

Neighbourhood Police report

Priorities

Priorities are agreed following consultation with the local community. They can also be established where a need is identified following intelligence reports and/or received calls from the public.

Beauty spot thefts

This is a new priority that has been established. There have been a number of thefts from parked vehicles within the following locations, Savernake Forest, West Woods, Hackpen Hill, Avebury and the car parks for Silbury Hill and West Kennett Longbarrow.

PCSO Polly Ritchie and I, PC Sarah Watts, will be increasing patrols in the areas, putting up posters to remind people to take their valuables with them and offering crime prevention advice to motorists.

Other activities

Motorcycles and speeding

I am sure all of you are aware of the issue of motorcycles travelling through our community. Most recently there has been another fatality on the A4361 outside of Avebury. Most motorcyclists are mature, responsible and ride within the law, however a small minority are not and do not.

In August, I will be working with my colleagues in the Roads Policing Unit to crack down on the minority of motorcyclists who seem to think that they can do as they like when travelling through our area. There will be speed checks conducted and increased patrolling activity especially on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Already, we have prosecuted a motorcyclist travelling at 83mph in the Yatesbury area and have reported another for speeding offences in Oare. Whilst neither of these are technically within our area, I am sure that they have travelled through.

Another issue that will be addressed is that of illegal number plates. If bikes are displaying illegal plates and are caught, the riders will be prosecuted.

Partnership working has been ongoing in the Beckhampton area with Wiltshire Council and residents to look at improvements that can be made to the road layout.

I want to get the message out that you are more than welcome to come here on your bikes, however we will continue to patrol the area and target those who intend to break the law.

Summary of crime

The average number of crimes in this area continues to decrease. The figures show that crime is down by 19.6 per cent - this is comparing April - June 2009 to April - June 2010. This is an average reduction from 15.3 crimes down to 12.3 per month.

This data is available on the new Wiltshire Police website.

A feature of the new website is that you can register with us. Then when you log in you will be taken straight to our neighbourhood policing area. This is our space to communicate priorities, crime figures, meetings and surgeries and provides you with another link so to contact us. Please have a look and turn this page to read more about it.

The Emergency Services Show

The Emergency Services Show takes place at Hullavington

Airfield in Wiltshire on Sunday 12 September from 10am – 4pm.

It is a fantastic family fun day for all ages providing members of the public with a unique opportunity to see how the blue light services work with other partner agencies to keep people and communities safe.

There will be fire engine and police car rides, funfair, arena demonstrations, host to the South West Police Dog Trials, hundreds of vintage and modern emergency vehicles on display plus lots more to see and do.

All proceeds will be donated to charity. Visit www.emergencyservicesshow.com for more information. Adults: £5 - Children under 16: £2.50 – Under 3s go FREE

Burglary crime prevention advice

With the warmer weather here it's important that you follow the advice set out below:

- Close and lock windows/doors when you are not in the room, especially when leaving the house or in the garden
- Double check that doors and windows are locked at night
- Keep valuable items out of view and reach of windows and doors
- If you see anyone acting suspiciously take their description and details of any vehicle registration including direction of travel and call the police on 0845 408 7000 or 999 if they are about to break into a property
- Stolen property can now be returned to the owner using a system called immobilise visit www.immobilise.com for more details.

New look website

Wiltshire Police has 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 3 September 2010. The winner will be selected at random on Monday 6 September 2010 (terms and conditions apply).

Neighbourhood Watch

The main purpose of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is to strengthen community ties by encouraging residents to look out for one another, particularly with regard to those who are elderly or considered vulnerable. At present approximately 20 per cent of households in the county are involved in NHW; however Wiltshire Police would like to increase this figure. If you would like more information on becoming a NHW coordinator or member, please ask a member of the NPT or visit www.wiltshire.police.uk and click on the icon 'safety advice'.

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