



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 bailiff's 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.

15/09/2019 – Avebury - Unknown person(s) have gained entry to a vehicle by smashing the passenger window by unknown means. Two mobile phones, money, driving licence, bank and credit cards have been taken.

20/09/2019 – Ramsbury - Unknown persons have gained access to a computer and attempted to de-fraud member of public out of £4500.

20/09/2019 – Ogbourne St George - Unknown persons have stolen a trailer that was located in an open grain store barn on a farm – Taken : IFOR Williams flat bed trailer 14ft

24/09/2019 – Avebury – Dog out of control

24/09/2019 – West Kennett - Unknown persons/s have caused damage to a rear car windscreen, by unknown means.

28/09/2019 – Avebury - Unknown suspect has used unknown item to smash window of IP's parked car. Entry gained and handbag stolen from under car seat. Bag contained European ID card, D/Licence, Nat West Credit and Debit Cards, Halifax Credit Card, Business American Express Credit Card and around £50 in cash.

29/09/2019 – Avebury - Unknown person/s have damaged the driver's side window of a parked vehicle and have stolen a handbag.

29/09/2019 – East Kennett - Unknown person/s has broken into a vehicle and has stolen a purse an address book, two pairs of glasses and her mobile phone.

29/09/2019 – Beckhampton - Unknown person/s has smashed the rear window of a parked car and stolen a blue rucksack containing a railcard, student ID, driving licence, Lloyds debit card and approximately £35 in cash.

30/09/2019 – Hackpen hill car park - Unknown person/s have smashed the front and rear car windows of a parked car.

01/10/2019 Aldbourne - Unknown person(s) have broken into a caravan which is kept in a yard and stolen the battery. Damage has been caused to the door.

04/10/2019 – Savernake forest - Unknown person/s have smashed passenger side window of a parked car whilst it was left unattended. Bag containing a purse has been taken.

04/10/2019 – Silbury Hill - Unknown person/s have broken into a parked vehicle and stolen a handbag containing banks cards, bus pass and £100 cash.

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We're launching our knives amnesty and knife crime prevention fortnight, starting today (Monday 16 September).

As part of Op Sceptre - the national knife crime prevention initiative, also launched today, bringing together police forces co-ordinating ways to tackle knife crime - we will be appealing for people to hand in unwanted or illegal knives and bladed weapons during the period of the amnesty: Monday 16 - Sunday 29 September 2019.

Knives are used as an everyday tool in the home and in industry, but when placed in the wrong hands or adapted for the wrong purpose this can have devastating consequences.

Recorded knife crime figures for Wiltshire are very stable; between June 2018 and June 2019 the county saw a rise of just 7%, meaning knife crime is only 0.63% of all our recorded crime in this time period.

Special amnesty bins are available at 13 locations across the county. This is double the number of bins to last year's amnesty in September 2018.

The locations are:

Swindon's Gablecross Police Station
Broadgreen Community Centre, Swindon
Town Centre policing point, Swindon
Pinetrees Community Centre, Swindon
Marlborough Police Station
Melksham Police Station
St Andrews Church, Melksham
Monkton Park, Chippenham
Trowbridge Police Station
St James Church, Trowbridge
St James Church, Devizes
Bourne Hill, Salisbury
SP2 Community Centre, Salisbury

The knife amnesty gives people the chance to dispose of knives and weapons by simply taking them to one of the specified police stations, churches or community centres and dropping them in to an amnesty bin; those handing in knives and weapons will not face prosecution for possession of a knife or weapon and can remain anonymous.

Any incidents of knife crime are a major concern but the public should be reassured that we will continue to vigorously investigate offences linked to any knives or weapons recovered.

Assistant Chief Constable Maggie Blyth said: "We want to raise the awareness of the dangers of carrying a knife or owning an illegal weapon.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR:

"Wiltshire cannot be compared to what is happening in the more urban areas of Britain but we are never complacent; we must let the public know what we can do to remove knives from our streets.

"Carrying a knife should not be considered the norm. Fortunately in Wiltshire very few choose to leave the house with a knife or blade, and sadly the reality is that those who do are more likely to be involved in a violent act or be injured.

"Education is key, and we need to be passing this on to our children that it's never OK to carry a knife.

"If you need one for work then you should minimise the time you have it on your person and only keep it for the purposes of work.

"We hope this fortnight will give people a chance to safely dispose of knives they no longer use and think about the knives or weapons they may have in their property. People may not know that a knife hung up in the shed is illegal or haven't considered the risk of an ornamental knife they own.

"During the amnesty we are also encouraging people to hand in illegal knives such as zombie knives, butterfly knives, flick knives, machetes and lock knives. This is a chance to avoid prosecution by disposing of knives safely in an amnesty bin.

"Please do the right thing to help keep Wiltshire safe."

Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, said: "As we have seen in the news, knife crime wrecks lives - not only the life of the victim but their families and friends. Directly and indirectly there are many people whose lives can be destroyed just because of one incident - it's not just the victim and perpetrator who are affected.

"The success of last year's amnesty means this is great way to encourage people to do the right thing and hand in any illegal weapons. Even one knife off the streets is one less that can be used to harm or threaten our communities.

"The reality is that the police cannot tackle this alone and need to draw upon those same communities to play an equal part; people giving the police intelligence and information to help them build a case against individuals and subsequently tackle the issue.

"Parents and schools can also do their bit by checking what their children are carrying in their bags; it's a good way to educate youngsters too that being caught with a knife could mean they end up in serious trouble as well as risking being injured themselves.

"Wiltshire is a safe county and together with good education and prevention we can continue to keep it that way."

Anyone handing in a knife or weapon during the amnesty is advised to check the opening times of their nearest bin by visiting the Wiltshire Police website or calling 101.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR:

If you have information about someone who carries a knife or is involved knife crimes please call us on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Information can also be left anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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

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Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>

Or sign up to Community Messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

