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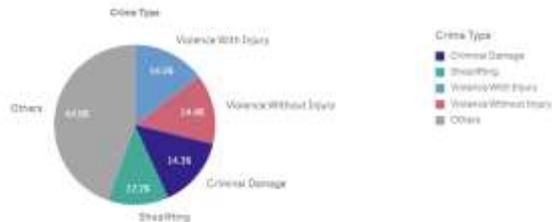
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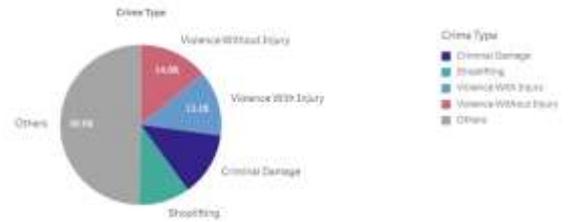
Update for Community Policing Teams to present at Area Boards and public meetings.

PERFORMANCE

Your Area - Five Highest Crime Groups (Previous 12 months)



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Wiltshire West CPT - crime and incident demand for the 12 months to May 2019

Force-wide

- Wiltshire Police has reduced the volume of recorded crime by 1% in the 12 months to March 19 and has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.
- Our service delivery remains consistently good.
- In May we received 8,429 999 calls which we answered within 3 seconds on average and 13,294 CRIB calls which we answered within 1 minute 3 seconds on average.
- In May, we also attended 1543 emergency incidents within 10 minutes and 13 seconds on average.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 46% increase in cybercrime (includes stalking & harassment, sexual offences and public order) in the 12 months to March 2019. This shows one example of the changing nature of demand on the police.
- The Crime Survey of England & Wales recently ranked Wiltshire as one of the top forces nationally for public confidence. It covers the 12 months to December 2018 The publication can be found here: WWW.CRIMESURVEY.CO.UK

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/article/1847/Performance>

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HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>

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

Area specific



Wiltshire West CPT Demand Overview – 12 months to April 2019

Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speedwatch Schemes across West Wiltshire are selected by the Community Speedwatch Team 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.

The speedwatch teams that were supported throughout May were :

Lowbourn, Melksham – 2 checks were conducted, no vehicles were observed exceeding the speed limit

Southwick – 3 checks were conducted, no vehicles were observed exceeding the speed limit

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LOCAL LEVEL CPT UPDATES:

- *Incidents of note – On the 25th May, a male in his 20's from the Melksham area was arrested in the HIGH STREET for being concerned in the supply of class A drugs, several assaults and Public Order. Upon arrest he was found to be in possession of a large quantity of cash. The male was later released RUI (Under Police Investigation)*
- *Concerns from local community – PCSO Steph HOLMAN is looking into reports of ASB issues in the area of Union Street. She is currently engaging with the local community to listen to the issues and establish a plan to tackle the concerns raised.*

Regular patrols of the Skate Park will continue following occasional reports of some ASB and potential drug use in and around the area of the Park.

- *Incident trends – There are no current crime exceptions for the Melksham Area (town or Rural) at this time. Crime levels are as what we expect to be.*
- *Local policing news – Since the 11th June, Pc Lee Pelling has officially taken over the Melksham town and Rural Parishes as the Community Coordinator (moving from Westbury/Warminster areas). Pc Charly Chilton who did have responsibility for the area now covers just Trowbridge. Lee will head up the area with the current team of 4 PCSO's (Janet, Steph and Leigh – covering Town) and Maggie (Covering the rural area). The PCSO's will also work on each other's Beat. There are also allocated CPT Officers from each of the 5 CPT Teams who have specific geographic responsibility for the Melksham area. They will support Lee and the PCSO's in tackling the medium to long term issues in the area as they arise. Lee is very much looking forward to working with the community and residents of Melksham.*

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YOUR CPT – Wiltshire West



Inspector Andy Fee

Sergeant Dan Green

Community Co-ordinators:



PC Charly Chilton (Trowbridge)



PC Helen Daveridge (Westbury and Warminster)



PC Lee Pelling (Melksham)



Pc Rich Salter (Tisbury and Mere)



Pc Darren Foulger (Bradford on Avon and Youth Intervention)

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Inspector Andy Fee is currently responsible for the 10 Community Policing Teams across the western area. These are based at Trowbridge and Warminster police stations with 5 teams in each covering a 24/7 365 duty pattern.

Each team is made up of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Local Crime Investigators. Central to these officers are my Community Coordinators who are very much the heart of the team and whom many of you will know on first name terms.

In addition to these officers we have a number of Special Constables who are aligned to the teams. They will try to work predominantly with their aligned team but can slot in anywhere around their availability.

