

RWB & Cricklade Area Board Community Safety Group Meeting  
Friday November 10th 2023  
1200-1300 via Teams

1. **Wiltshire Police discussion**

Sgt Kate Smith and Inspector Gareth Edwards updated the meeting and took questions from those present and via email beforehand.

Sgt Smith informed the group that the local police have been busy of late with weather related issues, they carried out a Day of Action at Clack Hill, Bradenstoke, they have also been heavily involved with preparations for Remembrance weekend events and have been into primary schools to talk about knife crime.

Topics covered included:-

**Flooding** – who do you go to “in the moment”?

The police are there to maintain law and order. Suggest calling 101 – they can liaise with the Council over signage / road closures etc

Places such as Malmesbury who have frequent flood alerts have an excellent flood plan in place – suggest talking to the Town Clerk, Clare Mann.

Purton does have a flood warden who will put out signs where there is regular flooding.

**Cannabis Factory – RWB**

Local information led to the discovery of a Cannabis Factory with c £25k drugs. The property was a rental via a London agency. Investigation is ongoing.

**Knife Crime – RWB**

Zero tolerance approach, 2 recent incidents reported in RWB with large blades. Arrests made.

**Theft from Cash machines in car parks**

These have been happening across the county therefore organised crime is suspected

**Purton – Tadpole Lane RTCs.**

Local reports of RTCs, potentially not appearing on crash reports. Police only log if they attend. Can carry out speed enforcement if specific times and locations can be defined.

**Tockenham – Mud on Road**

Mud will occur as part of the process of food production. Farmers need to clean the road but there is no specified time scale.

Motorists are expected to drive to the road conditions, and should therefore slow down if they see mud on the road.

With wider vehicles and larger farms, damage to verges and mud on the road may well be the new norm which we have to live with. Wiltshire Council and police will do what they can if there is a hazard caused by the farmer which has not been dealt with.

**Hook Street Parking, Lydiard Millicent**

Police did check and whilst cars were parked on the road and pavement, they were not blocking the accesses or the road so no offence committed. The crime of creating an obstruction has to be witnessed (eg a pram or wheelchair not being able to use a pavement). Double yellow line parking enforcement lies with the relevant council (SBC/Wiltshire )

**RWB Police Station**

A question was asked as to whether or not the Response Team was moving from RWB Police Stations and if there were would the police station ultimately close down.

Inspector Edwards was unable to answer the question due to internal communication protocols.

Post meeting, Superintendent Phil Staynings contacted Allison Bucknell to explain that the Response Team will be based from Gablecross, however there will be one response team working out of RWB Station. Community Policing Teams unaffected.

2. **Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service**  
Due to a reorganisation, Phil People is moving to a different area and Dean Hoskins will return as the Station Manager.
3. **Future Meetings:-**  
Second Friday of the month 1200-1300  
December 8th 2023 –Flooding – Cllr Nic Puntis, Portfolio Holder for Flooding  
January 12th 2024 – Combatting Fly Tipping - Peter White, Enforcement Manager, Wiltshire Council

A suggestion was made to include Parking as a future topic.

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## **Present**

Lyneham & Bradenstoke  
Royal Wootton Bassett  
Tockenham

Shendie Green  
Cllr Pat Farrow  
Cllr Diana Kirby

## **Wiltshire Council**

SEPM  
Area Boad Delivery Officer  
Lyneham  
Purton

Andrew jack  
Louisa Young  
Allison Bucknell  
Jacqui Lay

## **Wiltshire Police**

Sgt Kate Smith  
Inspector Gareth Edwards

## **Others**

Neighbourhood Watch RWB

Howard Chandler

## **Apologies**

Wiltshire Council  
RWB North  
RWB South  
RWB East  
Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett  
Cricklade  
Purton  
Lydiard Millicent  
Tockenham  
Lyneham & Bradenstoke Parish Council

Mary Champion  
David Bowler  
Steve Bucknell  
Cllr Candace Gaisford  
Cllr Jonathon Hill  
Andy Corbett  
Mike Sharp  
Cllr Kevin Woolnough  
Ron Glover