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Potterne, Great Cheverell, Little Cheverell, Erlestoke, West Lavington, Market Lavington, Littleton Panell,  
Easterton, Urchfont, Worton and Marston

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When you hear the word 'slavery' what do you think? Slavery makes up an important part of history, as does the era in which the law abolished the allowance of people owning slaves in 1833, which ended the suffering of millions of people. Despite this, slavery is still happening today.

While industries may have changed, exploiting people for financial gain hasn't. Unauthorised local car washes, nail bars, takeaways, restaurants and brothels are just some of the places we're finding victims, and what we're seeing is just the tip of the iceberg.

### What is modern slavery?

Modern slavery is the movement and trade of people of any age, often for the purpose of exploitation. Almost all forms of modern day slavery include some element of forced labour, which is 'any work or services people are forced to do against their will.'

There are many different types of modern slavery which include sexual exploitation, labour exploitation, domestic servitude, and criminal exploitation.

### The power of intelligence

We rely heavily on the public to be our eyes and ears, to be in the places we can't always be in.

Information received from the public could be the missing piece of a puzzle or break-through in a case. This is why we need your help - to protect some of society's most vulnerable people, who all too often don't have a voice.

### What is intelligence?

Put simply, 'intelligence' is information. Also known as 'intel', this type information is usually sent in from members of the public, or gathered by officers and investigative staff.

### Why is intelligence so important?

Intelligence is crucial for the police as we need as much information as possible to get a clear idea of what's going on, so that we can safeguard individuals and/or prosecute offenders wherever possible.

### What are the signs?

Not all of victims of modern slavery are aware they're slaves as working conditions may seem better than what they would receive normally (especially if they're from another country). Criminals are taking advantage of this and this is why it's important members of the public speak out for them, by telling us what you see you might help free someone enslaved with or without their knowledge.

There are many potential signs of exploitation - it's really important to be aware of what these are and to report any concerns you may have. Here are some examples:

- Their appearance may offer clues; they might have physical signs of abuse such as bruising or cuts
- They might also be unkempt, have poor personal hygiene and appear to wear the same (often dirty or damaged clothes) every day
- They may have unsuitable or no protective equipment for the job they are doing or may appear to lack skills or training in the job they are doing
- They be chaperoned or accompanied everywhere they go or appear to have someone speaking on their behalf
- They may be disorientated and not know where they are. They may also get picked up from and dropped off at a location several times a day.
- They may appear malnourished or dehydrated
- They may appear withdrawn

- They may have no access to money or may have someone controlling their money for them
- Their passport may be being held by someone else
- They may appear fearful, anxious or withdrawn and may avoid eye contact.
- They may appear exhausted

### Know how to report

Information from the public is vital in the fight against modern slavery. Together as a community we can eradicate slavery and trafficking in Wiltshire, and reduce the exploitation of the most vulnerable people. To report your concerns call us on 101. If you or someone else is in immediate danger call 999 straight away.

You can also report anonymously via:

- [The National Modern Slavery Helpline](https://www.modernslavery.co.uk) on 08000 121 700
- Or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

The UK-wide Modern Slavery Helpline, which is operated by Unseen UK, released the '[Unseen UK Modern Slavery App](https://www.unseen-uk.org/modern-slavery-app)' in July 2018 to make reporting to the helpline even easier. The App provides a simple guide to recognising the signs of modern slavery and reporting concerns in confidence to free more victims of slavery. The App can be downloaded by searching 'Unseen UK' in app stores now.



## Updates for your area.....

### Local Crimes

#### Worton

On 04.10.18 at 08:00 somebody was walking along the footpath to the bus stop when they were clipped by the wing mirror of a vehicle. A number plate was not noted on scene but Police have been conducting regular speed checks in this area.

#### Erlestoke

On 05.10.18 a package was thrown over the prison. The offender was not identified but the package was seized by prison staff.

On 12.10.18 at 10:00 a package was thrown over the prison. This is undergoing investigation.

On 16.10.18 at 15:50 a package was found in Erlestoke prison. Investigations are ongoing.

Overnight between 21.10.18 and 22.10.18 unknown suspects have entered a business via a security door and have conducted a messy search, resulting in the theft of machinery. Two items that have been stolen have since been recovered nearby. Investigations are ongoing.

On 29.10.18 at 11:05 a package was found inside Erlestoke Prison. Investigations are ongoing.

### **Little Cheverell**

Overnight between 21.10.18 and 22.10.18 at 09:20 a burglary took place in a residence, in an outbuilding. High value items were taken from the outbuilding. Investigations are ongoing.

### **West Lavington**

On 05.10.18 at 12:15 a car was recovered by Wiltshire Police on behalf of the DVLA for having the car parked on a public road with no tax. This makes the insurance invalid as well and the car also had no MOT.

### **Eastcott**

On 05.10.2018 at 22:00 it was reported to Wiltshire Police that unknown persons were hare coursing. A car and two motorbikes or quad bikes were observed. No CCTV was located of this incident and the call made to the Police was historic so no immediate action could be taken.

### **Potterne**

On 07.10.18 at 10:00 it was reported to the Police that a van had stopped at the roadworks, three unknown males have then left the van, picked up the cones on the road and got back in the van. Investigations are ongoing.

On 27.10.18 at around 16:00 an unknown person has cut a clean hole in a fence in order to let a deer escape. No suspects were seen and no CCTV recorded.

### **Rowde**

On 10.10.18 at 14:25 on Marsh Lane, a car lost control and collided with a wall. The driver was uninjured.

### **Easterton**

Overnight between 08.10.18 and 09.10.18 a car parked in Easterton was tampered with by means of undoing the wheel nuts. No suspects were identified and there was no CCTV of this incident.

### **Market Lavington**

On 21.10.18 at 07:45 a resident noticed a fire outside their garage. The fire consisted of a plastic bag with newspapers in it. Investigations are currently ongoing.

### **Great Cheverell**

During the night of 27.10.18 and 28.10.18 an illegal rave was discovered by officers doing patrols of the area. This was not reported the Police prior to them finding it, and as a result the rave was already established, with approximately 500 attendees.

Police officers have made arrests in relation to the rave as the offenders were leaving, for carrying sound equipment and stolen goods.

Please dial 101 to report a crime and 999 in an emergency.

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