You can find out more about Wiltshire West CPT, including news stories and contacts for local officers, on our website: www.wiltshire.police.uk/WiltshireWest

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LOCAL PRIORITIES

PRIORITIES FOR WILTSHIRE WEST CPT	UPDATE
Priority 1:	
<p><u>Op Artemis – Rural Crime</u></p> <p>This is the ongoing rural crime operation overseen by the Rural Crime Team for the county. They will arrange for specific patrols during the course of the year in cooperation with and supported by the farming community with a view to tackling, deterring and detecting overnight rural crimes.</p>	<p>Throughout May over 80 patrols have been conducted in rural areas throughout the West Wiltshire Community Policing Team.</p>
Priority 2:	
<p><u>Young people in Trowbridge involved in ASB and criminality</u></p> <p>A small group of young people within the Trowbridge area have been involved in Antisocial Behaviour, and criminality in the last twelve months.</p>	<p>Three young people have been charged in relation to a stabbing which occurred in February. Two of these young people have been remanded in custody until the trial date later this year.</p> <p>A number of proactive patrols have been conducted in and around Trowbridge Town Centre. Stop searches were conducted, and three youths were located in possession of drugs and subsequently issued community resolutions, meaning that they must abide by orders made by the Youth Offending Team.</p> <p>Two young persons have been identified for more than 10 shoplifting offences within the Trowbridge area. After a positive robust approach, these individuals have now been charged, and are due to appear before court in June.</p> <p>A 16 year old male identified for causing a large number of crimes linked to antisocial behaviour and drug dealing, has been sentenced to 6 months in prison.</p> <p>Two males who were initially part of the group identified as causing issues within the town, were dealt with for offences. They are both now in full time employment and have not come to police attention for a number of months.</p>

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Priority 3:

Community Speedwatch

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Priority 4:

Young people in Melksham involved in ASB and criminality

In May a disorder was reported in the Hawthorn Road area of Melksham, which involved a large group of youths.

A number of witness statements have been obtained in relation to this incident, which has resulted in a number of youths having been interviewed under caution, and released pending further enquiries.

High Visibility Patrols continue to be conducted in the area at key times.

The West Wiltshire CPT are currently working closely with partner agencies to prevent further instances occurring.

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HIGH LEVEL PCC UPDATES

- **101 call charges dropped** - At present 101 callers are charged a 15p connection fee by the telephony company. From next year this charge will no longer apply and calls to 101 will be free, after the Home Office pledged £5 million each year to cover the cost.
- **Recruitment** - To update on the additional officers and staff promised earlier this year, we had three transferees police officers start this month and another ten due to start in September. Police officers currently have five months initial training and a two-year probation period. It takes time to recruit and train officers to a high standard. During May 20 new police officers began their training and we are planning for a double intake of 40 students in October. From then our police officer recruitment is changing with three new entry routes, including a new three-year Police Constable Apprenticeship Degree, starting in June 2020. We are also on track to have 12 additional Community Co-ordinators in post across the county to focus on improved visibility and community engagement.
- **Domestic Violence campaign** - As part of a joint campaign with Wiltshire Police the PCC wrote an open letter to residents last month outlining what constitutes domestic abuse, the support available to victims and promoted Clare's Law which allows individuals to enquire about their partner, friend or family member's past. In 2018, 299 people used this scheme.

HIGH LEVEL FORCE UPDATES

- **New ACCs appointed** - Wiltshire Police has appointed two new Assistant Chief Constables. ACC Mark Cooper joined the Force from Dorset Police on 20 May and is due to be followed by ACC Maggie Blyth on 4 June. You can read more about them both on our website: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/4482/New-appointments-to-Wiltshire-Police-leadership-team>
- **National Volunteers' Week** – During the first seven days of June we will be celebrating those who support Wiltshire Police by giving up their time and skills for free. We will be highlighting the invaluable support we receive from various groups, including our Specials and Community Speed Watch.
- **Recruitment** – We are currently recruiting into a wide range of police staff roles. This includes Police Community Support Officers, Contact Centre Operators and Local Crime Investigators. If you are interested in a career with Wiltshire Police please go to our website for more details.

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GET INVOLVED

- You can keep up to date with the latest news in your area by signing up to our Community Messaging service – www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk
- You can follow your CPT on social media <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/Followus>
- More information on your CPT area can be found here: www.wiltshire.police.uk and here www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

OTHER INFORMATION

With the warmer weather approaching, we start to see an increase in theft from motor vehicles.

Thefts from Vehicles

Don't leave anything in your car – if it's not there, then it can't be stolen.

Thieves aren't picky, so don't leave even low-value items in your car. Often thieves will smash and grab first and look later to see if what they've stolen is valuable.

Don't hide it – if you hide items under the seat or in the glove box, chances are someone will have watch you. If you cannot avoid leaving something in your car, put it in your boot before you begin your journey.

Don't leave valuables in your car even for a minute – it only takes a thief a few seconds to smash a window and get what they want, so don't take the chance.

Don't leave your house keys or anything with your address on it in your vehicle – someone could steal your keys and then let themselves into your home.

Securing Cars

Always secure your car.

Always lock your car and wind your windows up, even if you are just posting a letter or going into a petrol station.

Get a car alarm – they not only deter a thief from stealing the car, but also from stealing items from inside it.

Immobilisers stop the engine from starting if the car is being stolen .

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Beauty Spot Vehicle Advice

Try to park in sign-posted parking areas.

Be cautious about parking your car in isolation, thieves can be put off when other people are around.

Do not leave anything in your vehicle. A jacket or coat left behind may be of very little value to you, but a thief may think it has been used to hide a laptop or handbag, and will break into your vehicle to find out.

Before you leave home, think about what you need and leave any unnecessary items of value at home.

Whilst enjoying the sights make sure you keep your bag and possessions with you.