



Hello and welcome to the Community Policing Team Report for MARLBOROUGH and PEWSEY.

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## **ADVICE FOR VICTIMS OF FRAUD:**

*If you suspect you've been a victim of fraud involving credit or debit cards, online banking or cheques, you should report it to your bank or card company.*

They are responsible for undertaking further investigation and reporting criminal activity to us where appropriate.

Fraud that doesn't involve your bank or card company should be reported to the business or organisation concerned. Depending on their advice, you may then need to report this to us on 101.

Where an additional crime has been committed with the fraud, for example, you have had your wallet or purse stolen or the card used fraudulently was taken as a result of a burglary, then this should still be reported to us on 101.

### **Some steps you can take to protect yourself:**

- Make sure you keep a record of all communications.
- Get a copy of your personal credit report from one of the credit reference agencies - Experian, Equifax and Call Credit. A paper version of your report is available from £2. If applications for credit have been made in your name you can ask to have any incorrect information removed.
- Consider contacting CIFAS - the UK's Fraud Prevention Service, to apply for protective registration. Once you have registered, CIFAS members will carry out extra checks whenever anyone applies for a financial service using your address.
- If you suspect mail theft, contact the Royal Mail Customer Enquiry Number on 08457 740740 or visit their website

If you are a victim of card fraud or online banking fraud you have protection through legislation, which states that you will not be liable for any losses unless you have acted fraudulently or without reasonable care.

Action Fraud can provide help and information online or by calling 0300 123 2040.

## **LANDLORD AND TENANT DISPUTES:**

Landlord/ tenant relations are a very complex area of law and the following advice is only to be used as a guide. For more complete advice you should contact the Environmental Protection department of your local authority.

The proper procedure that a landlord must follow to legally evict a tenant is:

- A legal written notice
- A court order for possession and
- A bailiffs warrant (to be enforced by a County Court bailiff).

Until all these three steps have been taken, the tenant has a right to stay in the property.

## **NEIGHBOUR COMPLAINTS AND BOUNDARY DISPUTES:**

Neighbour complaints can take many forms. Please contact us about the specific nature of the issue/complaint and we can advise further.

We do not have the power to deal with boundary disputes. This is a civil issue and you need to seek the advice of a solicitor to resolve any boundary issues you may have. It will be worthwhile contacting your bank or building society (or whoever holds your deeds) to check the boundaries.

## **HOUSE PARTIES AND ILLEGAL RAVES:**

If your neighbours are having a noisy house party, we have no powers of prosecution for noise offences. You need to contact the Environmental Health Department of your local authority.

If you believe that an illegal rave is taking place then contact us.

Some signs to look out for are:

- Groups of cars and young people gathering in unusual places such as industrial sites, small villages or remote rural areas
- Interest in certain remote, rural sites such as quarries, particularly by people that look out of place or you wouldn't expect to see
- Cars and vans delivering generators to rural locations.

## **PRIORITIES IN YOUR AREA:**

### **Anti-Social Behaviour –Marlborough (Priory Gardens), Pewsey (Co-op and Leisure Centre)**

It is essential that we tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) within our community. ASB is defined as, “*Acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household.*” We have had an increase in reports of this type of behaviour in both Marlborough and Pewsey.

### **ADVICE:**

Please report any behaviour as defined above to 101.

### **Rural Crime – Hare-coursing and Beauty Spot Thefts**

It is imperative that we maintain a high visible presence within our rural county. As the spring/summertime is fast approaching, we anticipate an increase in visitors to both our Beauty Spot areas and countryside. We will be aiming to regularly patrol our Beauty Spots and our rural sites that unfortunately do become a target of vehicle and rural crime.

### ADVICE:

It is important for members of the public not to leave any valuables within their vehicles. It is also important for members of the Public to report any suspicious activity to us.

### **Vehicle Crime– Community Speed Watch/Drink Driving**

Keeping our roads safe is extremely important within our area as we have several A Roads that pass through DEVIZES. We will be receiving fortnightly updates from our Community Speed Watch Teams with specific areas to target.

### ADVICE:

It is important that we work with the general public to identify unsafe road users within our county.

We hope to show how hard we will be working to target the Roads through our Social Media updates.

### **CRIME UPDATES:**

#### January

19/01/2019 – theft from vehicle – x2 - West Kennett – handbags stolen from vehicles

20/01/2019 – theft from vehicle – rucksack stolen from vehicle

22/01/2019 – Hare coursing/poaching - criminal damage to crop field by vehicle at Manor Farm

24/01/2019 – theft – trailer stolen from yard – East Kennett

26/01 2019 – theft from vehicle – Silbury Hill – handbag stolen from vehicle

28/01/2019 – speeding – 110 mph in 60 mph limit – Beckhampton

#### February

03/02/2019 – unsafe driving – vehicle driving at unsuitable speed in snow conditions - Beckhampton

03/02/2019 – theft from vehicle – A361 – grocery items stolen from vehicle

12/02/2019 – traffic collision – vehicle in collision with a fence – Yatesbury

13/02/2019 – theft – attempted theft of water pump from treatment works – Fyfield

25/02/2019 – hare coursing/poaching – criminal damage to a crop field at Weir Farm

27/02/2019 – traffic collision – vehicle into garden and tree – West Overton

28/02/2019 – traffic collision – vehicle into fence - Beckhampton

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March

8/03/2019 – theft – heating oil stolen from a tank at the location – Gunsite Lane

10/03/2019 – anti social behaviour – illegal rave - West Kennett

10/03/2019 – fatal traffic collision – Broad Hinton

11/03/2019 – criminal damage – graffiti in wax to 5 standing stones – Avebury

15/03/2019 – theft – battery and solar panel stolen from sheep field – East Kennett

17/03/2019 – theft – money stolen from resident’s purse – Avebury

23/03/2019 – theft from vehicle – handbag and coat stolen - Fyfield Downs

April

01/04/2019 – traffic collision – driver arrested after failing to stop at an accident – Avebury

05/04/2019 – theft from vehicle – bag stolen from vehicle – Hackpen Hill

05/04/2019 – theft from vehicle – 2 x rucksacks stolen from vehicle – West Kennett Long barrow

09/04/2019 – theft – 2 x motorcycles stolen from a garage - Gunsite Lane

11/04/2019 – hare coursing/poaching - criminal damage to crop field – Manor Farm

11/04/2019 – traffic collision – vehicle into fence - Beckhampton

13/03/2019 – criminal damage – vehicle damaged by tree branches cut down by travellers - A4 Gallops

Please dial 101 to report a crime and 999 in an emergency.

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