

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



SWINDON RURAL SOUTH NEWSLETTER

December 2009/January 2010

PRIORITIES

Criminal Damage/Theft: Wanborough Allotments

The Allotments are located in an isolated part of the village and recently there have been a number of thefts from sheds and plots on the site and reports of equipment damaged. Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) response has included focussed patrols in and around the Allotments (particularly at the weekend), Crime reduction advice has been offered to the allotment holders and the NPT have attended a Meeting to discuss security generally and to remind allotment holders to report any problems to the NPT as they occur.

Criminal Damage: The Weir Field, Wroughton

Gangs of youths are gathering on the Weir Field primarily to use the play area facilities and Youth Shelter but their presence has raised concerns with damage and littering plus intimidation for local residents who use the Playing Field and footpath leading through the field. There have been several incidents of damage to the building, including graffiti, small fires and a burglary. NPT patrols have played an important role in tackling the problem, with a major focus being on the identification of the members of the groups present to allow communication and relationship building. Targeting of under-age drinkers and alcohol seizure where appropriate has proved an important tool as has work with the Parish Council to provide youth facilities in the village.

Anti-Social Behaviour: Castle View Road Play Area

Local residents have reported large groups of young people gathering in the area of the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). Reports suggest that there is heavy use of alcohol and the standard of behaviour often late into the night is threatening and intimidating for local residents.

Police patrols have played an important role in the area with a major focus being on the identification of those regularly seen at the

location. Police will deal robustly with anyone found acting anti-socially, causing annoyance and/or distress to local residents.

The Policing Priorities are subject to ongoing review by the NPT and our Partner Agencies who include representatives from each Parish Council, Neighbourhood Watch and several Swindon Borough Council Ward Councillors. As a continual process we aim to talk to as many members of the public as we can to find out how we're doing in your areas and what the problems and issues you experience may be. We welcome your input into this ongoing process. Please contact me via email, telephone or post using the attached Consultation Card.

POLICE 'DROP-IN' CENTRES

Your local Policing Team would like to meet and speak to as many of you as possible but we appreciate that day to day this is not always possible. We run a number of Drop-In centres and would welcome your attendance if you would like to raise any issues with us, give us any information or if you would just like to say hello.

Wroughton Library

Friday 11th December 2009 7pm to 8pm

Thursday 17th December 2009 11am to 12pm

Thursday 7th January 2010 11am to 12pm

Monday 25th January 2010 7pm to 8pm

Bishopstone Village Hall

Wednesday 9th December 2009 3pm to 4pm

Wednesday 16th December 8.30 to 9.30am

Friday 8th January 2010 8.30 to 9.30am

Wednesday 13th January 2010 6pm to 7pm

Wanborough Village Hall

Wednesday 9th December 4.15 to 5.15pm

Wednesday 16th December 9.45 to 10.45am

Friday 8th January 2010 9.45 to 10.15am

Wednesday 13th January 2010 7.15 to 8.00pm

Castle View Road Green, Chiseldon

Wednesday 9th December 5.30 to 6.30pm

Wednesday 16th December 11am to 12pm

Friday 8th January 2010 11am to 12pm

Wednesday 13th January 2010 8.15 to 9pm

MEET YOUR TEAM

Community Beat Manager



Rory Draper

Police Community Support Officer



Mark Chivers



Melissa Camilleri

Contact us

0845 408 7000

Swindonruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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LATEST NEWS

Drink Driver Arrested

Following information Police received from a member of the public reporting a habitual drink driver, the vehicle was located leaving a rural pub and the stopped by the local Policing Team. The driver was found to be significantly over the drink drive limit, was arrested and will appear in Court in December facing a likely driving ban. This arrest was directly as a result of a member of the public taking the time to contact us and any piece of intelligence that comes into our possession will be dealt with appropriately.

Operation Hawk

Around Halloween and Bonfire Night, crime records show that anti-social behaviour generally increases. Criminal damage and other behaviour such as egg-throwing, throwing of fireworks and large groups gathering cause many problems to residents and to prevent anti-social behaviour reducing peoples' enjoyment of these celebrations, members of the 21 Neighbourhood Policing Teams across Swindon joined forces on Operation Hawk with a remit to target anti-social behaviour. Reported crime was down by 26% and 28% respectively across Halloween and Bonfire Night and anti-social behaviour was also down against previous years' figures.

A similar operation is planned for the Christmas school holidays and to help us target our patrols, please take the time to contact us if you are experiencing any problems with anti-social behaviour in any form.

Seasonal Crime Prevention

With the Christmas holiday season almost upon us, it can leave us more vulnerable to becoming victims of crime. There are a few things you can do to make sure your Christmas is not spoiled by criminals.

Your Shopping Trip

When the shops are crowded and we are rushing around, the pickpocket has more chance to steal from you. Stay alert and be

extra careful with your wallet and purse. Try and keep your wallet of purse close to your body and inside a secure pocket.

The more bags you are carrying, the less vigilant you will be about your personal belongings. Try not to carry too much cash and if possible, try not to make it obvious to would-be thieves what you are carrying.

If you travel by car, make sure you park in a well-lit area, lock all doors and close all windows and most importantly, do not leave anything of value in view. Try if possible not to return to your car to leave purchases in the boot before continuing your shopping trip as thieves often watch car parks for such an opportunity. Arrange to collect large and/or heavy items from stores once you have finished the rest of your shopping.

At Home

Once you've bought your presents, try and keep them out of sight until the last moment on Christmas Eve and if you 'hide' the larger items in sheds or garages, make sure these buildings are very secure.

Ensure you record the serial numbers of items purchased and take the time to record them on your existing possessions. Take care not to discard empty boxes after Christmas as these can alert thieves to what's new in your house. If you go out then make it look as if someone is home. Turn on lights and close curtains and ensure your doors and windows are secure. If you go away, cancel milk and see if you can get a neighbour to move your post from the mat.

CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Name

Address

Contact Number

MAIN PROBLEM, CONCERN TIME AND LOCATION

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Useful Telephone Numbers

Borough Council

01793 445500

Waste collections

01793 445501 (eg. dumped freezers in alleyways)

Graffiti Line

01793 463463

Anti-Social Behaviour

unit (SBC Monday to Fridays)

0845 605 2222

Environmental Health

01793 466453 (out of hours for noise)

Victim Support Service

01380 729476

Citizens Advice

0845 0505 155

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

Frank

0800 776600

Samaritans

08457 90 90 90

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