

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Marlborough Rural West Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

June 2010

## Priorities

Priorities are agreed following consultation with the local community. They can also be established where a need is identified following intelligence reports and/or received calls from the public.

### Traffic related issues - Lockeridge

This issue has been ongoing for a number of months now – regular patrols have deterred motorists from speeding and a 'park and stride' initiative has been successfully established at the school with the help and support of the local pub. Thank you to everyone who has co-operated with these initiatives. This priority will now be closed down, but this does not mean that the village will be neglected. The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) will continue to work with the community and school, and you should expect to see us on a regular basis.

## Summary of Crime

The average number of crimes in this area has decreased by 28% - this is comparing Feb-Apr 2009 to Feb-Apr 2010. This is a reduction in the average from 16.7 crimes down to 12 per month.

Since my last newsletter, beauty spot crimes are down – thank you for your help in being careful.

In the last month a number of burglaries have been reported, but these are primarily commercial premises – a particular target has been The Bell Public House at West Overton which is currently being renovated.

There have also been a number of deliberate fires started in wheely bins in Broad Hinton, if anyone has anyone knowledge I would be grateful!!

## Summer Is Coming

We have finally been blessed with some good weather! As the barbeques come out and we start enjoying our gardens again, the risk of theft offences increases. You can help yourself to avoid becoming a victim:-

People start using garden equipment at this time of year and this can result in sheds being left unlocked. Keep sheds secure when not in use to avoid opportunistic power tool thefts.

We also see an increase in dwelling burglaries at this time of the year, with people leaving their houses insecure when in the garden or not securing windows when they go out.

As some of us start to enjoy time away, do not make it obvious that you are not there. Often people clean and tidy the house before they leave so that it is tidy to come home to. This can be a sign to burglars that you are away, so leave some cups or glasses on the side, as if you are coming home soon.

Finally, get a trusted neighbour to pick up your post every couple of days. Post visible inside the door can advertise that you are away and your house can become a potential target. Also install a timer on a lamp and a radio, so that they come on in the evening and make it appear & sound as if someone is home.

Little ideas like these can reduce the risk of your home becoming a potential target for burglars.

## 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 Sarah Watts



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# Neighbourhood Bulletin

## **Burglary Crime Prevention Advice**

With the warmer weather here it's important that you follow the advice set out below:

- Close and lock windows/doors when you are not in the room, especially when leaving the house or in the garden
- Double check that doors and windows are locked at night
- Keep valuable items out of view and reach of windows and doors
- If you see anyone acting suspiciously take their description and details of any vehicle registration including direction of travel and call the police on 0845 408 7000 or 999 if they are about to break into a property
- Stolen property can now be returned to the owner using a system called immobilise visit [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) details.

## **Distraction Burglars and Bogus Callers Crime Prevention Advice**

Follow the SOS – STAY OUT STRANGER advice when you get a caller at the door - Keep your door shut and locked and use a spy hole or window - Do NOT open the door if you do not recognise or are not expecting a caller - Avoid keeping large amounts of cash at home.

## **World Cup**

The World Cup 2010 in South Africa is finally here. Research carried out during the 2006 World Cup shows that nationally on England match days domestic abuse increased (by nearly 30 per cent) as did alcohol related violent crime.

Community Safety Partnerships have been working together at an operational level to put measure in place to try to reduce violence. Partners have also been working on a joined up communication strategy which is targeted at people who are out and about watching the World Cup including perpetrators and victims of domestic violence.

The messages from all partner agencies is that in order to enjoy the World Cup people need to be sensible; making sure they know how they will get home before they leave to go on a night out and to drink sensibly, and stay out of trouble. People who commit domestic abuse should be fully aware of the consequences and partners should not tolerate their behaviour. Community Safety Partnerships in Wiltshire and Swindon would like to say to victims that if you are worried you will be more at risk during the World Cup don't wait - contact the police or any of the victim support services that will help you. Our partner agencies will also be ensuring that there is adequate call handling and victim support."

## **New look website**

Wiltshire Police have launched a new and improved website to make it more accessible to the public, with improved navigation, meaning that it will be easier to find the information that you need. You can now also register with your local Neighbourhood Policing Team to keep up-to-date with what is happening in your area and have your say on local priorities. Log on to [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) to see the changes and register your details for the chance to win a Corei3 laptop, donated by Intel. The competition will run until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and the winner will be selected at random on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 (Terms and Conditions apply).

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June will see the start of this year's national Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) week. The main purpose of NHW is to strengthen community ties by encouraging residents to look out for one another, particularly with regard to those who are elderly or considered vulnerable. At present approximately 20% of households in the County are involved in NHW; however Wiltshire Police would like to increase this figure. If you would like more information on becoming a NHW coordinator or member, please ask a member of the NPT or visit [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) and click on the icon 'safety advice' alternatively call 0845 408 7000.

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