



Community Policing Team Report

April 2018

Change of Inspector for Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey Community Policing Team:

Inspector Chris Martin started in his post as the new Inspector for Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey on Monday the 19th March 2018.

Upon starting in his new role, Inspector Martin said “I am pleased to inform you that as of the 19th March I am the new CPT East Sector Inspector covering Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey. I have been with Wiltshire Police for 25 years and served in numerous roles throughout the force. As an Inspector I have been responsible for Specialist Operations Training followed by a period as the Sector Head of Royal Wootton Bassett, Malmesbury and Cricklade Policing areas. Whilst I was there, I was privileged to be responsible for the policing of numerous repatriations that occurred through RAF Lyneham.

I have also worked extensively as a Critical Incident Manager and more recently as a 24/7 response inspector. My predecessor, A/Insp James Williams has done an excellent job for the last 3 months, so thank you James and good luck in your new role.

My aim is to build on the great work already being completed and keep the area a great place to live in, work in and visit.”

Improvement to Wiltshire East and Wiltshire South Community Policing Teams:

The boundaries of the Wiltshire East and Wiltshire South Community Policing Teams are being amended to improve the way local policing teams are managed. The changes are being brought into place from 2 April 2018 and will see Amesbury and Tidworth move from Wiltshire East CPT to Wiltshire South CPT. Devizes, Pewsey and Marlborough will remain as Wiltshire East CPT.

Supt Chris Chamings, Wiltshire Police’s Hub Commander for County, said: “This is a very simple change which we hope will make a big difference for the public, our officers and staff. “We continually review how our CPT areas are policed and following feedback from staff we have decided to align Amesbury more closely to Salisbury.”

“From a geographical and resourcing perspective we believe Amesbury and Salisbury would work better together.”

He added: “As far as the public are concerned they shouldn’t notice a difference in their day-to-day policing. Our officers and staff who are currently based in Amesbury will remain there, but their line management will now fall under Inspector Pete Sparrow in Wiltshire South.

“We hope to see improved resilience across Salisbury and Amesbury as officers are deployed consistently under one Inspector. Our previous model relied on Amesbury providing resilience to Devizes and vice-versa. This distance between Amesbury and Devizes hindered this; an issue we hope not see going forward.” Supt Chamings added that the boundary change would also allow the new, smaller Wiltshire East CPT to focus more closely on the community engagement demand in the areas of Devizes, Marlborough and Pewsey.

A reminder of your local Police Community Support Officer's....



PCSO 8206 Paul WHITESIDE
PEWSEY



PCSO 8229 Georgie BROWN
DEVIZES RURAL



PCSO 6093 Jon MILLS
PEWSEY



PCSO 6188 Melissa CAMILLERI
DEVIZES TOWN



PCSO 6035 Mark BRAITHWAITE
MARLBOROUGH



PCSO 6169 Kelly WATTS
DEVIZES TOWN



PCSO 6195 Lucy STONESTREET
MARLBOROUGH



PCSO 6015 Paula YARRANTON
DEVIZES TOWN



PCSO 7712 Emily SYKES
MARLBOROUGH



PCSO 3965 Sam BURNSIDE
DEVIZES RURAL

Current Priorities

Theft from Work Vans

This priority was due to close, however due to recent crimes it will remain open. There has been a spate of FORD TRANSIT VAN BREAKS, often with no sign of forced entry.



It's thought that the break-ins have been carried out using a lock-picking device which is capable of bypassing the lock system without causing any damage to the vehicle. There's no restriction on the sale of locksmith equipment in the UK, meaning such devices are available on the open marketplace.

It's worth pointing out that Transit vans are not the only commercial vehicle at risk. No van is 100% secure when faced with a suitable lock pick device, however the sheer volume of Transits out on the road means the number of reported break-ins will consequently be higher.

What can I do to protect my van?

All van owners are advised to fit an alarm and boost security by installing additional Slamlocks or deadlocks independently of the manufacturers. It is also a good idea to consider insuring your work tools. This is important because most standard van insurance policies do not cover loss of tools left in a van overnight. In fact, some policies state that you can't store tools in your van unless it meets certain security requirements. Don't get caught out, and check.

Anyone that owns a Ford Transit Van built between 28 March 2012 and 1st July 2017 can have an update applied to their vehicle.

Will it cost me anything to have the software update done?

Not at all, this is a Ford-initiated recall and update, so the modification should be applied for free by your local dealership.

