

# Marlborough Town Council

**November 2016**

## **1. Wiltshire East Community Policing Team**

**Sector Head:** Inspector Nick Mawson

**Sector Deputy:** Sergeant Mark Andrews

**Community Coordinator:** PC Teresa Herbert

**Marlborough PCSO's :** PCSO Mark Braithwaite.

The Community Policing Team (CPT) model commenced in this area on 17 October 2016 and was followed by Swindon on 7 November 2016.

This followed a successful trial of the new model in Trowbridge, Warminster, Bradford on Avon, Westbury, Tisbury and Mere.

CPT combines Neighbourhood Policing, Response teams and Local Crime Investigators so there is a “one team” approach to community policing. It means there is a bigger team of officers and police staff available to attend incidents and improves communication between teams and departments. It gives the public a better service because issues can potentially be resolved at the first point of contact (101 and 999 call-takers) and provides them with a named officer/police staff member who they will be able to keep in touch with during the investigation. It also encourages officers and staff to take more “ownership” of cases.

There are seven Community Policing Teams: Swindon North, Swindon West, Swindon South, Wiltshire North, Wiltshire West, Wiltshire East and Wiltshire South. Devizes comes under Wiltshire East area.

Each Community Policing Team is overseen by a Superintendent and has an Inspector and a Deputy. The team will be made up of a mix of police officers, community co-ordinators, PCSOs, civilian local crime investigators and Specials.

We will be engaging with the public after the roll-out and will welcome feedback about the new model. Please speak to your local officers to find out more about how Community Policing is affecting your local area. You can also find out more, including videos and infographics explaining the new model, on our website <http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/information/community-policing-pilot>

Our free Community Messaging service will also help keep you updated about policing and crime in your local area <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

## **2. CPT - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:**

### **Traffic matters.**

In response to ongoing complaints from members of the public, Parish Councils and Speedwatch Teams our Policing Team will be focussing upon traffic matters, particularly speed enforcement, via the use of UNIPAR devices. Positive action has been requested of our team members concerning the issue of fixed penalty notices and reporting for summons offending drivers accordingly, together with words of advice for minor infringements. Such engagement with our motorists for this period may assist in reducing risk and keeping our communities and road users safe.

Details of actions completed will be documented within our priority investigation log detailing location, times, dates and disposal summaries.

### **Purse thefts.**

A second priority for this area concerns the series of purse and wallet thefts from elderly members of the community, during shopping trips in Marlborough. In recent weeks the town has experienced four incidents of these type of incidents ranging from the suspects barging into an elderly male shopper in Waitrose as he entered the lift, duing which his wallet was stolen from his jacket pocket, to a female being approached after leaving the store, in the rear car park and a female asking for directions, after having produced a map which she then placed over the victim's bag. During such time a credit card was removed from her purse and used within minutes at a cashpoint machine at a local bank.

Our community policing team has been busy investigating these crimes and we are working in partnership with colleagues from other areas of the county and further afield besides. Excellent progress has been made, one line of enquiry which has been most productive has been the developments via our use of your excellent CCTV system. Thank you to all involved in the commissioning and implementation of this concept, it has proved invaluable in both this current series of events together with a number of recent investigations and has enabled the identification of suspects, who would otherwise have remained unidentified.

In terms of our target hardening to these thefts there has been an increased policing presence in the town and local shops. We also held a community consultation at last week's Wednesday market in which members of our team spent two hours sharing crime prevention information, distributing purse clips and poster displaying alerts to the community. We also obtained details of new members to the Community Messaging system, which we are eager to promote.

