

## Vehicle crime prevention advice – switch off Bluetooth on your sat nav

Wiltshire Police has received a number of reports of vehicle crime across the county including the theft of possessions from vehicles and thefts of number plates and catalytic converters.

Often the theft of possessions is by an opportunistic thief who notices that a car has been left insecure and decides to break in. However, the latest technique adopted by thieves is to use Bluetooth on their mobile phones to identify sat navs that have been hidden away but are still on, with their Bluetooth enabled. Therefore, if you don't take your sat nav with you, conceal it in a place that is secure and out of sight, disable its Bluetooth and switch it off.

You can also follow the advice below to help prevent the theft of possessions from vehicles:

- Clean sat nav suction marks from your windscreen, as this is an immediate advert to thieves that a sat nav is in the vehicle
- Make sure car doors, windows and sun roofs are properly closed and locked
- Remove your stereo if you can – mark it with the vehicle registration number if you can't
- Don't leave laptops, mobile phones, handbags, credit cards, cheque books or vehicle documents in your car. If it is unavoidable – place them in the boot and ensure equipment is completely switched off
- Leave your glove box open to show there is nothing in it
- Leave 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

Criminals will often steal number plates in order to conceal the identity of their vehicle and commit crime. This can range from the theft of fuel from petrol stations to more serious offences such as robberies, burglaries and drug dealing. To replace a number plate normally costs around £30. However, anti-tamper number plate screws are available from major retailers such and only cost about £5.

The high price of scrap metal has also lead to a spate of catalytic converter thefts. For companies that own a fleet of vehicles it can be extremely expensive to replace these, with one catalytic converter costing around £2,500. In order to prevent these thefts from occurring, anti-theft devices can be ordered over the internet and range in price from £80 to £200.

## Parents' internet guide to help with children surfing the world wide web

A new TV-style show created by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre, **The Parents' and Carers' Guide to the Internet**, has been created online exploring the challenges of parenting in an online age.

While the risks to children may be different to those of the 1950s, parenting skills are still as relevant as they ever were.

Talking to children about their online lives is one of the best things parents can do to protect them so they can enjoy the opportunities offered by the internet.

The show sets out simple practical ideas for parents to make sure their children are protected from risks – which range from cyber-bullying to grooming by those who wish them harm – as well as a few surprises about what children get up to online.

Visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) to view the **The Parents' and Carers' Guide to the Internet**.

## Tidworth Neighbourhood Policing Team

April - June 2012

Quarterly newsletter



### Your neighbourhood priorities

Welcome to the Tidworth Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) newsletter.

We would like to welcome PCSO Aaron Heath who is starting his duties at Wellington Academy in April. Aaron will be based here in Tidworth but will be primarily working at the Academy.

We held our latest Neighbourhood Tasking Group (NTG) meeting on 16 March with representatives from several different agencies, including the local Council and Sarsen Housing, to discuss the next three month's Priorities.

#### Update on last quarter's Priorities

1) Anti-social behaviour outside the shops in Ludgershall particularly between 5pm – 7pm. We have patrolled regularly and with a policy of zero tolerance of groups of five or more, explained the situation, asking them to move on or break up into small groups.

2) Tackling a series of burglaries in Tidworth Town - particularly shed and garage break-ins. Officers have been conducting a mixture of sporadic and targeted foot patrols during the day and night to tackle this issue, some in full uniform and others in plain clothes.

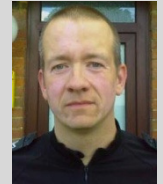
#### The group decided on the next Priorities:

1) Off road motorbikes causing problems in the Collingbourne area and specifically Collingbourne Woods. We will combine priority one and two, tackling both simultaneously. We hope to engage other agencies in assisting us combat these issues.

2) Mini motorbikes and pit bikes in Wood Park, Ludgershall.

3) A number of business premises situated on Station Road, Tidworth, have become victims of walk in thefts. A digital camera and a purse have been stolen. We are appealing to anyone with any information to contact us regarding the incidents.

### Sergeant Mark Freeman



This has been another successful period for police in Tidworth. Crime figures released to the area board have shown a reduction in reported crime combined with an increase in the detection rate. This is a substantial achievement and I thank my staff for their hard work.

We are now approaching a very busy time of the year with our usual annual events, such as the summer solstice, and a number of national events including the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee, which will have an impact on policing resources.



