

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Community Safety Forum Notes – 11th December 2020

Meeting chaired by Cllr Allison Bucknell

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Parish Representatives:		Wiltshire Council	
Purton	Cllr Jim Read	CEM	Jane Vaughan
Braydon		Lyneham	Allison Bucknell
Broad Town	Clerk Emna Diamant	RWB North	<i>ap. Mary Champion</i>
Clyffe Pypard	Cllr John Hughes	RWB East	<i>ap. Mollie Groom</i>
Cricklade	Cllr Angela Jensen	RWB South	Chris Hurst
Latton	No rep	Cricklade	Bob Jones
Lydiard Millicent		Purton	<i>ap. Jacqui Lay</i>
Lydiard Tregoz			
Lyneham & Bradenstoke	Mike Robertson	Others	
Marston Meysey,		Neighbourhood Watch	Howard Chandler
Tockenham	Diana Kirby	DWFRS	Station Mgr Wayne Presley
Royal Wootton Bassett	David Bowler	Youth	Cllr Sue Hughes
		Police	Insp Doug Downing

Policing During Covid (Doug Downing)

Still employing the Engage, Explain, Encourage approach.

Only one positive Covid test amongst staff. Important to keep staff safe, but the nature of the job means that it is not always possible to protect staff fully, so need to make sure that resilience planning is sound in case of multiple officers off. Policing will be robust over Christmas, but will not be knocking on doors on Christmas Day.

In response to questions..

Unsure where police are on the Covid Vaccination priority list.

Local businesses are reacting superbly to restrictions, younger people are breaching but also older people.

The highest level of breaches are in the town centres.

Local Police Priorities (Doug Downing)

Crime figures locally still low, no worrying exceptions. Keeping a visible presence important, sharing on Social Media.

Police workload is very much Mental Health, Domestic Violence and Modern Slavery (to be found in nail bars, car wash, rural businesses for example)

There is a full time Mental Health worker in the control room

Public priorities still around speeding, burglaries, feeling safe. Police are looking at speeding issues on Noremars Road (Community Speed Watch - CSW)

Increase in officer numbers expected in December.

Community Issues

RWB South – speeding. What resources are available, visible presence and are the the criteria for CSW going to be reviewed

County Lines has limited impact here but we are M4 corridor so we do get some

Domestic Violence – is the BAME population in our Community Area adversely affected? The

Independent Advisory Group (IAG) has been briefed on how to communicate with hard to reach

groups. Is this something we can work on with Area Board ? There is new system on Stop and

Search where the Independent Scrutiny Panel can dip into check body worn camera footage to see if this is disproportionate to BAME residents.

There were Black Lives Matters marches in Swindon but not locally.

Tockenham – concerns over white vans driving recklessly and also tractor drivers not heeding to road conditions. Can we do spot checks on contractors at peak times?

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Cricklade – need more Risk assessments to enable CSW. Parking issues

Purton – Neighbourhood Watch – thanks for the help with drug issues

Broad Town – speeding

Lyneham & Bradenstoke – would police support Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)? – yes!

RWBTC – Drugs and ASB

Neighbourhood Watch – size of lorries, not just speed

Clyffe Pypard – Good police presence, problem with tractors

It was noted that if there is a problem with Commercial Vehicles then writing to the Transport Manager or complain to the DVSA can bring results.

Date of Future Meetings

Friday 8th Jan 2021 1200-1300 Via Teams

Friday 12th Feb 2021 1200-1300 Via Teams

Friday 12th Mar 2021 1200-1300 Via Teams