

Pewsey Area Board

June 2016

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sergeant: Clare Wallace (currently A/PS Richard Barratt)

Pewsey East

PC Teresa Herbert

Pewsey West

PC Dave McCalmont

Pewsey PCSO (both areas)

Jonathan Mills

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

There is only one current priority for the Pewsey area: to focus on dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries, specifically in Pewsey, Burbage & Great Bedwyn. In the last two months there have been ten burglaries; four have been non-dwellings, four have been from dwellings, and two have been commercial burglaries.

In addition, in the last month there have been two thefts from canal boats. However, in only one of these thefts property was taken, which was low value.

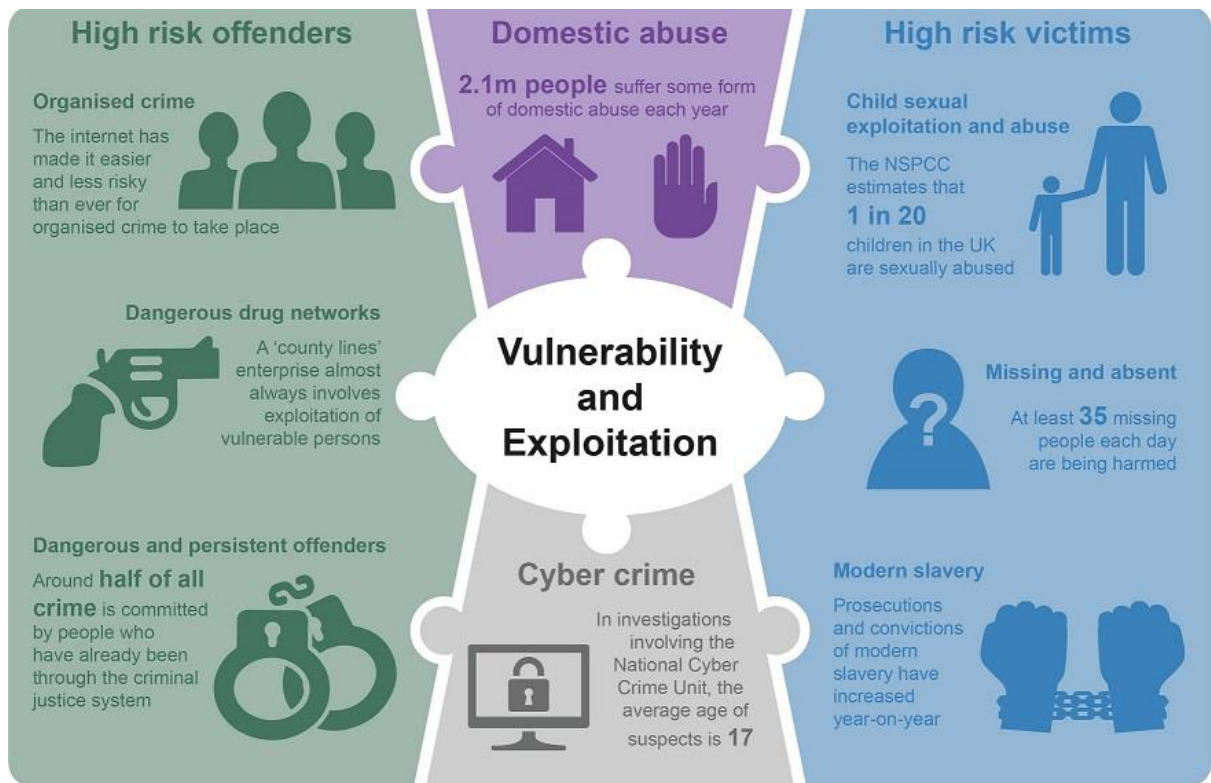
In response to the rise in dwelling burglaries, we have increased targeted patrols and have also planned operations in the coming weeks to target these offences.

We have also been working with a crime prevention officer to put target hardening measures in place at our most vulnerable locations. Please revisit your security features on your property, such as chains and locks, CCTV, and lighting. Also consider:

- Security marking items
- Recording Serial numbers
- Photographing items
- Locking away and securing valuable items when not in use
- Having secured access point into yards/premises.

If you have any information in relation to these crimes please let us know. As you can imagine such crimes are incredibly distressing for victims.

3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy



Cybercrime

Pewsey NPT have recently made contact with the victim of an online scam living in the Pewsey area. The victim befriended somebody on social media who made up a story so that the victim would send large amounts of money via online bank transfers. Despite being advised that this was a scam, the victim has continued to send money. We are now treating the person as vulnerable and are in the process of helping him.

Domestic Abuse

Pewsey NPT are currently involved in pro-active engagement with a recently released prisoner for violent domestic abuse offences.

High Risk Victims

Sadly, elderly people are often the victims of rogue trader type offences and distraction burglaries.

PC Herbert has been working with her communities to spread awareness of these type of offences and to offer security and advice in 'Safety at Home' presentations.

Teresa recently made a presentation to Burbage Good Companions which was attended by more than sixty people and was very well received. As a result many referrals were made to the Bobby Van to increase safety and security.

Due to the success of that presentation, Teresa has more planned.

Teresa is also involved in planning a Community Safety Day on 18th September in Great Bedwyn which will include an input from the Solomon Theatre company who deliver productions on distraction burglaries to elderly communities. There are also many other organisations who will be attending.

We have recently had reports of people selling door to door in the Pewsey Community Area. They do require a Pedlars Certificate to do so, which are rarely held, instead they will produce a laminated piece of card entitled Hawkers Licence – these are invalid. We report for summons all those we deal with. Intelligence has linked these individuals to organised crime groups.

Pewsey NPT have also been dealing with reports of scam phone calls, particularly targeting vulnerable and elderly people. Callers are stating they are police officers, and have a person detained who is in possession of bank and credit cards in their name. These callers then proceed to ask for details of their bank accounts and PIN numbers. They can be very convincing. Please share this information with friends, relatives and relevant people to reduce their risk of becoming victims of these crimes. Advice and guidance can be found at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

High Risk Offenders

The NPT continue to work closely with the Public Protection Department to identify persistent or dangerous offenders, to engage with them and to take positive action where required.

Other local issues

- **Possession of cannabis:** At 2223 07/06/2016 during a stop search of a vehicle in the Burbage a small quantity of herbal cannabis was located. The suspect was dealt with by issuing a cannabis street warning.
- **Affray:** At approximately 2050 hours 20/06/16 a male was arrested for affray after a third party reported two people fighting in the High Street, Pewsey. Both were located with facial injuries. One male received a caution.
- **Attempt Burglary:** At 1230 21/05/2016 two males were disturbed at a premises in Chisbury. When challenged they stated they were looking for scrap metal. They are suspected to have entered one of the buildings on site but nothing was stolen. The suspects made off in a white Transit and a partial registration number was noted. The vehicle is registered to an address out of county and enquiries are continuing.
- **Theft:** At 1530 16/05/2016 a Nissan Navara 4 X 4 was stolen from Newtown and was subsequently recovered near Lambourn.

- **Speeding:** Pewsey NPT has carried out speed enforcement sessions in local villages, the most recent of which involved the assistance of special constable colleagues, particularly in Easton Royal on the 7th June.
Two policing operations were conducted in the area recently to tackle speeding and other motoring offences where we were assisted by Roads Policing officers and Wiltshire Council enforcement officers, during which traffic offences were identified and two vehicles were seized for having no insurance.

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