

**WILTSHIRE WEST COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM -  
TISBURY COMMUNITY AREA**



Hello and welcome to this edited version of the Community Policing report for December 2018.

***FESTIVE SECURITY***

The festive season is particularly tempting for criminals as they expect to find gifts and high value goods in people's homes and cars. It is important to ensure that your house is secure and that you take precautions to stop criminals who will have no thought about taking your carefully chosen gifts for loved ones.

As we all know, our towns will be exceptionally busy and with increased numbers of people on Wiltshire streets, it is easier for thieves to strike unnoticed.

Below are a few simple tips to help prevent your becoming a victim of crime whilst out and about during the Christmas period:

- When out shopping, keep your purse and handbag near you
- Keep any cash that you may have on you to a minimum
- Mobile phones and wallets in back pockets are a target - ensure that you keep them secure and out of sight
- Be careful at cash machines and when paying with your card - shield your PIN at all times.

With increased numbers of shoppers on local streets, there are inevitably more vehicles in car parks that provide more opportunities for criminals. Don't let your vehicle be an easy target by following the advice outlined below:

- Don't leave Christmas presents or other valuables like laptops, mobile phones, handbags, credit cards, chequebooks or vehicle documents in your car. If it is unavoidable - place them in the boot and ensure equipment is completely switched off
- Remove Satellite Navigation systems and clean
- Make sure car doors, windows and sunroofs are all properly closed and locked
- Remove your stereo if you can - mark it with the vehicle registration number if you can't
- Leave your glove box open to show that there is nothing in it
- Leave absolutely nothing on show - you may know that there is no wallet in your jacket, but a thief will break a window just to check.
- If you own a van, make sure you remove tools overnight and display an appropriate sign in the rear window making this clear.

It is equally important to keep your Christmas gifts safe at home by following the points outlined below:

- NEVER open your door to anyone who hasn't made an appointment - if you are expecting them, always check their identification and if you are at all suspicious, contact Wiltshire Police by dialling 101
- All doors should be fitted with a minimum of 5 lever mortice locks
- All windows should be fitted with locks except any designated as a fire escape
- Close and lock all windows and doors when leaving the house - even if you are just going into the garden

- Keep front and back doors locked whilst you are in your home to prevent individuals walking in without your knowledge
- Close all windows when leaving a room - especially those at the front of the house
- Double check that all doors and windows are locked at night
- Keep valuable items out of view and out of reach of windows and doors
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like a plant pot or letterbox – a thief knows all the hiding places
- Keep car keys out of sight - never leave them on view
- Hide financial documents – if someone does break in, you don't want them to also steal from your bank account
- Lock tools and ladders away so that a thief cannot use them to break in
- Never leave a shed or garage unlocked, even when you are gardening - especially if it has a connecting door to your property.
- Make sure you have good lighting around your property
- Consider investing in a burglar alarm
- Secure the rear access to your home - a thief is less likely to be seen at the rear of your property
- Make sure any hedging at the front of your property is no higher than one metre. This will allow a passer-by or neighbours to see anyone acting suspiciously
- Mark all valuable items with a property marking system identifiable to you
- Take photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks and keep them safe. Don't leave valuable jewellery in a box on your dressing table - it's the first place a thief will look
- Make a list of the serial number of your electronic items and keep it safe
- Make sure you have up-to-date contents insurance
- Register all electronic items and any others with serial numbers at sites such as Immobilise.co.uk
- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch. If there isn't one, consider setting one up yourself.
- It is important not to stop thinking about safety after Christmas day too. Make sure you don't put your rubbish out too early. Putting packing and boxes on display will advertise all the new items you have in your home providing thieves with a checklist of your equipment for them to steal.

## **LOCAL INFORMATION**

### ***Remembrance Sunday***

We were pleased that West Wiltshire CPT was able to support Tisbury at the recent Remembrance event by laying a wreath and having a Police presence. All events across West Wiltshire were well attended for this 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice and I am pleased to report no issues occurred at any of the events in our area.

### ***Crime Exceptions Data for Tisbury and the surrounding area***

These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two-year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'. Domestic Abuse figures will also be included in the values as it is on our Control Strategy but here will be no details shared on these cases.

November 2018 showed a total of 17 crimes for the whole Tisbury Beat area (EB11) against the average of 20.8 for this same month over the last 2 years. This is within the parameters we would reasonably expect. There are no exceptions within the data.

The five largest crime groups accounted for 100% of this recorded crime as follows:

- Violence Against the Person showed 4 crimes compared to the average of 4.9
- Criminal Damage showed 4 crimes compared to the average of 3.3
- Burglary showed 4 crimes compared to the average of 4
- Vehicle Crime showed 3 crimes compared to the average of 3.9
- Theft showed 2 crimes compared to the average of 3.7

#### ***Recent Crimes and Updates of Note***

**Berwick St John: 21 November 2018: Burglary (Residential - Shed/ Garage):** Overnight on the 20th November suspect broke into a workshop and stole a range of tools.

