

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Marlborough Rural West NPT

APRIL 2010

PRIORITIES

Traffic Related Issues –

Lockeridge

Patrols are continuing within the village in relation to this issue. Speed checks are ongoing and work is being done with Kennet Valley School to encourage parents to park at the village pub.

PARKING NEAR SCHOOLS

We have had a large increase of reports concerning inconsiderate parking in the vicinity of our schools.

We are working with our local schools and parish councils in order to discuss and implement various initiatives to resolve the matter and welcome suggestions.

We are attempting to resolve this issue by giving simple advice to drivers, having a physical police presence at the areas of concern and issuing warning notices/parking tickets where appropriate. Local initiatives and arrangements are being established and will be communicated shortly.

With the new term approaching we make an appeal to all drivers who need to drop off or collect children from school, to make sure they do not cause obstructions. Thank you.

THEFTS FROM VEHICLES

With the better weather on the horizon many people will be out and about at the local beauty spots in our area.

We are currently seeing an increase in thefts from unattended motor vehicles. They are typically occurring in the remotes areas, hotspots include Savernake Forest, Martinsell Hill, Avebury and Silbury Hill as well as West Woods.

These incidents have been either where people have left things visible in their cars or have parked and then put things in the boot.

Please make sure that you take any valuables with you when you park your vehicle. The best advice is not to leave anything in your vehicle. Do not park and then lock things in the boot as you do not know who is watching you.

We have had incidents where handbags have been secured in the boot prior to the vehicle being left and upon the owners return the handbag has gone. We have also had incidents where bags have been left in the foot well of cars and they have also disappeared!!

As usual, if you see anything suspicious please contact us on the number below. If you see a crime in progress please dial 999.

MEET YOUR TEAM

The aim of neighbourhood policing is to have a dedicated policing team in your local community. We will work **with you** and our partners to tackle local concerns raised **by you** to improve your quality of life.



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Neighbourhood Bulletin

Community Speed Watch (CSW)

Fact – 27 people are seriously injured or killed on the roads in Wiltshire each month

Fact – 80% of children hit by a car travelling at 40mph will die

Fact – 80% of children hit by a car travelling at 30mph will live

CSW is a scheme which gives local people the power to help reduce traffic speeds and improve the quality of life in their community. Speeding can be a real problem in our communities and by training as CSW volunteers, local residents have the opportunity to make their roads safer.

Volunteers are provided with special equipment and trained by police officers in the use of hand held speed devices so that they can record the speed of passing vehicles. Motorists caught speeding by volunteers are sent a warning letter from the police. Further action is taken against persistent offenders who will receive a visit from Wiltshire Police.

The main objectives are:

1. To secure a reduction in vehicle speeds to prevent collisions
2. To improve the quality of life
3. To reduce noise pollution
4. To raise public awareness of inappropriate speed

Changing the attitude of drivers is key to reducing speed. CSW is important in making motorists aware that there is zero tolerance for speeding in our community. CSW is not about spying or snooping on neighbours. It is about taking positive action, working together to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the community.

What to do next?

Anyone can raise speeding issues with their local area board using Wiltshire's community issue system at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard

You will need to provide details including exactly where the speeding occurs. The area board will arrange for your issue to be investigated. If it is found that the site meets the criteria for CSW, you will be invited to gather a small group of volunteers together. The CSW coordinator will be on hand to assist you and to arrange everything you need to become a CSW volunteer. For more information on CSW please email communityspeedwatch@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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