



Marlborough Town

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Hello and welcome to this Community Policing Team report.

A Christmas Message from Wiltshire Police Chief Constable Mike Veale:

"2017 has been a difficult year for policing across the UK for so many reasons. We have seen horrific acts of terrorism but we have also seen the most heroic acts of courage, bravery and fortitude. These tragic events bring into sharp focus the magnificent work of our emergency services, their selflessness, dedication and kindness is simply breath-taking.

"As demand increases and our resources reduce you have remained steadfast, resilient and motivated. Whilst there have been many challenges both locally and nationally I am immensely proud of what Wiltshire Police stand for. Despite the challenges, pressure, scrutiny and, on occasions, the danger you face, there is still a great buzz of positivity which is palpable when I visit different departments and go on the frontline.

"I have been struck this year by not only the amount of feedback and correspondence I have received about the service my staff provide but also the words that constantly resonate when they describe their actions: compassionate, caring, professional, brave, empathetic, sympathetic, inspiring, unbelievable, unforgettable, patient, meticulous, persistent, dedicated, kind, thoughtful, fearless and selfless.

"I recently had the pleasure of hosting our force awards ceremony which honoured just some of the outstanding work, dedication and bravery of officers, staff and the public. It was a very special event which highlighted once again that policing is not 'just a job' it is very much a vocation. Sometimes it is a very dangerous vocation which sadly results in injury, both emotional and physical. To all those people who have lost their lives in the course of their duty and to all those people who are no longer with us, who dedicated their lives to policing, I salute you.

"As we know, police work is hard and with decreasing budgets and fewer officers and staff, it is fair to say that these challenges and demands will continue. This puts more pressure on my staff, particularly their health and wellbeing which continues to be my top priority. It is obvious that if I don't do all that I am able to look after them then I will be letting them down and that is something I am not prepared to do. By looking after my staff, they will be better placed to look after our communities which is a huge honour and privilege.

"The festive period is a time for joy, celebration and reflection. It is also a time when we experience peak demand which can test our services to the limits. I know that everyone on duty will continue to uphold the finest traditions of Wiltshire Police. Many of my staff will miss out on Christmas at home with their families which I know is really difficult. I also know that throughout the year they will have missed key moments and events. So let's spare a thought for all our brilliant people working over the festive period and especially their families.

"To the amazing team of people we have at Wiltshire Police including all our Special Constables and volunteers I would like to say thank you, you make a real difference.

"To all our communities, have a very happy and safe Christmas."

Current Priorities

Theft from Motor Vehicles

A total of twenty incidents of thefts from vehicles has occurred in the East CPT areas of Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey during December, a reduction of seven from the previous month.

For the Pewsey villages

Martinsell between 1330-1430/08/12/17 theft of property from an insecure vehicle.

Knap Hill car park, Alton Barnes 1500-1525/08/12/17 forced entry via smashing of window, handbag stolen.

Widdington Hill, Upavon 1400-1425/09/12/17 forced entry and handbag stolen.

Shalbourne, farmland, between 1000-1100/16/12/17 theft of a bag and contents from an insecure vehicle.

For the Pewsey vale incidents continue to occur at our beauty spots, elsewhere and as circulated via Community Messaging incidents include a series of thefts from works vans in and around Marlborough villages, most recently Aldbourne, Chilton Foliat and Froxfield. These incidents predominantly occur later evening. Of the Froxfield theft, three males were disturbed at 2310 hours on 18/12 and made off in a dirty, silver coloured vehicle, possibly a Subaru.

Enquiries are ongoing concerning both the investigations, target hardening measures, targeted patrols and information advising our motorists not to leave valuables within vehicles.

Within the Marlborough villages a total of thirteen incidents have occurred, other locations include theft of fuel from Broad Hinton, number plates from Rockley and an Iphone and purse from an insecure vehicle.

Of the Devizes area a total of three thefts have occurred; two within the town itself - index plates and a disabled badge along with a battery from a caravan at Bromham.

Dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries

Incidents of non-dwelling burglary include an attempt at Clench, three incidents in Fyfield involving the theft of power tools from an outbuilding, two incidents at Milkhouse Water at 0430/08/12/17, nothing stolen and Dursden Lane, Pewsey.

A further cluster has occurred nearby in Oare, overnight to 15/12/17 on Sunnyhill Lane; theft of power tools from a garage and several other outbuildings have been entered. Power tools have been stolen from one of these premises. At New Mill forced entry has occurred to a shed and power tools stolen, between 13th to 19th December.

Within Easton Royal between 17-19/12/17 property has been stolen from a shed and to 20/12/17 a petrol chain saw and Stihl hedgecutter have been stolen from an outbuilding.

These incidents compare with a total of ten burglaries to the Marlborough area and twenty for Devizes and surrounding villages.

Three men have been charged in connection with an attempted burglary in Ham, near Marlborough.

The incident happened at 1437 hours on 6 December 2017 and the three men were arrested on the same day, following an area search.

Thomas Small, 27, of Reading, is charged with attempted burglary, going equipped for theft, possession of a knife and breaking bail conditions. He appeared at Salisbury Magistrates Court on 7 December 2017 and was remanded into custody. He is due at Swindon Crown Court on 5 January 2018.

