



Hello and welcome to the Community Policing Team Report for MARLBOROUGH and PEWSEY April 2019.

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## Crime Prevention Advice:



Wiltshire as a whole is a rural county with numerous beauty spot/sights for tourists and visitors to explore. The isolation of these areas make thefts from cars quite common, especially in the summer months.

### ADVICE:

- Before you leave home, think about what you need and leave any unnecessary items of value at home
- Make sure you do not leave documents which have your personal details on in your vehicle.
- Try to park in sign-posted parking areas
- Be cautious about parking your car in isolation. Thieves can be put off when other people are around
- Do not leave anything in your vehicle. A jacket or coat left behind may be of very little value to you, but a thief may think it has been used to hide a laptop or handbag and will break into your vehicle to find out
- Take items with you rather than locking them in the boot, you can't be sure who has seen you
- Do not leave your sat-nav in your vehicle and don't forget to remove the cradle and wipe the sucker marks from your windscreen
- Remember to shut all windows and sunroofs and lock all doors. Activate the alarm and immobilizer
- Make use of any security products you might have such as steering locks
- Whilst enjoying the sights make sure you keep your bag and possessions with you
- Register all your valuables on the Immobilize website

To report a theft to us call 101 our non-emergency number. If a crime is in progress call 999.



Ready your defenses to protect your castle. Make life hard for those who want to help themselves to what is not theirs.

The use of prickly plants as defensive ...planting creates a physical and psychological barrier and has proven to be a successful deterrent.

Consider trimming back any plants and hedges at the front of your property to no higher than one meter to remove hiding places for burglars.

Lock tools, valuables and ladders away securely so they can't be used to break into your property.



Following a number of reports in the last couple of days in and around Marlborough, please read the following information and pass on to your neighbors who may not have access to or use social media

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 or valuables or sell you something you do not want or need.

These types of people are often referred to as 'Nottingham Knockers', 'distraction burglars', 'bogus callers' or 'cold callers'.

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR:

If offenders are trying to sell you something on your doorstep, often cleaning products, they have been known to claim they are part of a rehabilitation scheme or similar arranged by probation services. This is not the case.

People should never feel pressured into buying something on their doorstep, whether it is goods or a service. We would urge people to contact the police if they feel threatened or intimidated.

If you have elderly or vulnerable neighbors it might be worth popping over to check they are okay if you have had cold callers visit your house.

An official visitor will always arrange an appointment with you before and will not turn up unannounced.

Our advice will always be to not open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting. Always check by using a spy-hole or look through a window.

## WORK IN THE COMMUNITY:

PCSO BRAITHWAITE has been Patrolling the London Road area of Marlborough on the 30<sup>th</sup> May due to concerns of 'Nottingham Knockers' - This is the term used for people out door to door selling without the correct permit to do so issued by the Police. Please call us if you are concerned about anyone coming to your door. We have today had complaints of males selling dish cloths and household cleaning items. 1 male has been arrested.



PCSO Paul Whiteside was at The Pewsey Library on the 28th May 2019 running a Police Community drop in surgery. To discuss concerns with crime and crime prevention in Pewsey and the surrounding areas. The next time and date he will be in Pewsey Library for this type of meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 between 530pm and 7pm

PCSO Paul Whiteside was visiting the European Election Polling Stations on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. During the day and evening he visited 17 of the Polling Stations in his area and is happy to confirm there were no problems reported.



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR:

PCSO Paul Whiteside was at Pewsey Vale Secondary school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, meeting the students during their lunch break to answer questions they may have. We hope that this will become a regular meeting.

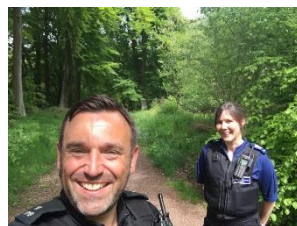
PCSO Paul Whiteside while on Patrol dropped in to see the White Horse Line Dancing group at the Scout Hut. They even tried to teach him a few moves on the dance floor.



PCSO Paul Whiteside and PC Ashley Rose were a Swan corner Pewsey on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 to support the Community Speed Watch team.



Team 3 were patrolling beauty spots around Marlborough on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019.



Wiltshire Police motorcycle officers supported around 100 members of BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) on their annual 100 mile run today, travelling from Thatcham to Marlborough, on to Avebury & Devizes, then back to Thatcham via Upavon & Basingstoke. BACA support children who have been victims of physical &/or sexual abuse. Around £8000 was raised by this BACA run today! Well done BACA.



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR:

PCSO Paul Whiteside was at Oare Primary School on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 meeting the Parents and Children as they arrived at school. The children asked lots of questions and enjoyed the visit.



PCSO Paul Whiteside was at Chirton Primary School on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 meeting the Parents and Children as they arrived at school.



On the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Team 2 with PD Ted (drugs dog) and his handler PC Dutton patrolling Priory Gardens this afternoon.



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR:

PCSO Yarranton and PCSO Camilleri have been out on patrol checking beauty spots. Enjoy the outdoors and please do not leave your valuables in your vehicles.



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