Beauty Spot Theft from Motor Vehicles:

On the 16th January 2018 we relaunched this priority due to this area of the county still suffering a significant amount of thefts. The difference being that this time, we have identified potential suspects and are following numerous intelligence leads. Since the above date we officers have made **22** patrols of all of our beauty spot car parks; however thieves appear to be favouring:

DOWNNS LANE, MANTON, MARLBOROUGH
ROUNDWAY HILL, DEVIZES
EAST/ WEST KENNETT
WIDDINGTON HILL, UPAVON
WOOTTEN RIVERS, PEWSEY
AVEBURY
A4 SILBURY HILL
ALTON BARNES
GRAND AVENUE, SAVERNAKE



You will be pleased to hear that after securing funding from the 'Area Board' Wiltshire Police have been able to erect 'Warning Signs' at the majority of these locations which are visible to the public. Officers will continue to make foot patrols of these locations and distribute fliers to people making them aware of the risks.

We would like to remind motorists to adhere to the following advice whenever possible:

- **Don't leave any valuables including laptops, satnavs, mobile phones, handbags, credit cards or vehicle documents in your car.**
- **Do not leave items of value in the boot, you are being watched.**
- **Don't leave coats/jackets on show in the vehicle as a thief will want to see if there is anything valuable in the pockets.**
- **Clean satnav suction marks off your windscreen, as leaving them is an immediate advert to thieves that a satnav is in the vehicle. Make sure no satnav attachments are left visible in your vehicle.**
- **Remove your stereo if you can, mark it with the vehicle registration number if you can't.**
- **Leave your glove box open to show there is nothing in it.**
- **If you own a van, make sure you remove your tools overnight and display an appropriate sign in the rear window making this clear.**

Good news updates.....

A man has been sentenced to a total of five years and six months imprisonment after pleading guilty to seven sexual offences relating to children.

Kevin Cousins, aged 36, of Melksham, appeared at Swindon Crown Court on 16 March after pleading guilty to two counts of sexual assault on a child under 13 and two counts of taking indecent images of children. On a previous date, he also pleaded guilty to three counts of making indecent images of a child.

An investigation into Cousins began by Wiltshire Police back in March 2017 following a report that he had sexually assaulted a child at a Wiltshire school.

Cousins were arrested on suspicion of sexual assault of a child, and as part of the investigation, his computer was seized and indecent images of children were located. Some of the images were classed as Category A images - the most severe type of child abuse. As well as this, a watch containing a covert camera was located. This was examined but nothing evidential was found within it and there was no evidence to suggest this was used to film children within the school.

Detective Constable Sam Long, of the Child Abuse Investigation Team, said: "I welcome the sentence that has been given to Cousins - I believe it reflects the gravity of the offences committed.

"Cousins was employed as a teaching assistant at a primary school - he held a position of trust and he grossly breached this trust.

"We cannot underestimate the impact of these crimes on his young victim. I cannot praise the child enough in talking to their mother about Cousins' actions, which in turn led us to identify his offending online. The victim has been extremely brave throughout the investigation and will be provided with the appropriate support moving forward. Because this child has spoken out, they have prevented Cousins from further offending and abusing any more children. It was this disclosure which initiated our investigation. We have worked closely with Wiltshire Council, as well as the school involved, during this investigation which has led to today's sentencing.

"I would encourage all parents to read about the NSPCC's advice, called PANTS (The Underwear Rule). It's an easy and effective way to talk to children about sexual abuse."

Cousins were also issued with an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

Local Crimes

10/03 – Milk Hill, Alton Barnes - Theft - Unknown suspect has smashed the offside side window a car that was parked in a beauty spot car park. Access was gained and items were stolen from the boot. Stolen items were an Ipad, handbag and wallet, cards and £20 cash.

16/03 – Pewsey Hill – Theft - Unknown suspect has broken into a vehicle by smashing the driver's side window by unknown means. A wallet was stolen containing a small amount of cash and bank cards.

17/03 – West Wick – Theft - Unknown suspect has damaged the gate in order to gain access to a work site at the location. Once within compound suspect has stolen scrap metal to the value of around £100 - £200.

20/03 – Ham Hill – Theft - Unknown suspect has smashed the rear passenger side window of a vehicle. Once inside suspect has stolen a bag containing a purse. The purse had £80 - £100 in cash along with credit cards.

24/03 – The Crescent, Pewsey – Damage – Damaged has been caused to a vehicle parked on The Crescent. It is believed that the locks have been filled with glue and paintwork scratched.

26/03 – Goddard Road – Damage – A vehicle has been damaged and abusive words have been scratched into the paintwork.

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