

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Marlborough Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

January to March 2011

## Priorities

The policing priorities for the area are set after consulting with local residents and identifying their concerns. They are revised every three months and determine how your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) works.

**The following priority was closed from the last quarter:**

### Parking Obstruction - Froxfield

We conducted routine patrols of the area and dealt with offending vehicles by way of a warning letter. This has resolved the issue and we have received no further police reports. This priority has been closed in agreement with the Marlborough Area Board.

**The following priority has rolled over from last quarter to this quarter:**

### Baydon – Traffic Related

Police patrols will still be carried out in this area due to the time of year and deterioration of the road conditions. No persons have been caught exceeding the speed limit in the village as yet.

## Summary of Crime

In recent months there has been an increase in dwelling burglaries in the Marlborough area. The raider concentrates on jewellery and ignores computers or other high-priced electrical items. Officers are investigating whether a professional burglar has moved into the area or is simply passing through. In almost every instance the burglar has struck between 4pm and 10pm at homes that have had no lights on.

The offender uses a simple levering tool, possibly a screwdriver to force open doors or windows before carrying out a tidy search of the property. Sgt Ben Braine said it was possible that the thief was concentrating on jewellery because it was small and easy to conceal if caught. There have been arrests made in connection with a burglary of a similar type in the Westbury area of Wiltshire.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of December it was reported to us that a vehicle had collided with the parish pump in Aldbourne and had driven off without reporting it. A damaged number plate was left at the scene which will be one of the lines of enquiries.

## Successes

During the month of October a number of vehicles were damaged in the High Street, Ramsbury. A local female was arrested in connection with the damage and PC Batchelor is investigating. The female is currently on police bail pending further enquiries. We will inform you of the outcome.

Police have arrested a foreign female in connection with a dwelling burglary in Westbury whereby jewellery and a laptop were taken.

## Consultations

Come along to the following locations to let us know your concerns:

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February – 6pm to 6:45pm**  
Aldbourne Library – Police Surgery

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February – 7pm to 7:45pm**  
Ramsbury Library – Police Surgery

The Police Station Enquiry Office is also open at Marlborough during the week.

## Events

The next Bluez 'N' Zuzs disco will be held on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of January from 6:30pm – 9:00pm. The age range is years 7-11 and all are welcome. Look out for the posters.

## New Training

We have been trained in the use of our Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system. This will allow us to monitor all vehicles travelling into our area. If you see a suspicious vehicle please report it to us.

## MEET YOUR TEAM

We are your dedicated neighbourhood policing team working **with you** and our partners to tackle your local concerns.

### Community Beat Manager



PC Jeremy Batchelor

### Police Community Support Officer



PCSO Jonathan Mills

Contact us

0845 408 7000

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Find us on Facebook - under 'Marlborough East Neighbourhood Policing Team'



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## **A new way of dealing with offenders of low level crime and anti-social behaviour**

Some offenders of low level crime and anti-social behaviour in Wiltshire and Swindon are now being held accountable for their actions within the community rather than in the court room. Wiltshire Police officers have been trained to use a form of restorative practice called Local Resolution which puts victims at the heart of the process by giving them a say in how justice should be delivered and involves work with partner agencies, such as local councils.

Wiltshire Police Local Resolution Project Manager Wendy Moore said: "Given the right conditions, officers are using their professional judgement and discretion to help create resolutions in line with victims' wishes, such as by offenders giving verbal or written apologies, paying fair compensation and repairing damage they caused. All parties have to agree to the Local Resolution and if an offender fails to carry out their agreed actions they can be arrested and prosecuted."

Since May 2010 more than 480 Local Resolutions have been carried out in Wiltshire, for example:

- An employee who stole building supplies from his employer admitting responsibility and paying £400 back in full for the supplies. He was subsequently dismissed from the company
- A 16 and 19 year old cleaning off graffiti they sprayed on a car park wall while supervised by a council employee

Police will still arrest and prosecute for offences where this is the right thing to do. Local Resolution is partly driven by the national Flanagan report into policing which said investigating of crime had become overly driven by a performance regime, rather than encouraging a common sense approach to resolving incidents. Wiltshire Police is following other forces which have run similar successful schemes.

## **Have your say in the future of policing in Wiltshire**

Wiltshire Police Authority (WPA) is seeking the public's views on the future of policing across the county via a short online questionnaire. Wiltshire Police Authority's annual budget of £108 million must be reduced by £15 million over the next four years to meet government spending cuts.

It is the WPA's responsibility to ensure the police continue to provide an effective and efficient service across the whole of the Force area. Now is your chance to tell the authority which policing services you value most. WPA Chairman Chris Hoare said: "We are committed to keeping officers on the streets and protecting the frontline as far as possible but we want people to give us their views and tell us what they value in their police service."

Please visit the WPA's website - [www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk) – to read more about these plans and give your views via a short questionnaire. Alternatively, please speak to a member of your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) who can give you a paper copy of the questionnaire to complete. The consultation **closes on Wednesday 9 February 2011.**

## **Immobilise your Christmas gifts**

Now Christmas is over and you're slowly getting the hang of your new laptop or working out how to up-load songs to your new i-pod – why not take the time to register these items with Immobilise. Immobilise is a free, private and secure portfolio of all your personal property (all items with serial numbers on them). If your property is then lost or stolen and recovered by the Police it will be returned to you.

There are two steps to register your details, STEP ONE – collect all serial numbers and details of your property from around your home. STEP TWO – Visit [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) and follow the instructions to register your property – go to 'create a free account now.'

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