



Hello, Happy New Year and welcome to the Neighbourhood Policing Team Report for DEVIZES Town and DEVIZES Rural, JAN/ FEB 2020.

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SAFER SCHOOLS INTERNET DAY:

Wiltshire Police is focusing on supporting young people in our community throughout the month of February. Devizes, Pewsey and Marlborough PCSO's have been working together to promote Safer schools week – particularly with Internet safety day on 11th February. There are 34 primary schools across this sector and already 12 have received talks from our officers! The rest of these schools have been offered visits and will be receiving internet safety talks over the month.

The Force is looking at ways to better engage with children and young people in the county, as well as help provide educational support by posting vital information about crimes and subjects which most affect young people including how to stay safe online.

WAIBLINGEN WAY, DEVIZES:

We wanted to provide you with an update following the tragic case of Arson which occurred on Tuesday 17th December 2019 in Waiblingen Way, Devizes. The fire began in the communal area and quickly spread. Sadly a female in her 50's passed away and a male in his 20's was arrested as a result.

There has been a lot of media interest and the incident is still being investigated. Wiltshire Police have worked with partner agencies, including Aster Housing, to ensure members of the residential area made to feel safe and reassured. It has been our priority to conduct high visibility foot and vehicle patrols and engage with the public.

COURIER FRAUD:

Wiltshire Police have been assisting with a nationwide operation to tackle 'Courier Fraud'. Courier fraud is where fraudsters call someone, pretending to be a police officer or bank official, warning that there are corrupt bank staff, intent on stealing their money, and ask for their help. Typically, the caller then tells the victim to withdraw a sum of money and a courier is sent to collect it. City of London Police has co-ordinated the courier fraud activity, across all 43 police forces in England and Wales, and with colleagues from nine police forces, 44 arrests have been made since November 2019.

Local officers have been busy delivering information leaflets to vulnerable residents that do not have access to social media and alerting them to this method of deception.

This is a despicable crime where the offenders have absolutely no care for the victims they deal with.

Protection advice

Behind all of the clever tricks and ever-changing narratives, there are a few basic recurring elements that are common across many frauds, including courier fraud. Here's what you need to remember:

Your bank or the police will never...

- *call and ask you for your full PIN or full banking password*
- *Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them*
- *Ask you to transfer money out of your account*

It pays to stop and think anytime you receive a request for personal or financial information.

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If you think you have fallen victim to fraud, report it to Action Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Remember, if you feel uncomfortable or unsure about what you're being asked to do, never hesitate to contact your bank or financial service provider directly, using a number you trust, such as the one listed on your bank statements or on the back of your card. Alternatively, sense check your actions with a trusted friend or family member and get their advice on whether you should go through with any action relating to your finances.

RECENT NEWS STORIES....



Devizes Police

31 January at 18:43 · 🌐

One arrested in town today on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A & B drugs. Great pro-active stop by the team.



Devizes Police

31 January at 18:58 · 🌐

In another stop, this vehicle was stopped and seized for having no insurance. The driver was arrested on suspicion of driving with no insurance, possession of cannabis and possession of an offensive weapon



Devizes Police

7 February at 09:54 · 🌐

Two men charged with multiple offences including burglary are due to appear in court this morning.

Jason Cooper, 45, of Pound Road, Lymington, has been charged with burglary, criminal damage and going equipped for burglary. He has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Swindon Magistrates Court this morning.

Maurice Cooper, 47, of Addison Close, Gillingham, has been charged with burglary, criminal damage, going equipped for burglary and using a vehicle without third party insurance.

The pair were arrested in New Park Street, Devizes on February 6 following a report of a quad bike being stolen from an address in Charlton St Peter.

Both have been remanded in custody and are due to appear at Swindon Magistrates Court this morning.



Devizes Police

7 February at 14:08 · 🌐

A vehicle was stopped by officers on New Park Street today where the driver gave false details. The 28 year old male from Pinehurst, Swindon was arrested for obstructing police, fraud, no license and no insurance. His vehicle was subsequently seized. 🚓



PRIORITIES IN YOUR AREA:

Priority One:

SPEED CHECKS:

The neighbourhood team has taken complaints of speeding in the town, particularly on Bath Road, Devizes (before prison bridge, facing back towards Devizes)

Traffic units have been assigned to conduct speed checks in target areas as well as our Neighbourhood officers.

