

## Vehicle crime prevention advice – switch off Bluetooth on your sat nav

Wiltshire Police has received a number of reports of vehicle crime across the county including the theft of possessions from vehicles and thefts of number plates and catalytic converters.

Often the theft of possessions is by an opportunistic thief who notices that a car has been left insecure and decides to break in. However, the latest technique adopted by thieves is to use Bluetooth on their mobile phones to identify sat navs that have been hidden away but are still on, with their Bluetooth enabled. Therefore, if you don't take your sat nav with you, conceal it in a place that is secure and out of sight, disable its Bluetooth and switch it off.

You can also follow the advice below to help prevent the theft of possessions from vehicles:

- Clean sat nav suction marks from your windscreen, as this is an immediate advert to thieves that a sat nav is in the vehicle
- Make sure car doors, windows and sun roofs are properly closed and locked
- Remove your stereo if you can – mark it with the vehicle registration number if you can't
- Don't leave laptops, mobile phones, handbags, credit cards, cheque books or vehicle documents in your car. If it is unavoidable place them in the boot and ensure equipment is completely switched off
- Leave your glove box open to show there is nothing in it
- Leave nothing on show – you may know that there is no wallet in your jacket, but a thief will break a window just to check
- If you own a van, make sure you remove tools overnight and display an appropriate sign in the rear window making this clear

Criminals will often steal number plates in order to conceal the identity of their vehicle and commit crime. This can range from the theft of fuel from petrol stations to more serious offences such as robberies, burglaries and drug dealing. To replace a number plate normally costs around £30. However, anti-tamper number plate screws are available from major retailers such and only cost about £5.

The high price of scrap metal has also led to a spate of catalytic converter thefts. For companies that own a fleet of vehicles it can be extremely expensive to replace these, with one catalytic converter costing around £2,500. In order to prevent these thefts from occurring, anti-theft devices can be ordered over the internet and range in price from £80 to £200.

## Parents' internet guide to help with children surfing the world wide web

A new TV-style show created by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre, **The Parents' and Carers' Guide to the Internet**, has been created online exploring the challenges of parenting in an online age.

While the risks to children may be different to those of the 1950s, parenting skills are still as relevant as they ever were.

Talking to children about their online lives is one of the best things parents can do to protect them so they can enjoy the opportunities offered by the internet.

The show sets out simple practical ideas for parents to make sure their children are protected from risks – which range from cyber-bullying to grooming by those who wish them harm – as well as a few surprises about what children get up to online.

Visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) to view the **The Parents' and Carers' Guide to the Internet**.

## Trowbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team

April – June 2012

Quarterly newsletter



### Your neighbourhood priorities

Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) priorities are set in consultation with the community. We set these priorities so we can focus on tackling important issues in your area. The priorities below are current for Trowbridge NPT:

#### Trowbridge Central Beat

- Criminal damage - Gloucester Road
- Alcohol related anti-social behaviour in Trowbridge Park
- Cycling on pavements

#### Adcroft and Paxcroft Beat

- Charles Street - anti-social behaviour
- Drug issues - Charlotte Square

#### Trowbridge Park Beat

- No priorities for this area were identified by community representatives at the last tasking meeting

#### Drynham and Grove Beat

- Anti-social behaviour at the garages - Willow Grove
- Traffic offences being committed at the Dursley Road/County Way Junction

#### Lambrook Beat

- Anti-social behaviour in Summerleaze
- Anti-social behaviour at the play area in Manor Road
- Anti-social behaviour - Cavendish Drive

#### Trowbridge Rural

- Anti-social behaviour - Tutor Drive
- Parking issues at Chantry Gardens following reports from the community of dangerous and inconsiderate parking in the area

### Sergeant Malcolm McLundie



Welcome to the latest newsletter as we start looking forward to warmer weather and lighter evenings. It is with this in mind that we are focusing on anti-social behaviour and, as recently highlighted in the Wiltshire Times, alcohol-related anti-social behaviour. I am working closely with Wiltshire Council on creating ways of reducing the issues and in turn making areas like the town park a safe and enjoyable place for everyone to use. I am also looking forward to the Olympic torch coming to our town and planning is ongoing to make it a great day for us all. I am still getting reports of vehicle crime that are mainly as a result of items of value being left in view and the vehicle being left open. I urge you all to check your vehicles before leaving them.



