

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



PEWSEY NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS NEWSLETTER

March 2010

PRIORITIES

Here is an update of the work we have been doing over the past few weeks to tackle the priorities which were set in January.

Pewsey East NPT

Hare Coursing-East Grafton

We have received a few reports of Hare coursing over the past month, in the areas of Pewsey, Shalbourne and Wexcombe. There have been no arrests but persons were advised in relation to hare coursing offences, although there was no evidence that offences had occurred.

Anti Social Behaviour-Gt.Bedwyn

There have been no reports of Anti social behaviour in the past few weeks, which would suggest that targeted police patrols in the village are being effective. Although anti social behaviour has been at a low, Great Bedwyn has been experiencing other problems such as suspicious vehicles, door knockers and burglaries. It is hoped that our continued patrols will help to deter this type of activity also.

Pewsey West NPT

Anti Social Behaviour-'The Links', Pewsey

Police have not received any further reports of mini Moto's causing problems in this area but will continue their patrols in order to keep on top of the problem.

Anti Social Behaviour/Criminal Damage-Church Yard, Church street, Pewsey.

Target police patrols have been carried out by local NPT officers and reported hotspot times. A number of persons have been spoken to in relation to the Anti social behaviour which has been occurring and advised accordingly. We are continuing to monitor the situation.

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PEWSEY CRIME

Listed below are a selection of some of the crimes that have happened in the Pewsey area over the last month. If you have information that could help us solve these crimes (or any others) please let us know by contacting Wiltshire Police on **0845 408 7000** and if you would like to remain anonymous contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Please note that this is by no means a comprehensive list of all the crimes which have been reported this month.

Pewsey East

BOAT BURGLARIES

Two barge boats have been broken into on the canal in Great Bedwyn. One has had its main door forced and the other suffered a broken window. All electrical items were still present on the boats and it is unclear at this time whether any items have been stolen from either boat.

BURGLARY

It has been reported that there has been an attempted burglary at a residential dwelling in Great Bedwyn. Fortunately the offenders did not gain entry.

Pewsey West

SHOP LIFTING

A male has entered the Co-op in Pewsey, selected items from the store and left without attempting to pay.

BURGLARY

Unknown offender/s have forced entry into the chapel on Wilcot road. At this stage it appears that no items have been stolen.

SHED BREAK IN

Unknown offenders have forced entry to a shed, which was located in an insecure barn in Beechingstoke. The hinges of the shed door were removed and £120 worth of items were removed from within the shed.

BURGLARY

Unknown offenders have gained entry to the Co-op in Pewsey and have stolen a large amount of cigarettes from within.

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BURGLARY CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

- Where you don't have them fit mortise locks or bolts to all doors and windows
- 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
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox – a thief knows all the hiding places.
- Hide financial documents and keys - if someone does break in you don't want them also to steal from your bank account or take your car
- Never leave sheds/garages unlocked, especially when you are gardening
- Lock tools and ladders away so that a thief cannot use them to break in
- Make sure you have good lighting around your property and invest in a burglar alarm
- Stop a thief gaining access to the back of the property where there is less chance of being seen
- Make sure any hedging at the front of your property is not too high to allow a burglar to work away unnoticed
- Mark all valuable items with your postcode and property number also record the serial number of electronic items
- Take coloured photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks
- 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
- Join or set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - for more details contact 0845 408 7000

DISTRACTION BURGLARS AND BOGUS CALLERS CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Most people that call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes people turn up unannounced, with the intention of distracting you and tricking their way into your home to steal money and valuables. They are known as 'distraction burglars', 'bogus callers' or 'cold callers'. They specifically target the elderly and vulnerable members of our community.

These types of criminals pose as official people such as council officers, utility company representatives or even the police. Follow the SOS – STAY OUT STRANGER advice for when there is someone at your 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

VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

- ❖ Never keep anything on display in your vehicle; even coats can be a target as they often contain wallets, valuable items, change and cards in the pockets.
- ❖ Park your car as near to your home as possible, preferably in a well lit area, using a driveway or garage if possible. As smashing glass can make a noise, let's make sure someone will hear it.
- ❖ Sat Nav's are a prime target. If you leave suction marks on the window this will give the thief a good indication that you own a device. Never leave it in the car, in the glove compartment; or even in the boot. These are the first places the thief will check. Never leave your exact address as "home" on your Sat Nav, as this could lead to further problems.
- ❖ If you own a van, make sure you remove tools overnight and display an appropriate sign in the rear window making this clear.

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HORSE & FARM WATCH



Hare Coursing

During March, police received reports of suspect hare coursers seen in the areas of Pewsey Hill, Shalbourne and Wexcombe.

Suspicious Vehicles

There have been a number of reports from people living in rural areas of Pewsey, of suspicious vehicles seeming to take great interest in scrap metal, particularly approaching farmers for such items.

Fuel & Oil Thefts

Although this type of crime was reported on in last months bulletin I would just like to refresh your memories. Please make measures to ensure that your oil tanks and vehicles are as secure as they can be and report anything suspicious to your local police.

Country House/Rural Burglaries

Over the last few months there have been a number of burglaries to rural properties. Although this is not directly connected to Farmwatch, we would just like to urge the residents of our rural communities to be mindful of such criminal activity and to report anything which makes you suspicious.

If you have anything to report or have any information on previous incidents, please contact Wiltshire Police on : **0845 408 7000**.

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