Paddy Cronin, 23, of no fixed address, is charged with attempted burglary, going equipped for theft and breaking bail conditions. He appeared at Salisbury Magistrates Court on 7 December 2017 and was remanded into custody. He is due at Swindon Crown Court on 5 January 2018.

Jesse Carey, 26, of Barnstaple, Devon, is charged with attempted burglary and going equipped for theft. He was released by police officers on conditional bail, to appear at Swindon Magistrates Court on 29 December 2017.

Of the Devizes area a total of six incidents have occurred during December, to the 27th. These include theft of a handbag from an insecure dwelling in Devizes, positive progress has been made, three shed burglaries, forced entry to a detached garage, damage caused and theft of materials from a container at a building site.

In the Marlborough area, a total of six burglaries have occurred during December. They include the theft of property during a daytime burglary to a dwelling on 5th December in Aldbourne, a hedge cutter and chainsaw were stolen overnight to 22nd December in Ramsbury following forced entry to a shed.

A number of units including a Police dog and drone deployment occurred in response to an incident at 0019 hours on 23rd December 2017 following two suspects disturbed inside a dwelling, by the family dog at Mildenhall. Theft of power tools from a garage to a property in Axford and similar items stolen from a garage burglary in the village at this time.

Crime prevention advice

- **Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even if you're in the garden, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows**
- **Consider installing CCTV**
- **Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox - a thief knows all the hiding places**
- **Keep all keys, purses and wallets out of sight and away from the letterbox**
- **Consider installing a burglar alarm, and only use a company that is registered or certified with the NSI or the SSIAB**
- **Do not open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting. Always check by**

using a spy-hole or look through a window

- **Make sure that you have up to date contents insurance**
- **Register all serial numbers from electrical items, tools and garden equipment with Immobilise.com the free national property register. Mark items without serial numbers with an artificial DNA property marker such as Smartwater or SelectaDNA**
- **Do not keep large amounts of cash at home - it is much safer in a bank or building society**
- **Trim back any plants and hedges at the front of your property to no higher than 1 metre to remove hiding places**
- **Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel**
- **Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not at home**
- **Take photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks and keep them safe. Also consider using an artificial DNA property marker on jewellery or other valuable items**
- **Make sure any bolts are low enough so they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate**

Hare Coursing and Poaching.

Enquiries are continuing in relation to reported incidents of hare coursing and associated damage to farmland. Areas affected include East Grafton, Wilton, Wexcombe, Easton Royal, Rushall, Upavon area and The Pewsey Vale with incidents on farmland at Alton Barnes and Stanton St Bernard.

Similarly the Marlborough Downs area and across to Aldbourne where farmland has repeatedly been targeted and damage caused.

Several investigations, with named suspects, from out of county are ongoing and we continue to work closely with our Rural Crime Team. Several officers have recently completed further training in relation to Wildlife Crime and are now further skilled in this area and are working with our rural community, to both provide support and progress these investigations.

The use of the Whats App partnership is proving to be effective and also allows for information sharing and intelligence of those members and the policing team.

When reporting incidents, call 101 and quote 'Operation Artemis'. If a crime is in progress call 999.

Devizes Town priorities

Forty seven targeted patrols and actions have been completed concerning this priority and known nominals. Actions have included partnership meetings, applications for funding for rehabilitation concerning alcohol and drug addition, another subject from the town have recently been found accommodation and another imprisoned regarding their repeat offending.

A further policing priority has been operational this month concerning shoplifting and purse dips in the town. A patrol strategy has been implemented to support shopkeepers and deal with criminality over the festive period.

Our focus has also been community engagement and target hardening. Local officers PCSO'S YARRANTON, BRAITHWAITE and BROWN spend time with the Devizes community outside Sainsbury's on Thursday 21st December 2017.



Update re warrant executions.

Officers from the east community policing team recently executed two warrants in the Marlborough area, acting upon information received. This resulted in the arrest and charge of one male for drug offences, as below.

A man was arrested on possession with intent to supply class B drugs following a warrant in Aldbourne.

The 41-year-old man was arrested on 15 November after officers conducted a warrant at the address in Whitley Road, under Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act on 15 November.

During the warrant, a large quantity of herbal cannabis was found, as well as a quantity of cocaine.

The drugs were seized and the man was arrested. He has been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

Community coordinator PC Teresa Herbert said: "This was a successful warrant by officers from team 4 of the Community Policing Hub in Devizes.

"As well as the drugs that were seized, several hundred pounds in cash was also located as well as drugs paraphernalia including scaled and snap bags - an indication that drug dealing is likely to have been taking place.

"Our enquiries are continuing and we would encourage anyone who believes drug activity is taking place in their neighbourhood, to call police on 101. Community intelligence plays a bit part in our bid to tackle drug activity in our county."

Any Relevant Series for December 2017

Vehicle breaks around the Marlborough area.

Local Crimes

10 Thefts.

2 Frauds thefts.

2 Drug offences.

<https://www.police.uk/>

This link will allow you to check stats in more detail for your area, and all surrounding areas.

If you wish further detail please contact PCSO **PCSO 6031 Mark Braithwaite**.

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Thank you, kindest regards,

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