



Hello, and welcome to the Neighbourhood Policing Team Report for DEVIZES Town and DEVIZES Rural, MAY 2020.

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RECENT NEWS STORIES....

Devizes Police
16 April at 20:12 · 🌐

Devizes Team 1 evening shift supporting the 8pm clap for Keyworkers, this time outside of Police HQ, Thank you Devizes ❤️



Devizes Police
7 April at 19:46 · 🌐

Thank you for the anonymous gift of kindness to Devizes Neighbourhood Officers this evening, much appreciated #bekind



Devizes Police
30 April at 20:33 · 🌐

Congratulations to the winners of our Rainbow Competition. This evening we took our officers to Nursted Park in Devizes for the 8pm clap of appreciation. I'm sure you will agree they had made a fantastic effort ❤️😊 Thank you to all of our entries, they were truly marvellous! #ClapForCarers #StayHomeSaveLives @wiltshirepolice



Devizes Police
30 April at 15:53 · 🌐

A Devizes man has been jailed for nearly six years after pleading guilty to a string of burglaries across four counties.

Christopher Pike, 37, of Waylands, Devizes, was sentenced to a total of five years and 10 months imprisonment at Swindon Crown Court today for burglaries committed between August 2019 and February 2020.

Three of the four burglaries were committed in Hampshire, and one in Upper Minety, Wiltshire which took place on February 14 this year.

Pike broke into the house and stole a number of items of jewellery and clothing.

In addition to this, when sentencing Pike a further 49 offences of burglary across Wiltshire, Thames Valley, Avon & Somerset and Hampshire were taken into consideration.

Det Sgt Gary Epps said: "During interview for the Minety burglary, Pike admitted to a string of burglaries committed in four separate counties and these were taken into consideration when he was sentenced.

"Pike mainly targeted rural detached addresses during a crime spree that lasted many months, stealing mainly items of jewellery and on occasion, electrical items.

"Burglary can be really distressing for victims and Pike has shown no regard for them when committing these offences.

"Everyone should feel safe in their own home, and having someone break in and take personal items can be extremely upsetting – the impact can be felt for many months after.

"We have worked closely with neighbouring forces during this investigation and I am pleased that this prolific offender has been given a lengthy prison sentence."

[COVID-19 Update...](#)

If you wish to report a COVID-19 related incident please see our website for the new form:

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/5951/Coronavirus-report-your-concerns>

SUMMARY OVERVIEW - FIXED PENALTY NOTICES RELATING TO COVID-19



Period covering 27 March - 27 April 2020

Between **27 March 2020 and 27 April 2020** Wiltshire Police received 996 calls on average per day, of which 21 per cent were 999 calls, 44 per cent were 101 calls and 36 per cent were to our Crime Recording Bureau. There were also 3,914 (140 per day on average) online reports relating to COVID-19 made between 30 March 2020 (when this service was made available) and 27 April 2020.

Between the **27 March 2020 and the 27 April 2020** Wiltshire Police issued a total number of 150 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) to 140 individuals. 201 offences were listed within the 150 FPNs issued. The first FPN issued by Wiltshire Police was on 4 April 2020.

10 people have been issued with FPNs on more than one occasion.

The **majority of the notices** were for the following reasons: 'Contravene requirement as to restriction of movement during emergency period' and 'Contravene requirement to not participate in a gathering in public of more than two people'.

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:

On 23.04.2020, unknown suspect(s) have gained access to a garage and have stolen a chainsaw within.

Coate:

On 07.04.2020, unknown suspect(s) have smashed a padlock on a garage door to gain entry. A hedge cutter and a leaf blower have been stolen from inside.

Horton:

On 21.03.2020, unknown suspect(s) have stolen a trailer left insecure outside a farm building.

Rowde:

An officer stopped a car travelling through Rowde on 23.04.2020 and conducted a drugs test, for which the driver tested positive. The driver was subsequently arrested.

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An officer stopped a car travelling through Rowde on 23.04.2020. It transpired the car had no insurance and the vehicle was seized.

Urchfont:

Between 29.03.2020 and 30.03.2020, a business door had been smashed, however nothing has been stolen or moved around.

Littleton Panell:

Between 28.04.2020 and 29.04.2020, a yard was broken by cutting the locks, catalytic converters and diesel has been stolen.

Market Lavington:

On 29.04.2020 a male was stopped by an officer following a theft. The male was searched and class B drugs were located on him. The male has been given a cannabis street warning. He was also given a community resolution for the theft.

Potterne:

On 21.03.2020 a car has been damaged by unknown person(s).

COMMUNITY DROP IN'S.....

Sadly due to the current COVID-19 restrictions we do not have any Community Drop In's arranged, but please do let us know if you have any suggestions for locations we can visit when Lockdown is lifted.

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

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