**Chicksgrove: 27 November 2018: Burglary (Business):** Overnight on the 26th November suspects gained access to some land by cutting the chain link fence. They then entered two buildings and caused damage in both. Plasterboard was smashed, draining pipes broken and graffiti painted. Outside scaffolding poles were thrown into a septic tank thus breaking it.

**Chilmark: 19 November 2018: Criminal Damage:** Between the 13th and 15th November suspects damaged the front grill of a car, scratched the bonnet and caused two small dents.

**Donhead St Andrew: 23 November 2018: Burglary (Residential - Dwelling):** Sometime between the 21st and 23rd November a suspect tried to gain access to a property by smashing two rear windows with a trowel. The suspect also tried to lever the door thus leaving marks on it. Entry appears to have been unsuccessful.

**Fovant: 3 December 2018: Burglary (Residential):** Between 12.30 and 15.56 on the 4th December suspect(s) gained entry into the property via a kitchen window using a tool to force the window; some fashion jewellery and a charm bracelet were stolen.

**Hindon: 14 November 2018: Theft:** Overnight on the 13th a suspect stole thirty galvanized steel sheep hurdles and twelve steel cattle hurdles from an open sided barn.

**Hindon: 25 November 2018: Burglary (Community):** Overnight on the 24th November suspects entry gained to various buildings on a property; nothing believed to have been stolen.

**Lower Chicksgrove: 29 November 2018: Theft:** Overnight on the 28th November suspect accessed an outside insecure fridge to the side of a property and stole meat and cheese from within.

**Sutton Mandeville: 1 December 2018: Burglary (Residential - Shed/ Garage):** Sometime between the 25th and 30th November suspect(s) used a tool to force the top of the wooden doors to a shed and gained entry; two chain saws were taken.

**Sutton Mandeville: 2 December 2018: Criminal Damage:** Between 18.00 on the 1st December and 14.00 on the 2nd suspect cut the bolts to a gate, accessed a field and damaged planted crops by driving over them.

**Tisbury: 13 November 2018: Vehicle offences:** Sometime between the 8th and 11th November a suspect stole the front number plate from a Mini Clubman.

**Tollard Royal: 13 November 2018: Vehicle offences:** Between 09.00 and 09.45 a suspect smashed the driver's side window and made an untidy search of a vehicle removing a wallet, driving licence, various cards, £200 cash, a woolly black and white Dunlop hat, and a Gillette dark brown leather shooting waistcoat.

**N.B.** To receive these alerts directly from the Community Messaging Service, please access <https://wiltsmessaging.co.uk> and follow the instructions.

#### ***Community Policing Priorities within the Tisbury Beat***

Inspector Andy Fee chairs a weekly internal "tasking meeting" where emerging community issues and concerns are raised and discussed for the whole West Wiltshire CPT area. From this meeting, priorities and actions are set and a tasking document produced. This involves developing strategies and the targeting of resources (including partner agencies) into tackling the issue or concern.

The Tisbury Area currently has the following priorities:

*(i) Operation Artemis: Poaching and Hare Coursing.* Rural and remote locations and farms around Tisbury and surrounding villages are at risk from Poachers damaging fences and gates to access land to Hare Course and Poach. This sometimes leads to cattle and sheep escaping out onto the roads causing issues for motorists and for the farmers. Crops and fields are also being damaged. We are conducting pro-active patrols to reduce this type of crime.

*(ii) Theft from Motor Vehicles.* We have seen a small increase in the targeting of particularly work vans and vehicles parked up overnight across wider West Wiltshire. They are being broken into and work tools and equipment stolen. It is likely the offenders are using a van sized vehicle themselves to travel around and commit these crimes and using tools to damage locks to gain access. We have been conducting high visibility pro-active patrols to reduce offences and to try to identify potential offenders. As a part of crime prevention advice, we are asking people not to leave valuable items such as tools and equipment in vehicles, ensure they are securely locked and preferably alarmed. Report to the police any suspicious activity or vehicles in your area. Consider the use of home CCTV to cover your property and driveways.

### ***Community Speedwatch (CSW)***

The current Speedwatch Schemes being supported in the period 28<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 do not include any in the Tisbury Beat.

### ***Events***

For those looking to organize an event within the community, please have a look at the toolkit available from Wiltshire Council; this gives guidance and advice with regard to most types of events, including information about traffic management and which agencies and departments need to be contacted when applying for various licences and road closures. The toolkit can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf>. Please email our Operations Planning team with details to: [\\_opsplanning@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:_opsplanning@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

### ***South West Wiltshire Area Board's Community Safety Group***

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 6pm in the Nadder Centre, Tisbury.

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### ***Other Contacts***

- **Please use 999** in an emergency or about a crime in progress.
- **Please use 101** for all past or non-urgent crimes, incidents and issues **or** visit Wiltshire Police's new website at: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/> Among other information, this offers a detailed breakdown of the crime in local areas.
- **Please use the CPT email for all enquiries, meeting invitations, and minutes) at:** [CPTWestWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CPTWestWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)
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