WILTSHIRE POLICE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Alton Barnes

Quarter 4 2023

Crimes and incidents
Wiltshire Police record crimes and incidents in accordance with the National Crime and incident recording standards. Not all incidents that one would consider a crime are necessarily classified as a crime for recording purposes.

NB- The below statistics do not account for incidents that police respond to but do not need any follow up (Road traffic incidents, minor incidents of Anti-social behaviour)
From: 1st Oct 2023- 28th Dec 2023

1 crime and 1 incident has been recorded in the Alton Barnes Parish area.
0 Dwelling burglaries have been reported

Having reviewed the crime data for the area – There are no apparent trends that are presented or a series of crimes that are linked.

Speed enforcement

Both the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Speed Watch Enforcement Team have conducted several pro-active checks in the local area. Speed enforcement has taken place at 28 different locations in the Pewsey area between October- December 2023. During this period, 141 drivers have been offered speed awareness courses, 9 drivers have been issued with a fine and points on their license and 0 drivers have been reported to court for excess speed. During this period, there have been several pro-active patrols made of the Pewsey area from Neighbourhood, Response and Specialist Operations teams which have resulted in the arrests of several drivers for drink/drug driving related offences.

Community consultations
Although we have not had a drop-in surgery in Alton Barnes itself, there have been 9 community engagements locally during this period.

During the lead up to Christmas, officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team have been focusing on Operation Elf, which has involved numerous high-visibility foot patrols of the Devizes, Marlborough, and Pewsey areas to deter criminality such as shopliftings and offer crime prevention advice to businesses and members of the public. There have been several pro-active arrests and positive outcomes linked to thefts from retail businesses in the area during this period.

In the next three months we will be in the following locations.

4th January 2024 at Holy Cross Church, Great Bedwyn
8th February 2024 The Royal Oak, Wootton Rivers
15th February 2024, Burbage Coffee Morning, Burbage (need location from Emily J?)
12th March, Bouverie Hall

The specific times of these surgeries will be advertised via community messaging. You and your residents can sign up for community messaging at www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Other local matters

On Wednesday 20th December 2023, an 18-year-old male from the local area was arrested by Police after a vehicle was taken from the Wootton Rivers area without the owner's consent. The vehicle was later recovered by Police following a pursuit. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of aggravated vehicle taking, dangerous driving, failing to stop for Police and driving whilst unfit through drugs and driving otherwise in accordance with a licence. The matter currently remains under investigation.