



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

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## Mud on the roads ; Advice for farmers using public highways

We are receiving many reports from drivers about dangerous conditions being created by mud being deposited on the roads.

This is not an uncommon problem at this time of year given the weather conditions and the agricultural community working hard in the fields. Unfortunately, the farmers and contractors may well be bringing significant amounts of soil from the fields and onto the road network whilst going about their normal business.

Farmers and contractors are legally obliged to ensure if their vehicles leave mud or any other deposits on the road, they clean it up.

There is also a legal requirement for them to place out signs compliant with the traffic signs regulation 2016 to warn motorists of the conditions of the road. If they don't they could be liable for a number of offences under the Highways act 1988.

It is vital for farmers and contractors to know their responsibilities when it comes to leaving mud and other deposits on the road, and particularly the consequences of not conforming with the law.

Cleaning mud off agricultural vehicles prior to going on to a public highway should be done whenever possible to help keep the roads safe. Although cleaning mud off agricultural machinery is inconvenient it may not be a defence in law.



## Burglary advice

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**HOME SECURITY**

**Don't be caught out by burglars!**

Remember the following advice to improve the security in and around your home:

-  Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when just in the garden. And make sure you have approved locks or bolts to all doors and windows.
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letter box - a thief knows all the hiding places.
- Keep all keys, purses and wallets out of sight and away from the letterbox.

Make sure any bolts are low enough so they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate.

-  Trim back any plants and hedges at the front of your property to no higher than one meter to remove hiding places.

Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel.

- 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.
- 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.

-  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. Don't trust an ID card.

-  Consider installing a burglar alarm, and only use a company that is registered or certified with the NSI or the SSIAB.

Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not at home.

-  Do not keep large amounts of cash at home - it is much safer in a bank or building society.

Make sure that you have up to date contents insurance.

If you have any information about offenders or see something suspicious, please call Wiltshire Police on 101, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. In an EMERGENCY dial 999.

## **PRIORITIES IN YOUR AREA:**

### **Retail Theft (Marlborough)**

Due to an increase in retail thefts we have decided this will now be a priority for our East Sector officers.

Officers will be planning operations and carrying out pulse patrols during peak shopping times.

#### **ADVICE:**

High Visibility Patrols are being conducted.

If you witness an incident, please report this to the store.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour –Pewsey (Vale Road, Olympian Road)**

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.”*

Officers are remaining to conduct daily patrols of these areas at all times of day & night.

#### **ADVICE:**

Please report any behaviour as defined above to 101.

### **Rural Crime (Pewsey & Marlborough) – Hare-coursing, Beauty Spot Thefts, Church Patrols**

It is imperative that we maintain a high visible presence within our rural county.

Albeit the weather is now turning, we are still aiming to regularly patrol our Beauty Spots and rural sites including churches.

Due to their rural nature and number of visitors, they do unfortunately become a target of crime.

These patrols are now including farm land by the permission of the land owners

#### **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 (Marlborough & Pewsey)– Community Speed Watch**

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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.

**Burglary (Marlborough & Pewsey)**

We have seen an increase in reports of both domestic and commercial burglaries within the East Sector.

Due to this patrols are being carried out at all times of day & night by officers.

**ADVICE:**

The East sector is a large and very rural sector and we therefore encourage you to report any suspicious behaviour in your area.

**CRIME UPDATES:**

During the Month of October 2019 there have been 11 reported thefts in the Town and there have been 4 reports of ASB in and around the Town.

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

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