



Hello, 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*

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

*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 · 🌐

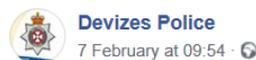
One arrested in town today on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A & B drugs. Great pro-active stop by the team.



**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:

### Bromham

Between 02.02.2020 and 03.02.2020, fencing was broken on a paddock and a horse was missing. The horse has since been recovered.

On 16.02.2020 a tree came down into the road at St Edith's Marsh and caused a three vehicle collision. One driver has sustained a slight head injury.

On 17.02.2020 a two vehicle collision occurred on the Westbrook road, drivers and passengers sustained injuries, but not life changing.

On 26.02.2020 a report was made to Police whereby a field has been damaged by what appears to be a 4x4 driving on it. This is a potential hare-coursing incident.

### Bishops Cannings

On 10.02.2020 a car was stopped by an officer and the driver was tested for driving whilst intoxicated on drugs. The driver tested positive and was subsequently arrested on suspicion of drug driving.

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### **Erlestoke**

On 05.02.2020 a package was thrown over the fence line at Erlestoke Prison and was then collected by an inmate. It is not known what was inside the package.

On 26.02.2020 a bag was thrown over the fence line at the Prison. Investigations are ongoing.

### **Potterne**

On 06.02.2020 two chainsaws were stolen from the back of a pickup truck. Investigations are ongoing to identify the suspects.

### **Market Lavington**

On 07.02.2020 in the Co-Op, a worker was filling up the tobacco when an unknown male took a pack of cigarettes and concealed them, making no attempt to pay.

On 14.02.2020 a young male was found to have a small amount of cannabis in his possession. He was given a community resolution to engage with partner agencies.

On 17.02.2020 a purse was stolen from the roof of a car where it was mistakenly put.

### **Easterton:**

On 27.02.2020 a padlock and stock fencing was cut from a field that was containing sheep. It is unknown why this has been done.

### **Little Cheverell**

Between 01.02.2020 and 11.02.2020 a bronze statue of a stag was stolen from a property.

### **West Lavington**

Between 12.02.2020 and 13.02.2020 a van was broken into in a public car park overnight, and all the tools were taken from the van.

## COMMUNITY DROP IN'S.....

Be sure to come and say hello, here's where we've visited recently and a list of our upcoming engagement dates...



PCSO 6015 Yarranton and PCSO 6188 Camilleri were at Devizes Library this morning 😊



Good afternoon! PCSO Georgie Dodd is currently sat in the Rowdey Cow Cafe, ready for you to stop by and ask about anything crime related. Come sit down with her and have a chat!



**PCSO Georgie Dodd will be in Devizes Market Place with Assistant PCC Jerry Herbert between 8am-12pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

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