

Stay out Stranger advice

If you do not recognise or are not expecting a caller follow the Stay Out Stranger advice.

By following the tips below when there is an unexpected caller at the door, you can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime to bogus callers, such as rogue traders and doorstep sellers.

- Do not open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting
- If someone comes to your door and you aren't expecting a caller it is important that you check who it is by using a spy-hole or look through a window. Official visitors will always arrange an appointment with you beforehand – if no appointment has been made, don't open the door
- Don't keep large amounts of cash at home, keep purses and wallets out of sight and never keep pin numbers with credit or debit cards
- Never agree to have work carried out by someone who is just passing, or believe such people when they claim that repairs need to be made. If you think work might need to be done get quotes from three companies and ask friends or neighbours for recommendations
- If you see anything suspicious or think a bogus caller may have called at your door or a neighbours door, report it to police immediately ... in the case of an emergency call 999

Wiltshire Horsewatch website launched

A new website has been launched for horse owners and equestrian enthusiasts to help tackle equine and rural crime.

Wiltshire Horsewatch www.wiltshirehorsewatch.co.uk is the equine version of Neighbourhood Watch. The scheme's aim is to help improve equine and property security by connecting horse owners and local people, and alerting them to any suspicious reported activity or crimes in progress by means of SMS text message or email alerts.

Wiltshire Horsewatch also offers valuable crime prevention advice and a range of free services including tack marking and saddle stamping.

The Horsewatch scheme is part of a national approach to tackling equine related crime and it was first set up in this area in 2009 by Wiltshire Police's dedicated Rural Crime Team (RCT).

Wiltshire Horsewatch is a non-profit making scheme and membership is completely free. It is open to individual horse owners, large professional/competition and business yards, and all equestrian enthusiasts.

RCT Police Community Support Officer John Bordiss said: "This scheme is about horse owners working in partnership with the police to help prevent and reduce equine and rural crime. As part of the National Horsewatch Alliance, information of criminal/suspicious activity is recorded across the counties allowing a broad distribution of knowledge to be shared and acted upon.

"The theft of a horse and/or property is soul destroying. It's not just the financial loss but ultimately the emotional distress caused. Wiltshire Horsewatch has seen some fantastic results during the past three years and it is superb to see so many new people signing up to the scheme and getting involved."

To sign up to the scheme, visit the website www.wiltshirehorsewatch.co.uk. There is also a Wiltshire Horsewatch Facebook page and Twitter feed to follow.

Devizes Neighbourhood Policing Team

December 2011 - March 2012

Quarterly newsletter

**Your neighbourhood priorities****New priorities - December to March 2012****Speeding vehicles - Elm Tree Gardens**

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) conducted a door to door consultation in the area in December asking residents what issues concerned them.

An area of concern was the speed of vehicles travelling along Cromwell Road and from Brickley Lane into Elm Tree Gardens.

The team will be visiting the area during the next three months, will speed conduct patrols and use speed detection equipment to detect offending motorists.

Criminal damage to vehicles - Rochelle Court, The Clays and White Street, Market Lavington

The team have received complaints from members of the community about damage to vehicles in the areas.

The team will be visiting the area with the mobile police office during next three months and increasing patrols at key times in order to deter and detect offences.

Traffic offences - High Street Rowde

This is one of our priorities as a result of Community Speed Watch checks and concerns raised from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking of vehicles in the area of Marsh Lane junction with the High Street.

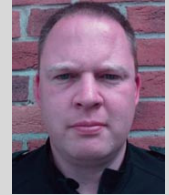
The main concerns are vehicles blocking the pavements making it hard for pedestrians to walk on the path.

Community Speed Watch is managed by local volunteers but is administered by Wiltshire Police.

The volunteers join together to monitor traffic speeds at identified locations in the community, information is recorded and passed onto local officers which results in a warning letter being sent to the registered keeper of the vehicle.

The team will continue to work with the Community Speed Watch and the parish council. They will carry out their own patrols and operations in an attempt to reduce vehicle speeds to prevent collisions, improve the quality of life and raise public awareness to inappropriate speed.

Motorists found to be committing offences will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine).

Sergeant Ian Thomas

You may be aware of a previous increase in reported offences of criminal damage in the Devizes area in the past months. This is against a low number of reports last year. I am pleased to report that following a number of police initiatives the number of offences has now stabilised to levels that now reflect that of last year. However this will take time to work its way out of the statistics and provide a true reflection of performance. Within this, there have been a number of offences of damage to motor vehicles in Longcroft Road where wing mirrors have been knocked off cars. Police have increased patrols in this area to combat this.

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See page 2 for details of meetings/consultations

What's been happening

Monthly 'Meet the Team' consultations in Devizes and villages

The team will be meeting members of the public once a month in the Market Place and now also in local villages.



- January 19 and February 16 at Devizes Market Place from 9am to 12.30pm
- Great Cheverell - January 28 9am to 12am at the Village Hall

- Market Lavington – January 28 1pm to 4pm at the Village Hall Car Park
- Bishops Cannings – February 25 - 10 am to 2pm at the Village Hall
- Rowde – February 26 - 10 am to 2 pm at the Village Hall

Bluez & Zuz Discos

The disco events have different themes and allow young people to have a good time and enter in to competitions to win prizes including scooters, mountain and BMX bikes.

The next discos will be on:

- Thursday 22 December
- Friday 20 January
- Friday 17 February

Twelve seasonal tips

Here are a few seasonal reminders:-

- When out shopping, keep your purse and handbag near you and don't carry large amounts of cash. Mobile phones are a target at this busy time so keep them secure
- Be careful at cash machines and remember never to give your PIN number to anyone, even bank staff
- If you are going away this Christmas, take the same precautions that you would if you were going on a summer holiday, like leaving lights and radios on timers and making your home look occupied
- Don't leave presents under the tree or in view of a window
- If your home or business has an alarm fitted please use it
- Property marking is very important, it can make your

items less desirable to the thief and easier for the police to return to you if it does get taken. There are a number of methods such as UV marker pens

- After Christmas make sure you don't put your rubbish out too early for collection, putting your packaging and boxes on display will advertise all the new items you have in your home
- Make sure your insurance policy covers all new items that you received over Christmas
- If you are out and about drinking make sure you plan how you will get home before you leave. Drink alcohol sensibly, don't accept a drink from someone you don't trust or know and don't leave your drink unattended. Know your limits

Crime trends

The team have been working with Wiltshire Council in Station Road and Sheep Street car parks and put up warning signs to advise motorists to stop driving anti-socially.



The team have also been executing drug warrants in Devizes resulting in two people being arrested and charged with possession of illegal drugs offences.

Consultations

Anti-social behaviour Ryeleaze, Potterne

- The south team conducted 27 extra patrols during the autumn period to deal with the issues in the area
- We are also working with Wiltshire Council to close a problem footpath and work with a problem family.

Horton Avenue

- Fourteen visits were made to the mini roundabout area and five fixed penalty notices (fines) were issued for parking offences.

Hambleton Avenue and BMX track

- Eleven visits were made in the area of the wooded area.

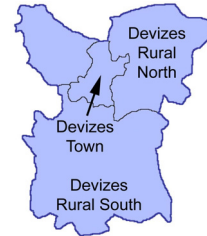
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Devizes Neighbourhood Policing Team

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NPT map



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 work with residents and local agencies to improve your quality of life.

To contact Wiltshire Police or to report a crime or an incident call **101**. Only call **999** in an emergency when a crime is in progress.

If you want to give information anonymously about a crime call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

For other non crime matters contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100.

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