



Hello and welcome to the Community Policing Team Report for MARLBOROUGH and PEWSEY.

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ADVICE FOR VICTIMS OF FRAUD:

If you suspect you've been a victim of fraud involving credit or debit cards, online banking or cheques, you should report it to your bank or card company.

They are responsible for undertaking further investigation and reporting criminal activity to us where appropriate.

Fraud that doesn't involve your bank or card company should be reported to the business or organisation concerned. Depending on their advice, you may then need to report this to us on 101.

Where an additional crime has been committed with the fraud, for example, you have had your wallet or purse stolen or the card used fraudulently was taken as a result of a burglary, then this should still be reported to us on 101.

Some steps you can take to protect yourself:

- Make sure you keep a record of all communications.
- Get a copy of your personal credit report from one of the credit reference agencies - Experian, Equifax and Call Credit. A paper version of your report is available from £2. If applications for credit have been made in your name you can ask to have any incorrect information removed.
- Consider contacting CIFAS - the UK's Fraud Prevention Service, to apply for protective registration. Once you have registered, CIFAS members will carry out extra checks whenever anyone applies for a financial service using your address.
- If you suspect mail theft, contact the Royal Mail Customer Enquiry Number on 08457 740740 or visit their website

If you are a victim of card fraud or online banking fraud you have protection through legislation, which states that you will not be liable for any losses unless you have acted fraudulently or without reasonable care.

Action Fraud can provide help and information online or by calling 0300 123 2040.

LANDLORD AND TENANT DISPUTES:

Landlord/ tenant relations are a very complex area of law and the following advice is only to be used as a guide. For more complete advice you should contact the Environmental Protection department of your local authority.

The proper procedure that a landlord must follow to legally evict a tenant is:

- A legal written notice
- A court order for possession and
- A bailiffs warrant (to be enforced by a County Court bailiff).

Until all these three steps have been taken, the tenant has a right to stay in the property.

NEIGHBOUR COMPLAINTS AND BOUNDARY DISPUTES:

Neighbour complaints can take many forms. Please contact us about the specific nature of the issue/complaint and we can advise further.

We do not have the power to deal with boundary disputes. This is a civil issue and you need to seek the advice of a solicitor to resolve any boundary issues you may have. It will be worthwhile contacting your bank or building society (or whoever holds your deeds) to check the boundaries.

HOUSE PARTIES AND ILLEGAL RAVES:

If your neighbours are having a noisy house party, we have no powers of prosecution for noise offences. You need to contact the Environmental Health Department of your local authority.

If you believe that an illegal rave is taking place then contact us.

Some signs to look out for are:

- Groups of cars and young people gathering in unusual places such as industrial sites, small villages or remote rural areas
- Interest in certain remote, rural sites such as quarries, particularly by people that look out of place or you wouldn't expect to see
- Cars and vans delivering generators to rural locations.

PRIORITIES IN YOUR AREA:

Anti-Social Behaviour –Marlborough (Priory Gardens), Pewsey (Co-op and Leisure Centre)

It is essential that we tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) within our community. ASB is defined as, “*Acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household.*” We have had an increase in reports of this type of behaviour in both Marlborough and Pewsey.

ADVICE:

Please report any behaviour as defined above to 101.

Rural Crime – Hare-coursing and Beauty Spot Thefts

It is imperative that we maintain a high visible presence within our rural county. As the spring/summertime is fast approaching, we anticipate an increase in visitors to both our Beauty Spot areas and countryside. We will be aiming to regularly patrol our Beauty Spots and our rural sites that unfortunately do become a target of vehicle and rural crime.

ADVICE:

It is important for members of the public not to leave any valuables within their vehicles. It is also important for members of the Public to report any suspicious activity to us.

Vehicle Crime– Community Speed Watch/Drink Driving

Keeping our roads safe is extremely important within our area as we have several A Roads that pass through DEVIZES. We will be receiving fortnightly updates from our Community Speed Watch Teams with specific areas to target.

ADVICE:

It is important that we work with the general public to identify unsafe road users within our county.

We hope to show how hard we will be working to target the Roads through our Social Media updates.

CRIME UPDATES: Marlborough Town

02/04/19 – Burglary- High street. Unknown persons have used front door to enter and exit the shop and have ripped the lock out. Offenders have taken one till draw containing £100

02/04/19 – Attempt Burglary - Unknown persons have used a blunt instrument to smash through plasterboard on the outside of the windows. Entry has not been gained.

02/04/19 - Attempt shoplifting Tesco Marlborough - Unknown male has filled up shopping trolley with £751 worth of vodka and covered it with pizzas to hide it, two unknown females have distracted members of staff while male has gone to leave the store with the trolley but has been stopped in the doorway by a member of the public

06/04/19 – Theft – Tesco , 2 unknown males have entered the store together. They have then selected large bags of multi pack crisps and then proceeded to the alcohol aisle. At the alcohol aisle, they have selected 20 x Litre bottles of Smirnoff Vodka TVO £340. Males have then covered the trolley with the crisps and then left the store making no attempts to pay.

06/04/19 – Theft Marlborough, Unknown person(s) has taken credit card and used it to make fraudulent purchases.

12/04/19 – Theft - High street Marlborough - Unknown person has picked up a wooden bear on display whilst drinking in a pub. He has walked out of the pub with it in his hand.

12/04/19 – Theft – Waitrose Marlborough - 2 unknown persons have entered the store with a trolley each. One has walked around the store with a shopping trolley filling it with various food items while the other has made his way to the alcohol isle and began to fill several bags which were in the trolley with approximately 15 bottles of various whiskeys and other spirits to the value of roughly £300. Persons have then left the store making no attempt to pay.

12/04/19 – Theft Budgens Marlborough - Unknown vehicle has entered the petrol station. The male driver has filled up his vehicle with £81.14 of diesel, the unknown male has then got back into his vehicle and left without making payment.

13/04/19 Theft High street Marlborough-Unknown suspect has selected £150 worth of make up and left without attempting to pay. Manager of the store has stopped the suspect and the goods have been recovered.

16/04/19 –Theft Marlborough High street, Unknown male suspect has entered the store. He has put eight bottles of spirits in a basket and walked around the store. Whilst concealing himself behind a pillar he has hidden the items about his person. He has then paid for some sandwiches that were in his basket and left the store without making any attempt to pay for the concealed bottles of spirits which totalled £281 in value.

19/04/19 – London road Marlborough , Unknown suspect has smashed glass in the front door of a house.

25/04/19 – Manton Drove, 2 unknown males have driven a green subaru onto field causing damage to recently planted crops, they have then entered an open barn and looked around inside. When challenged they have become aggressive and abusive.

22/04/19 Marlborough Youth Development centre, Unknown persons have drawn graffiti on a Town Council building.

26/04/19 – Fraser Budgens Marlborough, Unknown male has purchased a scratch card using a counterfeit £50 note.

28/04/19 Stonebridge lane Marlborough - Unknown persons have entered the a garden and stolen insecure bicycle.

Please dial 101 to report a crime and 999 in an emergency.

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