

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES



**Devizes North Rural
Neighbourhood Policing Team**

March - April 2009

Changes to NPT boundaries

The introduction of the new Area Boards and associated area boundaries for Wiltshire Council has resulted in some changes to local NPT boundaries as well. With effect from 01st April 2009, Devizes North Rural NPT will unfortunately no longer be responsible for NPT issues in the following parishes:

1. **Seend**
2. **Poulshot**

Responsibility for NPT policing in these parishes will now be provided by the newly formed **Melksham Rural South NPT**. We would like to thank the communities of Seend and Poulshot for supporting the Devizes North Rural NPT. I am sure that your new NPT will be active in your area soon.

NPT Priorities

The current parish area within which the Devizes North Rural NPT is conducting priority work is All Cannings.

Our priorities are:

- **Deterring Aggressive Sales Persons
: All Cannings**
- **Speeding Concerns
:All Cannings**

In addition to these priorities, routine police patrol and other police work is being conducted across all the parishes on the NPT area.

New Community Beat Manager

The Devizes North Rural NPT has a new Community Beat Manager.

PC Mark Lewis now leads the team, having recently arrived from Marlborough.

Mark has been a police officer for ten years and gained his policing experience in Central London and Wiltshire. For the past five years he has worked entirely within the Kennet area. He is already familiar with his new role, having already spent two years working as the Community Beat Manager for the Pewsey Rural NPT.

Mark has strong local connections to the area and is keen to promote Community Policing across the NPT area.

Please feel welcome to contact Mark directly, if you should have any local policing concerns that you feel the NPT could help resolve. He can be contacted via the details in the section to the right.

Monthly Bulletins

Your NPT is now committed to producing a combined monthly NPT Bulletin and Neighbourhood Watch report.

This report will initially be e-mailed to our local NHW contacts and Parish Councillors, for onward circulation. We also hope to place a copy of the bulletin on Parish Notice Boards and other prominent locations. If you would like to receive the bulletin by e-mail please contact Mark Lewis, so that he can add your details to the circulation list.

MEET YOUR TEAM

The aim of Neighbourhood Policing is to have a dedicated policing team in your local community. We are here to work with you to tackle local concerns raised by you. We will work with residents and local agencies to improve your quality of life.

Community Beat Manager

PC 1931 Mark Lewis

Community Support Officer



PCSO 6155 Amanda Parkes



To contact a member of the team call us on:
0845 4087000
Extension 737817

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Detected Crimes

In coming months we will list some of the crimes that have been detected on our area in this section, as well as featuring some appeals for information concerning ongoing investigations. However, as this is the first bulletin and we are at the end of this financial / policing year, we would like to report to the community about crimes across the Devizes North Rural NPT area over the last 12 months.

There have been a total of **87** recorded crimes for the area in the last 12 months. This figure doesn't include motoring & certain other minor crimes.

The most prevalent crimes across the area have been **assaults**, with **25** recorded incidents. This figure includes Domestic related assaults. The next highest crime type on the area was thefts, with **17** recorded incidents.

There were **11** burglaries across the area last year and your new Community Beat Manager is particularly keen to work towards reducing this figure over the coming year.

The team has dealt with and attended over **250** community related incidents in the last year, including the 87 crimes listed above.

There are many other tasks and issues that your team deal with and assist the community with in addition to the above figures. The volume of crime on our area is generally lower than other parts of the Devizes Policing Sector and we hope to keep the crime rate low.

With the continued support of local people we very much look forward to helping to maintain safe communities across our NPT Area. Thank you.

Neighbourhood Watch

Local residents are asked to be on the look out for suspicious door to door sales people. There has been an increase in activity across the area from particular types of door step callers. We are interested in reports of sales people offering household cleaning products for sale from hold-alls that they carry with them. Also watch out for sellers who claim to offer original drawings or paintings for sale, which they carry with them. There is intelligence to suggest some of these people may be connected to thefts and burglaries in Wiltshire. Please do not let these persons into your homes and please resist the urge to buy goods from them, as this only encourages more door to door sales activity in the area.

On a similar theme we are asking local people to be on their guard and report suspicious activity concerning bogus traders. Recently your NPT have been working with Trading Standards in detecting and interviewing bogus salesmen. These traders call unannounced at your property and offer to carry out various DIY / Gardening chores, or offer to resurface your patio or driveway. They often carry out the work at an agreed price but then charge well over the odds. Often this is for very poor quality work; they have also been known to become aggressive if customers object. Report these persons to police and trading standards. Try and obtain a vehicle registration number if you can & please do not engage their services. If you have vulnerable or elderly neighbours, please keep an eye on them and take note of any suspicious looking callers to their properties. Report sightings of bogus traders to the police. Dial 999 if you suspect a crime is currently being committed.



For more information about the above initiatives please visit the Wiltshire Police Website at:

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