



Police Report - Melksham Rural

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a scheme which gives local people the power to help reduce traffic speeds and improve the quality of their life in their community.

There are approximately 111 active Community Speed Watch teams across Wiltshire and Swindon (as of 1st April 2017), with approximately 1000 volunteers across the area.

Speeding can be a real problem within our communities and by training as Community Speed Watch 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 is sent a warning letter from the police, approximately 26000 letters are sent out to motorists each year. Further action is taken against persistent offenders, who will receive a visit from Wiltshire Police.

The main objectives are :

- To secure a reduction in vehicle speeds, to prevent collisions
- To improve quality of life
- To reduce noise pollution
- To raise public awareness of inappropriate speed.

Changing the attitudes of drivers is key to reducing speed. Community Speed Watch 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 (Wiltshire Council) using Wiltshire's community issue system at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards .

You will be asked for details, including where exactly the speeding occurs. The issue will be investigated, in the form of a metro count. If it is found that the site meets the criteria for Community Speed Watch the CSW Co-ordinator for Wiltshire Police will make contact to assist and you will be invited to gather a small group of volunteers together.

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The CSW co-ordinator will also arrange everything you need to become a CSW volunteer. The schemes will be supported by the Police.

For more information on Community Speed Watch please email communityspeedwatch@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Each Wednesday Inspector Fee chairs a 'Tasking Meeting' for the West Wiltshire Community Policing area. This meeting is attended by the team Sergeants, Community Coordinators, Police Community Support Officers and local partner agencies.

The aim of the meeting is to identify issues that may be occurring within our communities and putting a plan into place in order to tackle this. Over recent weeks we have introduced Community Speedwatch into this meeting. A representative from the Community Speedwatch Team attends the meeting, and highlights four locations to be targeted by officers over the following two weeks. The results from the metro count indicate which areas require targeting.

CRIME EXCEPTIONS

These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.

ED12 (Shaw, Whitley, Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Beanacre, Bowerhill)

December showed 30 crimes for December 2017 against the average of 30.5 for this month over the last 2 years. There are no exceptions within the data.

Violence Against the person shows 12 crimes against the average of 11.4
Criminal Damage showed 9 against the average of 6.9. Theft was slightly lower than average at 4 compared to 7.6 average.

ED13 (Seend, Bulkington, Poulshot, Keevil, Semington, Great Hinton, Steeple Ashton)

December had 13 reported crimes across this Beat area against the average of 9.3. There are no exceptions within this data.

Theft was the highest category with 5 reports against the average of 3.5. Criminal Damage had 4 reports against the average of 1.7, and 3 Violence against the person against an average of 3.4.

OTHER INFORMATION

Steeple Ashton

Crimes for December 2017

7th Vehicle damaged on High Street, Fail to stop.
30th Dwelling burglary (Failed attempt) Non- dwelling sheds items taken.

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Officers are investigating burglaries in Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford on Avon, Westbury and Warminster.

In the majority of the burglary cases, offenders have entered a property through an unlocked door and stole keys from the hallway, before returning later to steal the car.

Inspector Andy Fee, West Wiltshire Community Policing Team, said: "We are seeing a trend in residential burglaries across West Wiltshire where offenders are getting into people's homes via insecure doors and taking car keys. Cars are then being taken and dumped locally.

"With the night's drawing in and houses being left in darkness until residents are home from work, I would like to remind everyone of some simple ways to keep their property secure over the festive season".

To improve the security in and around your home, we are asking residents to remember the following advice:

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows
 - Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not home.
- If you buy large or valuable items such as a bicycle, ensure any serial numbers are registered with www.immobilise.com
 - Ensure keys and handbags are not on display in your premises
- Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel
- Make sure any bolts on garden gates are low enough so that they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate
- Never leave a key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox – a thief knows all the hiding places.

A new dedicated resource has recently been implemented by Wiltshire Police that will not only tackle burglary, but all priority crimes.

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>

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