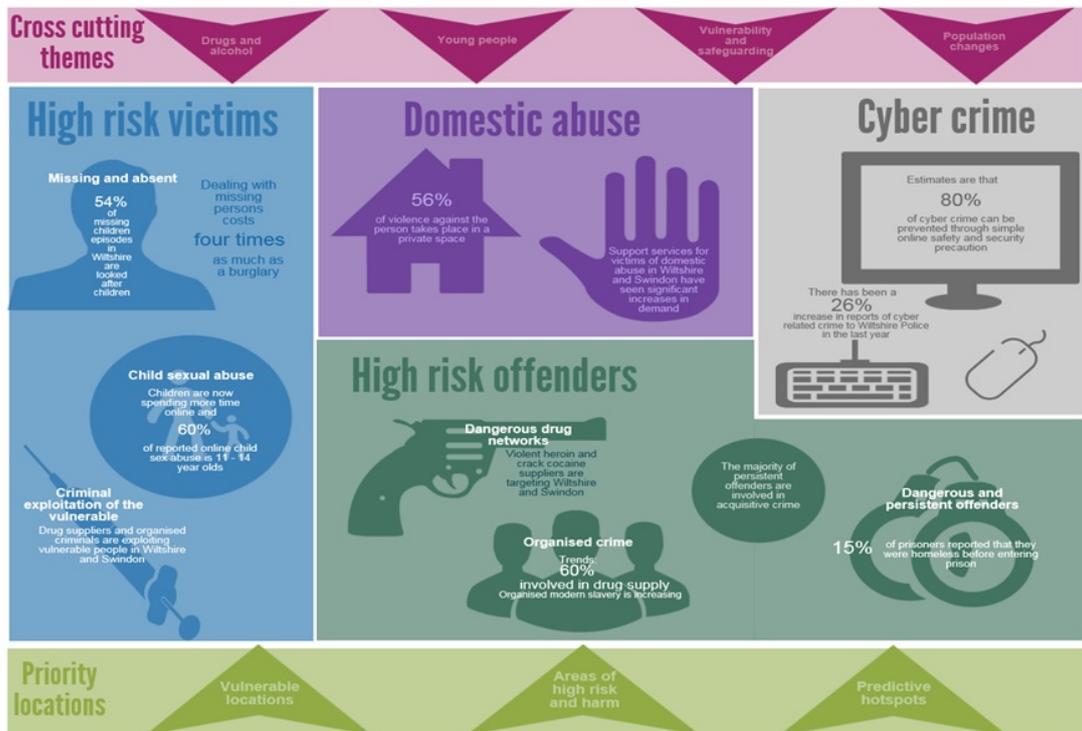
Marlborough NPT and other departments within Wiltshire Police are working hard to tackle burglaries. As a consequence, arrests have recently been made in the Marlborough area for thefts and burglary offences and one suspect remains on bail whilst enquiries are ongoing.

In the last week, the Neighbourhood Policing Team has also arrested a suspect in Marlborough following the theft of wheels from the Pewsey area. The suspect is on bail whilst enquiries are carried out.

Thefts from vehicles from beauty spot locations continue to occur, despite the cold weather. Richard Barratt has started work to tackle this as a priority. We urge people not to leave valuable items in vehicles.

Please contact Marlborough NPT for any crime prevention advice or to pass on details of individuals or groups who you feel would benefit from some input.

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Cybercrime

Marlborough Neighbourhood Policing Team continues to visit schools to deliver lessons on cyber-crime and bullying.

The team is also currently investigating a possible case of identity theft, which resulted in money being withdrawn from the victim's bank account.

If you know of anybody who needs information on staying safe online, please get in contact.

Domestic Abuse

Marlborough NPT regularly has involvement in attending incidents of domestic abuse and through liaison with other departments within Wiltshire Police we are able to identify those people who are repeat victims so that safeguarding measures can be put in place.

High Risk Victims

We continue to help reduce the criminal exploitation of the vulnerable. The NPT have recently been involved in helping a victim who suffers with dementia who has had many money withdrawn from her account over several months. A vulnerability assessment has been carried out and safeguarding measures put in place.

High Risk Offenders

The NPT work closely with the Public Protection Department to identify persistent or dangerous offenders, to engage with them and to take positive action where required.

Marlborough NPT are currently engaging with the family of a persistent offender who spends some times in the Marlborough area. It is hoped that this engagement will help to reduce reoffending.

It is a fact that 60% of organised criminals are involved in drugs supply. At the beginning of 2015, three people were arrested by Marlborough NPT after being found in possession of cannabis and Class A drugs. After lengthy enquiries, which were concluded this week, two of the people have been charged with being concerned in the supply of cannabis, and one has been given a caution for being in possession of cannabis.

Priority Locations

Marlborough NPT regularly identifies areas of vulnerability, high risk and harm.

As a result of recent thefts and burglaries, a number of officers will be altering their shifts in the coming weeks to focus on the locations where the majority of offences are occurring.

Other Local Issues

- On the 17th December a vehicle was stopped by PC Boardman on the A346 out of Marlborough towards Ogbourne St George. The driver produced a bag of cannabis and was subsequently issued with a fixed penalty notice for possession of cannabis.
- On the 23rd December a vehicle was stopped on the A4 outside of Marlborough. The driver was found to be in possession of cocaine. He was subsequently charged to appear at court at a later date.

- On the 31st December a vehicle was stopped on London Road in Marlborough. The driver was found in possession of an amount of cannabis and was arrested and charged.
- On the 15th January a male was arrested in Marlborough after trying to pay in to a bank a large amount of cash which was suspected to be stolen. The male has been bailed pending further enquiries.
- Between 8-10th January there has been four reported thefts of catalytic converters from Vito vans in the Marlborough area. Unfortunately, there are no suspects at this stage but enquiries are ongoing.
- On the 23rd December there was a report of hare coursing around the Avebury area. A vehicle was stopped and five people were arrested and are currently on bail.
- On the 30th December 2015 the wing mirrors of a vehicle parked in the parade were damaged. Enquiries were carried out and one male was arrested and received a caution.

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