

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Devizes Town Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Summer 2010

Priorities

The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) conducted a door to door survey in March around Hillworth Park. Devizes town council also assisted the team with a joint letter to residents.

As a result of the consultation two priorities were identified. The main area of concern was damage, drug use and graffiti to the garage areas.

To address this issue the NPT has placed extra evening patrols within the park and over thirty patrols have been completed to date.

The incident of damage at the green houses within the park is still under investigation, it is hoped that there will be a positive result soon. If you have any information please let us know.

Events



The NPT have been working with the town council and youth service and plans are now in place for a summer 'Party in the Park'. This will be similar to the event in 2008 but with an afternoon of events for young people, including a mobile skate park and climbing wall, plus lots more.

The evening disco will be held in a marquee with a live band and DJ. The event is planned for

Friday the 20th of August.

More details to follow.

Outcomes

Pc Hall from the team has been working on late shifts over weekends and has dealt with intoxicated persons by arrest and issuing penalty notices for disorder. A new national scheme has been introduced in Wiltshire the scheme allows victims of low level crime to meet with the offenders and if agreed a mutual agreement can be put in place through the Police to address the incident.

An example would be graffiti on a wall and the offender would agree to clean away the graffiti.

Crime Summary

The crime figures for the Devizes Town area for the last three months compared to 2009 are positive. Burglary is down 43%, as is Vehicle crime (down 35%) and Anti-Social behaviour (down 23%).

Consultations

You may have noticed a very large Police vehicle parked outside the Bear Hotel on market day.



This is your opportunity to meet members of the team including staff from partners such as Sarsen and Wiltshire council and let us know your concerns. We will be at the Market Place on Thursday Market days between 9am to 2pm on the following dates:

Thursday 17th of June, 22nd of July, 19th of August and 23rd of September.

Meet Your Team

We are your dedicated neighbourhood policing team working with you and our partners to tackle your local concerns.

Community Beat Manager



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Neighbourhood Bulletin

World Cup

June will see the start of the World Cup 2010 in South Africa. Research carried out during the 2006 World Cup shows that nationally on England match days domestic abuse increased (by nearly 30 per cent) as did alcohol related violent crime.

Community Safety Partnerships have been working together at an operational level to put measure in place to try to reduce violence. Partners have also been working on a joined up communication strategy which is targeted at people who are out and about watching the World Cup including perpetrators and victims of domestic violence.

The messages from all partner agencies is that in order to enjoy the World Cup people need to be sensible; making sure they know how they will get home before they leave to go on a night out and to drink sensibly, and stay out of trouble. People who commit domestic abuse should be fully aware of the consequences and partners will tolerate their behaviour. Community Safety Partnerships in Wiltshire and Swindon would like to say to victims that if you are worried you will be more at risk during the World Cup don't wait - contact the police or any of the victim support services that will help you. Our partner agencies will also be ensuring that there is adequate call handling and victim support."

Home Secretary and Minister for Women and Equalities, Theresa May said; "Domestic abuse is unacceptable in any circumstance and the World Cup celebrations do not give perpetrators an excuse. I hope this campaign will help to reassure victims that there is protection and support available, encourage more victims to report abuse and will serve as a warning to potential abusers that violence will not be tolerated."

New look website

Wiltshire Police have launched a new and improved website to make it more accessible to the public, with improved navigation, meaning that it will be easier to find the information that you need. You can now also register with your local Neighbourhood Policing Team to keep up-to-date with what is happening in your area and have your say on local priorities. Log on to www.wiltshire.police.uk to see the changes and register your details for the chance to win a Corei3 laptop, donated by Intel. The competition will run until Friday 3rd September and the winner will be selected at random on Monday 6th September 2010 (Terms and Conditions apply).

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a successful crime prevention initiative. It is underpinned by a simple idea and a central value shared by millions of people – 'Getting together with neighbourhood to take action can cut local crime'. If you would like to join your local Neighbourhood Watch but are not sure who to contact or would like to set up a scheme, please let us know using the contact details over page.

Excellence in policing and value for money

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) found Wiltshire Police to be excellent at reducing crime, good at policing and solving crime and offers value for money to the public following a comprehensive assessment of the quality of your policing service in Wiltshire and Swindon.

Wiltshire is one of 10 forces out of 43 that were graded as being excellent and improving on reducing crime and was one of a total of 13 forces that is good overall for local crime and policing (only one force was graded excellent in this area).

Chief Constable Brian Moore says "The force continues to make progress towards our vision of Wiltshire being the safest place in the country. There is still more to do but we remain focused on delivering a quality policing service for the public. The full assessment notes that people in Wiltshire feel involved in influencing local priorities dealt with by the police and partner agencies and we will continue to tackle the issues that matter most to them."

While HMIC praised the force for restructuring to meet challenges and investing in areas which will shield the public from serious harm the assessment does say there is room for improvement, with a challenging financial situation and above average police officer sickness rate. Commenting on this Mr Moore said "While we offer value for money when compared to other similar forces, we have a dedicated programme of work to meet the financial challenges, while protecting frontline services wherever possible. We have also identified the issues around the sickness rate and our HR staff are working to improve overall officer and staff health and attendance levels."

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