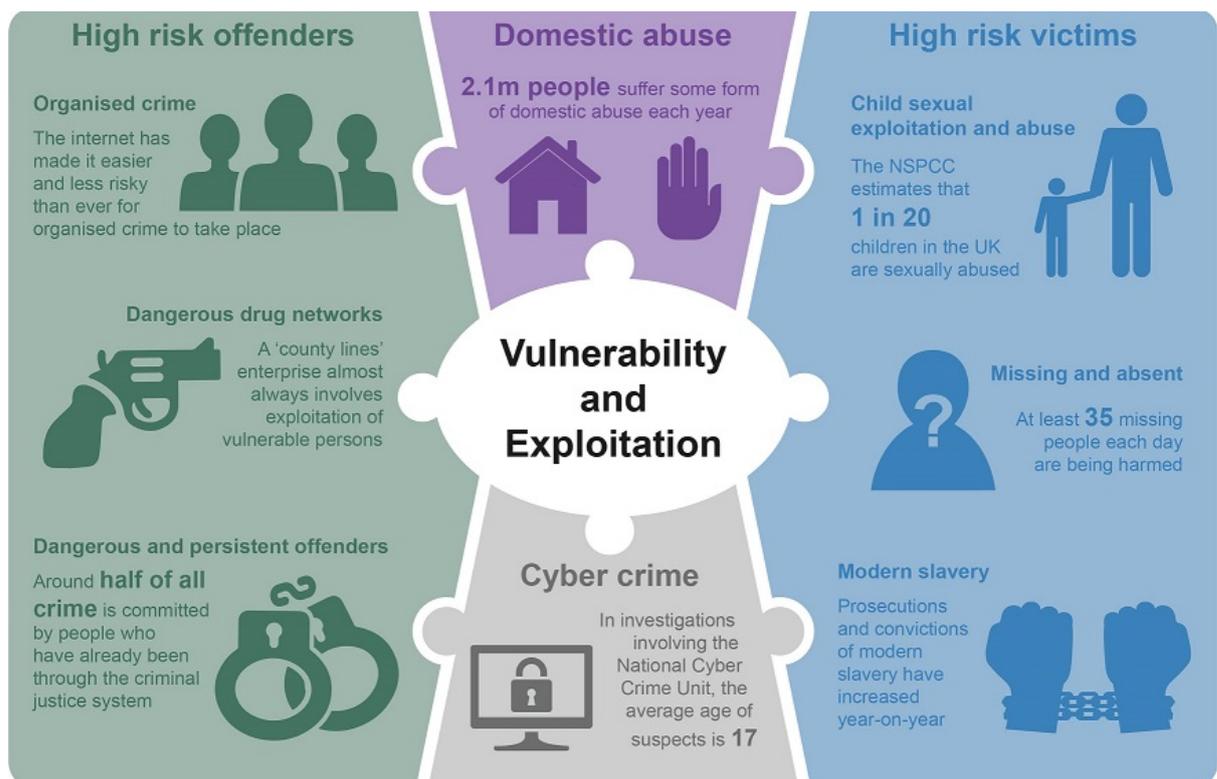
Further afield there has been some very early success against the policing priority in Devizes addressing street drinking, anti-social behaviour and begging, with positive action concerning a known male who had repeatedly breached his criminal behaviour order, who, following appearance at Swindon Magistrates Court was issued a custodial sentence.

### Community Consultations.

In relation to our Community Consultations; members of our Police Community Support Officer teams attended the town market last Wednesday, as above, We will continue to provide a monthly presence at this event.

It is also our intention to reinvigorate the local Neighbourhood Tasking Group, to ensure that we are tackling the issues that matter most to the local community.

### 3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy



### Cybercrime

There have been no reported instances of cybercrime since the last meeting. A recent development is now enabling tasking of The Bobby Van to those who have been victims of these incidents.

Advice and guidance can be found at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

### Domestic Abuse

Our community policing team continue to be involved in supporting victims and the management of offenders in partnership with our multi-agency safeguarding hub.

### **High Risk Victims**

Referral to our victim support team; Horizon has been made in relation to the purse thefts, and follow-ups completed with those victims to crime identified as vulnerable or high risk.

We regularly receive reports of persons selling door to door throughout the area. They do require a Pedlars Certificate to do so, which are rarely held, instead they will produce a laminated piece of card entitled Hawkers Licence - these are invalid. We report for summons all those we deal with for this activity. Intelligence has linked these individuals to organised crime groups.

### **High Risk Offenders**

The structure of our Community Policing Team provides capacity in our management of persistent or dangerous offenders, in partnership with our Public Protection Department.

### **Other local issues**

Three males arrested following a burglary to a business premises in the High street, Marlborough at 0212/26/10/2016. Enquiries are continuing.

Your local contact is PCSO Mark BRAITHWAITE. Email [mark.braithwaite@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mark.braithwaite@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

Please continue to report incidents via 101 or 999 accordingly, to allow for appropriate deployment and actions at the time.