



Community Event Planning

As 2017 begins, event organisers across our policing area will be starting to plan for this year's local community events.

Please remember to let us know about upcoming events in good time, particularly if you'd like your local PCSO to visit.

We recognise that local events are a good opportunity for us to get feedback about any community issues or problems whilst providing some reassurance and visible policing across our rural towns and villages.

Event plans should consider issues such as parking, control of traffic and warning signs. These are the responsibility of event organisers and Police should not be expected to act as road marshals or provide 'no waiting' cones or 'Police slow' signs.

Cones and suitable warning signs can be purchased independently by organising groups but there are also clear opportunities for this type of equipment to be shared locally by different events.

Southern Wiltshire Area board will be holding a meeting with event planning as a theme (other local area boards may choose to hold similar meetings).

This meeting should help to explain the processes behind event planning, how to inform Police/ Council about an event, how to apply for a road closure and also explore possibilities for equipment purchase/ sharing between groups.

Community Messaging and social media

If not already signed up, please register with our Community messaging system via

<https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk>

We use the system to send out a daily (Mon-Fri) crime summary email as well as other local policing updates and witness appeals.

Please use Parish/ Town newsletters to promote this system. We currently have over 1000 members register but would like to increase this coverage.

If you are a Facebook user please also have a look at our CPT page – search for 'Salisbury Police' on Facebook.

You can also follow us on Twitter @SouthWiltsCPT

Report for Parish Councils – Downton Rural Beat
(Britford, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Odstock and Redlynch)

Current local Policing Priorities

- **Recent Non-dwelling Burglary series**

Targeted patrols following recent series of overnight burglaries to sheds/ outbuildings and linked thefts of garden power tools. Recent offences have been reported in Redlynch, Hamptworth, Lover, Nomansland and Downton.

There have also been other rural thefts which are possibly being committed by the same group of offenders-

11/12/16 – Theft of staddle stones – Britford

21/12/16 – Theft of Landrover tyres – Redlynch

02/01/17 – Theft of gas bottles – Downton Industrial estate

Police Officers are carrying out stop checks and searches of any suspicious vehicles and/ or persons, patrols to focus on areas close to county boundary.

We have also requested assistance from our Tri-Force Roads Policing and Dog units in carrying out these patrols.

Local officers are continuing to liaise with colleagues from Hampshire Police to identify similar offences across the border and share intelligence.

We will shortly be carrying out a targeted policing operation in this area.

-Now is a really good time to review the security of your shed, garage or outbuildings.

-Please consider improving locks/ padlocks and fit an alarm and/ or security lighting.

-Take an inventory of tools and equipment

-Please take photos and record make, model and serial numbers

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