

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Ludgershall and Rural Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

October 2010

## Priorities

Please see below for a description of our new priorities for this quarter, alongside how we plan to address them:

### Butt Street / St James Street

The focus is on speeding in Butt Street and vehicles entering St James Street the wrong way.

The speed gun will be out at various times in Butt Street. We will also be monitoring vehicles which pass the 'No Entry' sign when entering St James Street.

### Anti-social Behaviour - Ludgershall

Young people have been hanging outside the shops at the lower end of Andover Road behaving in an anti-social manner.

Young people are also congregating outside Kaiwal News asking for cigarettes in the early hours of the mornings. They are also congregating in the lobby to Prince of Wales House, causing damage and intimidating the residence and visitors, mainly during the evenings.

Patrols will be carried out in this area at various times and anyone caught acting in an anti-social manner will be dealt with robustly.

### Anti-Social Behaviour - in Netheravon

Young people are congregating in the Millenium Park, Netheravon, drinking and acting in an intimidating anti-social manner during the evenings.

We will carry out various patrols in the Netheravon area generally, and Millenium Park specifically. Anyone seen acting in a way considered to be anti-social will be strongly dealt with.

## Events

### There will be NO Bluez n Zuzs in October.

Damage has been caused to the Clarendon Club and anti-social behaviour from some of those attending the discos. The minority have ruined it for the majority as these actions have forced Wiltshire Police to cancel plans for the Halloween disco. It is hoped this cancellation will reinforce the message that such behaviour and actions could lead not only to the loss of the venue but also to the permanent loss of the disco itself. The next disco will therefore be held on 9th November.

## Updates

### Hare Coursers

It is the season for hare coursing which is occurring largely, but not exclusively, in the Collingbourne / Everleigh area.

Please note any registration(s) of the vehicle(s) or people involved and let us know on 0845 408 7000. Do not put yourself in any confrontational situation.

### Criminal Damage

Damage has been reported at the BMX track in Netheravon. Any sightings of people seen causing damage, please call 0845 408 7000.

Damage is still being noted at Ludgershall Rec, Dewey's Lane. If you see anyone doing this please report it on 0845 408 7000.

## Outcomes

A male was arrested and cautioned in Netheravon when the victim broke an ankle after falling to avoid being punched.

Five Harassment Warning Notices have been issued to young people causing anti-social behaviour in Ludgershall.

## 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 Michael Bayliss

### Police Community Support Officers



Maria Downham



Philippa Royston

### Contact us

Tidworth Police Station

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## Anti-social behaviour report

In Spring 2010, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) carried out a review of anti-social behaviour (ASB) across England and Wales. This included asking victims about their experience of reporting ASB to the police and inspecting the quality of the processes that forces use in tackling and responding to the problem.

On Wednesday 23 September, HMIC revealed their findings about the scale of damage from ASB to communities way of life and what the police can do to improve their response. Speaking about the report for Wiltshire Police, Superintendent Nick Ashley, Head of Citizen Focus, commented "We welcome the report which recognises our commitment to dealing with ASB. We recognise the impact that ASB has on the everyday lives of people living and working within the county and these issues are a Force priority for 2010/11.

"This report highlights our commitment to working with our partnership agencies, especially the Community Safety Partnerships, to try and prevent this type of behaviour and to deal with incidents that arise. We are lucky to work closely with professionals within Wiltshire County Council (WCC) and Swindon Borough Council (SBC) and this close working relationship is focused on meeting the needs of the community, by working to address local concerns"

"The public perception/fear of ASB within the county is one of the lowest nationally, but we remain committed to enhancing the level of service to our public. Prior to this inspection, the Force had already conducted a review and have commenced a significant programme of work to assist our Neighbourhood Policing Teams in dealing with local issues. This includes the development of a new ASB database, innovative training for all the agencies involved and the launch of a new Vulnerable Persons Policy to ensure those individuals most in need of help receive the level of support that they require."

## Halloween Advice

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October will mark Halloween, if you have children who will be trick or treating, please follow the tips below:

- Always ensure children trick or treat with an adult
- Only visit houses where you or the people you are with know the resident
- Do not knock on doors where there is a sign saying 'Sorry, no trick or treat here please.'
- Stay in areas that are well lit with street lights – take a torch with you just in case
- Stay with the people you are with – do not go off on your own
- Do not talk to strangers
- Do not enter any house – stay on the door step
- Be careful not to frighten people especially vulnerable people, especially the elderly
- Look carefully before crossing the road
- Do not vandalise or throw things like flour and eggs

## Bonfire Night Advice

Fireworks are a traditional part of the celebrations, but they are dangerous and cause many serious accidents every year. Please read our advice below and remember the safest way to enjoy them is to go to a professional event.

- It is illegal to sell fireworks to anyone under 18 years of age if caught the maximum penalty is £5000 and/or six months on prison.
- It is illegal to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, on Bonfire night this is extended until Midnight.
- It is illegal to let off fireworks in a public place and this carries a fine of up to £5000. Police may also issue an £80 Fixed Penalty Notice.
- It is illegal to cause unnecessary suffering to animals with fireworks. The maximum penalty £5000 and/or six months in prison.

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