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## What's been happening

**Heating oil** - We have recently had two reports of heating oil being stolen in Andover Road, Ludgershall. Please keep an eye out for suspicious activity and report any immediately. It may be worth advising a neighbour if you are expecting oil to be delivered - that way we can eliminate calls relating to genuine deliveries. Please take details of any people/vehicles seen, especially number plates.

**Local Resolution** - We are more frequently using Local Resolution. Local Resolution is a way of dealing with low level crime and anti-social behaviour by putting victims and witnesses at the heart of our service. Local Resolution changes how we engage with communities to deliver the justice outcomes victims and others want. It allows officers and staff to use

informed discretion and professional judgement to resolve community issues in a practical way. Local Resolution puts the victim(s) at the centre of the process to repair harm caused by offending, anti-social behaviour or other neighbourhood conflicts. Victims can have a say in the agreed outcomes and, in some circumstances, meet with offenders and a trained facilitator to decide what can be done to make things better.

**Drugs warrant** - We executed 1 drug warrant where no drugs were found. However, we gathered intelligence as well as traces of drugs through-out the property. Drugs are not accepted - we try our up most to keep them off our streets.

## Other news

### Yearly statistics

Violence against a person - 29  
Dwelling burglary + 2  
Criminal damage -21  
Non-dwelling burglary + 10  
Theft from motor vehicles 0  
Theft of motor vehicle - 8  
Total crime - 49  
Total ASB + 144

**Olympic Torch** - Plans are in an advanced stage for the passing of the Olympic Torch through Ludgershall and Tidworth on the 11 July. The team will be out in force to ensure that it passes safely through the parishes.

**Diamond Jubilee** - Several parishes have notified us of their plans to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with various events happening throughout the area. We wish to be notified of all such events.

### Empress Way, Ludgershall

It has been brought to our attention that youths are beginning to cause distress to local residents by loitering in Empress way, generally on a Wednesday and Thursday between 1730 and 1830. We will engage with these youths where ever possible. If needs be, the youths will be asked to leave the area.

### Local Resolution

Two local females will be helping with the Site Management Team in The Wellington Academy for 3 days in the school holidays. They unintentionally caused criminal damage to school property and are about to pay the consequences. School say they need to learn from their behaviour and mistakes by giving up a portion of their holiday.

## Joint patrols

Tidworth NPT worked alongside members of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) Police, Royal Military Police and senior staff from Tidworth Garrison to conduct a multi-agency operation on 25/26 January and 24/25 February. The operation ran through the late evenings into the early hours of the mornings and focussed on areas recently targeted by thieves. Officers conducted foot patrol in uniform and plain clothes as well as patrolling areas in both marked and unmarked vehicles. A number of people were stopped and spoken to by officers. Officers also offered security advice to residents regarding the safety of property. The operation was deemed a success by all those involved and they will be continued throughout the forthcoming months.

## Consultations

Tidworth Town Beat team will be holding consultations either at the station or at other locations within the community. We will endeavour to answer all your questions and concerns.

The next set of consultations for the Ludgershall and Rural team will be taking place towards the end of May. We will be focusing on:

- Ludgershall, Central Street to Gould Close including Dewey's Lane, High Street and St James Street.

The results of the consultations will be put forward at our next Neighbourhood Tasking Group meeting due to be held at the beginning of June.

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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 (15p per call.) 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 all other non crime matters contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100.



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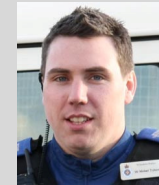
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## Tidworth Town Beat



Community Beat Manager  
**PC Jayne Wilby**



Police Community Support Officer  
**Michael Tryhorn**

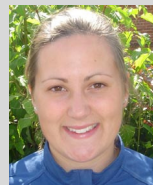
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**PC Michael Bayliss**



Police Community Support Officer  
**Maria Downham**



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**Philippa Royston**

**Bluez 'N' Zuz disco** - More than 70 young people attended the neon Bluez N Zuz disco. Prizes were given for a dance competition and best dressed. The disco is open to any young people in secondary education. The next one is on Tuesday 10 April, with admission £2. You can dress up as Easter Bunnies and Easter Eggs may be given out.

**Free property marking** - We have school talks and **free** bike marking booked in with Castle Primary School on Tuesday 17 April and Collingbourne Ducis Primary School on Wednesday 18 April. We hope to book in with Netheravon School in the next few weeks. We provide free marking for your property. Please make contact with one of the team if you want to take us up on this.