



Melksham Rural Report

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Hello and welcome to this month's Community policing report.

Help us tackle County Lines

Young and vulnerable people living in our communities are being exploited by drugs gangs. It's happening right now. And we need your help to protect them.

County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas in the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of 'deal line'. They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money, and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence and weapons. gangs based in cities like London are targeting the most vulnerable people in small towns across the country to sell class A drugs on their behalf.

This type of behaviour is a significant threat to our communities and will not be tolerated.

But we need your help to spot the signs and act on your concerns. Your voice will be heard and will make a difference.

Director of Intelligence Sonja Leith said: "County lines is everyone's responsibility and I would urge members of the public to be vigilant and look out for some of the most visible signs that county lines drugs gangs are operating in neighbourhoods and to report this to police.

"Our intelligence teams work hard to identify where county lines are exploiting vulnerable children and adults, and to proactively disrupt these networks. The intelligence we receive from our communities is crucial in helping us, our partner agencies and neighbouring forces in tackling county lines and safeguarding people.

"By raising awareness of the issue, I hope more people will be able to spot the signs, and feel comfortable in reporting information to the police. Your call could save lives."

Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, said: "Two of my priorities for the next four years, as outlined in my Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021, are to prevent crime and keep people safe, and protect the most vulnerable people in society. It is these very people who are being targeted by individuals from large metropolitan cities, who are travelling to

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rural counties like Wiltshire, with the belief that they will be able to deal drugs from the properties of these vulnerable people. As a result, vulnerable people are being threatened and exploited, often in their own homes.

“I am aware that many people still consider drugs as a victimless crime. This is not the case, and we want to ensure that people who find themselves in these situations have support.

"The Force will continue to work with local authorities to reduce the harm and prevent the crime caused by alcohol and substance misuse, but I would also urge the residents of Wiltshire and Swindon to help us combat drug supply – we cannot do it alone and the police often rely on information from the public to build up an intelligence picture. Please continue to help by reporting any information to 101.”

Signs to look out for:

Exploitation

- ■ Has a child or young person gone missing from school or home?
 - ■ Are they meeting with unfamiliar adults?
 - ■ Have you noticed a change in their behaviour?
 - ■ Are they using drugs and alcohol?
 - ■ Has there been a breakdown in relationships with family and friends?
- This could be a sign that they are being coerced and controlled to commit crime.
Call 101 to report it.

Cuckooing

Drug dealers will often take over the homes of vulnerable people as they use it as a base to deal drugs in the area. The vulnerable person may be being kept inside against their will.

- ■ Have you noticed more people calling at an address? Sometimes at unsociable hours?
- ■ Have you noticed a neighbour has not been seen for a while?
- ■ Are there suspicious smells coming from an address?
- ■ Are there suspicious or unfamiliar vehicles outside the address?

Cuckooing could be taking place. Look out for your neighbours and report suspicions to 101.

CRIME EXCEPTIONS DATA

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, Berryfields)

June showed 25 crimes for this beat area, against the average of 26 for this same month over the last two years. The largest four crime groups accounted for 92% of ED12 crime as follows :

Violence against the person showed 12 reported crimes, compared to the average of 10.6 offences.

Theft showed 7 reported crimes, compared to the average of 4.4 offences.

Drug offences showed 2 reported crimes, compared to the average of 1.8 offences.

Burglary showed 2 reported crimes, compared to the average of 2.7 offences.

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

June showed 9 crimes for this beat area, against the average of 9.3 for this same month over the last two years. The largest four crime groups accounted for 88% of ED13 crime as follows :

Violence against the person showed 3 reported crimes, compared to the average of 3 offences.

Vehicle offences showed 2 reported crimes, compared to the average of 1.6 offences.

Burglary showed 2 reported crimes, compared to the average of 1.8 offences.

Theft showed 1 reported crime, compared to the average of 1.7 offences.



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Poulshot

No reports

Bulkington

No reports

Keevil

No reports

Steeple Ashton

No reports

Great Hinton

9th. Report of a Drone hovering over an address.

Semington

12th Car window smashed in layby on the A361 - Semington
20th Barge broken into and ignition key to boat stolen.

Seend

12th Two vehicle RTC - Sells Green Under investigation.
15th Electric fence switched off in Rusty Lane.

16th Two Catalytic Converters, one exhaust and some sensors
Were taken from vehicles at the Old Sawmills Sells Green
27th Common Assault - The Barge
30th Dwelling burglary via insecure door - Inmarsh Lane Seend

COMMUNITY POLICING PRIORITIES WITHIN YOUR AREA

WEEKLY TASKING MEETING

Inspector Andy FEE chairs a weekly internal “tasking meeting” where emerging community issues and concerns are raised and discussed for the whole West Wiltshire CPT area. From this meeting, priorities and actions are set and a tasking document produced. This involves developing strategies and the targeting of resources (including partner agencies) into tackling the issue or concern.

There were no tasking priorities for the ED12 or ED13 area throughout June.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)

Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speedwatch Schemes across West Wiltshire are selected by Leanne Homewood for CPT support (additional targeting, enforcement and patrols) to supplement the CSW team planned sessions. These are included in our weekly tasking document for action and update. All the results from the supplementary speed checks conducted are fed back to the relevant town and parish Councils in their individual Police Reports. The current Speedwatch Schemes being supported are as follows;

Four checks were completed in the Berryfields area of Melksham. No tickets or words of advice were issued, as all vehicles were within the speed limit.

One check was completed on the A350 at Beanacre. No tickets or words of advice were issued.

The A350 at Beanacre has been set as a CSW priority for two weeks commencing the 11th July.

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

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