Priority Two:

RURAL BURGLARIES:

We are still receiving reports of rural dwelling burglaries, recently it has been jewellery that has been targeted.

Regular high visibility patrols are being conducted in order to deter opportunists from committing these thefts.

CRIME UPDATES:

All Cannings

On 07.01.2020, it was reported to us that some unknown suspects have chased a fox whilst in company of approximately 30 dogs.

Rowde

On 08.01.2020 a vehicle was stopped by officers and the driver was arrested for possession of a class B drug.

Overnight between 09-10.01.2020, Unknown suspect/s have used unknown means to break the lock of a diesel tank in an attempt to drain it. Suspect/s have then stolen a cattle trailer from the rear of the farm building.

On 26.01.2020 a car was stopped by officers and the vehicle was seized for having no insurance.

Horton

Overnight between 10-11.01.2020, unknown suspect/s have entered a farm site and stolen a trailer that was parked up on the site. The suspect/s have also stolen some drill batteries and chargers as well.

Coate

During the day on 21.01.2020, unknown suspects have accessed a residential property through the unlocked front door and have made an untidy search of the upstairs of the property. It appears that Gold and Jewellery have been taken at this time.

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On 23.01.2020, Unknown suspect/s have come onto a property, and located a ride on lawn mower on the property, which they pushed down the drive way and loaded it onto the back of a trailer.

Bromham

Between 26-31.01.2020, unknown suspect/s have stolen a trailer from a farm yard by cutting the securing lock that was covering the tow hitch. It is believed they have used an angle grinder.

Potterne

On 03.01.2020 a vehicle was seen and stopped by officers. The vehicle was seized for having no insurance.

Between 29-31.01.2020, unknown suspect/s have stolen by unknown means a Landrover Defender 110 from a location where it was parked securely.

Urchfont

On 04.01.2020 we received a report for potential Hare Coursing on Redhorn Hill.

Erlestoke

On 09.01.2020 a vehicle was stopped in Erlestoke. The driver was arrested for possession of class B drugs.

Great Cheverell

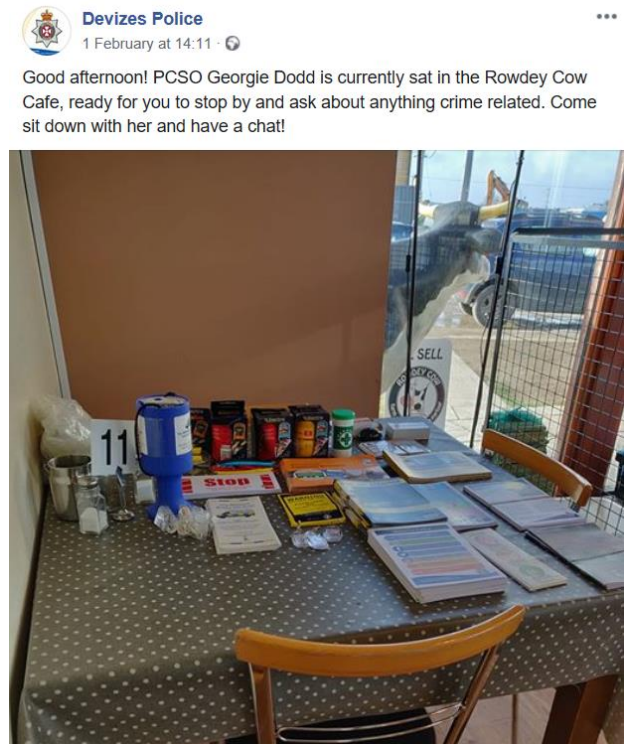
Following an illegal rave on 12.01.2020, two vehicles were stopped on Pear Tree Hill and was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence of drugs. Another vehicle was stopped and seized for having no insurance.

Other arrests were made for possession of class B drugs.

COMMUNITY DROP IN'S.....

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Be sure to come and say hello, here's where we've visited recently...



Upcoming dates will be added to our Facebook Page a few days in advance. However, if you do not have access to this and would like to speak with your PCSO, please email: 8229@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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