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See page 2 for details of meetings/consultations

## What's been happening

Below is a summary of crime trends across the beats during the past quarter:

### Trowbridge Central

- Reports of alcohol related offences in the Town Park have increased recently and your temporary Community Beat Manager PC Pete Tuite is leading on this (see section opposite for more information)

### Adcroft and Paxcroft

- Reports of anti-social behaviour around the Hub and chip shop in Charles Street. Community Beat Manager PC Jodie Price is working on this as a priority

### Trowbridge Park

- Reports of vehicle related anti-social behaviour have been reported around the Tesco Car park late at night

### Drynham and Grove

- There have been increasing reports of vehicle related anti-social behaviour in and around Spitfire retail park

### Lambrok

- Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage being reported around Manor Road and Lambrok Close on nearby building sites

### Trowbridge Rural

- Reports of young people behaving anti-socially and climbing on cars in Hollis Way is being looked at by your Community Beat Team led by PC Mark Hough

## Consultations

The consultations listed below are opportunities for you to meet the team and raise any community concerns:

Co-op Sycamore Grove - Saturday 14 April 10am - 12noon  
Seymour Community Hub, Charles Street - Wed 18 April 3pm - 4pm  
West Ashton Village Hall - Wednesday 18 April 3pm - 3.30pm  
Southwick Country Park Cafe - Friday 20 April 9am - 9.30am  
One Stop Marsden Road - Saturday 21 April 12noon - 12.30pm  
Brokerswood Cafe - Tuesday 24 April 4pm - 4.30pm  
Co-op Dursley Road - Friday 27 April 6pm - 6.30pm  
Studley Green Resource Centre, Manor Rd - Mon 30 April 7pm - 9pm

Tesco Express, Frome Road - Thursday 3 May 6pm - 6.30pm  
Shires Centre - Saturday 5 May 3pm - 4pm  
Co-op Sycamore Grove - Friday 11 May 12noon - 12.30pm  
One Stop Marsden Road - Saturday 19 May 6pm - 6.30pm  
Southwick Country Park Cafe - Friday 25 May 9am - 9.30am  
Co-op Dursley Road - Saturday 26 May 12noon - 12.30pm  
West Ashton village Hall - Saturday 26 May 4pm - 4.30pm  
Brokerswood Cafe - Tuesday 29 May 4pm - 4.30pm

Shires Centre - Saturday 2 June 10am - 12noon  
Brokerswood Cafe - Tuesday 26 June 4pm - 4.30pm  
West Ashton Village Hall - Wednesday 27 June 3pm - 3.30pm  
Southwick Country Park Cafe - Friday 29 June 9am - 9.30am

## Warning letters sent

Police patrols have increased around the park and town centre. In March and April 11 people were directed to leave, some were later arrested for breaching the order.

Several young people found in possession of alcohol have had formal warning letters sent to their parents /guardians in the first stage of this process. On the third occasion of being found with alcohol they may be referred to an anti-social behaviour committee and reviewed by partner agencies which could lead to an ASBO. This is aimed at reducing under-age drinking.

Numerous warning letters have also been sent following vehicle related anti-social behaviour at Spitfire retail park which ultimately could involve vehicles being seized.

## Shed and garage advice

- Use locks at all times
- Protect glass by fitting a grille or strong wire mesh to the inside of the window and nail up or fit locks to any windows that can be opened
- Prevent anyone seeing into your shed or garage by placing curtains or other coverings over the window or blacken them out with paint
- Consider fitting high security garage door locks, such as the 'pacri lock', that can be fitted to the sides of an 'up and over' door. These can be purchased from DIY stores or locksmiths
- Roller doors can also be fitted to garages with extra security locks
- Mark your property with your name and postcode

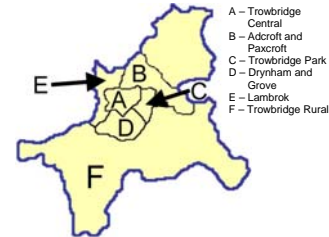
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# Trowbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team

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## NPT map



The aim of neighbourhood policing is to have a dedicated policing team in your local community. We are here to work **with you** to tackle local concerns raised **by you**. We work with residents and local agencies to improve your quality of life.

To contact Wiltshire Police or to report a crime or an incident call **101**. Only call **999** in an emergency when a crime is in progress.

If you want to give information anonymously about a crime call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

For all other non crime matters contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100.

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## Trowbridge Central Beat



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## Adcroft and Paxcroft Beat



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**PC Jodie Price**



Police Community Support Officer  
**James Bates**



Community Beat Manager  
**Lee Pelling**

## Drynham and Grove Beat



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Police Community Support Officer  
**Andrew McLachlan**



Community Beat Manager  
**PC Jade Coupland**



Police Community Support Officer  
**Joseph Leeds**

## Lambrok Beat

## Trowbridge Rural Beat



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