

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Ashton Keynes and Minety Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

January - 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:**

### Anti-Social Behaviour

This priority was added to take account of the anti-social behaviour expected over Halloween and Bonfire Night. We had a high visible presence during these events and are pleased to report that there were no reports of antisocial behaviour.

**The priority for this next quarter is detailed below alongside how we will address it:**

### Rural Theft

Theft from farms, their outbuildings and other commercial premises continue to be a concern. Metal, tools, batteries, and machinery have all been taken. Offenders are also taking insecure bicycles, road signs etc, and any metal items that are easy to remove. These places are often isolated and easy targets for offenders, at all times of day and night.

We aim to address this priority by working in partnership with the Rural Crime Team and Wiltshire Council County Enforcement Team.

We will conduct high visibility patrols around areas that are especially vulnerable. We want to encourage as many farmers as possible to sign up for Farm and Horse Watch so that we can notify them whenever anything suspicious happens. We also want to gather intelligence from the local residents – please could we therefore ask people to come forward with any suspicious vehicles or people including any thefts no matter how minor you think they are – they could hold the vital part of the jigsaw for us!

## Summary of Crime

As detailed in the new priority section we continue to suffer from rural thefts and burglaries. There have also been the following reports:

**Ashton Keynes** – four criminal damage incidents which relate to four vehicles, damage to a wall, theft of a car and a bike, a shed and farm burglary, two farm thefts and damage to the playing fields.

**Minety** – theft of lead, two cars and washing off a line, damage to a farm gate and three fraud offences.

**Crudwell** – two farm thefts, two commercial burglaries, one domestic burglary, one theft from a motor vehicle, one theft of a motor vehicle and one criminal damage offence.

**Charlton** – theft of a metal sign, theft of a trailer and theft of metal.

**Oaksey** – theft from a farm, two burglaries and theft of red diesel.

**Upper Minety** – two bike thefts and a theft of metal.

**Leigh** – damage to a car and harassment.

**Hankerton** – arson at a barn.

## Outcomes

Four offenders have been questioned regarding extensive thefts of Cotswold stone, not only in our area but the whole of the North of Wiltshire. They are due to appear in court for offences in Wiltshire and Gloucestershire.

We recently mounted a two day operation in the sector to target people involved in rural crime (hare coursing, thefts from outbuildings, stone and metal thefts, etc). The outcome of this operation was 32 prosecutions by Wiltshire Council for offences regarding the carriage of waste, two arrests for theft of batteries, eight vehicle seizures and twenty scrap dealers sites were visited and inspected in North Wiltshire and Swindon.

## MEET YOUR TEAM

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

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## Consultations

Have your say on local priorities – come along to one of the following events and let us know your concerns.

### Sunday 9 January

Village Hall Charlton

### Tuesday 22 February

Telephone Kiosk, Eastcourt

### Wednesday 19 January

The Grove, Chelworth

### Friday 11 March

Crudwell School

### Wednesday 2 February

Village Shop, Ashton Keynes

### Sunday 27 March

Follyfield, Hankerton

## Ashton Keynes and Minety website

We now add information and contact details on the websites of Ashton Keynes and Minety villages. Please have a look at them to see the latest information. If there is anything you would like included regarding policing please let us know.

## 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.

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 paid £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. 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. 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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