



Hello and welcome to the Community Policing Team Report for DEVIZES Town and DEVIZES Rural.

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Parking

Illegally parked cars are dealt with by your local council. They can deal with cars parked illegally on yellow lines, school markings, in council car parks, permit areas, bus lanes and disabled bays. If parking restrictions are flouted, penalty notices can be issued.

Dangerous and obstructive parking can be dealt with by council wardens and by Wiltshire Police, who will advise drivers to move their car to a legal place, issue a fine or in some cases have the car removed.

When to call us

We will only deal with parking issues if:

- The highway is being obstructed
- the parking issue may cause a danger to the public (i.e. outside of a school)
- someone has parked on a dropped curb
- someone has obstructed someone's driveway.

When to call your local council

Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council control the parking within their areas. For parking complaints such as vehicles parked on double yellows or vehicles parked in disabled spaces with no blue badge, please contact your local council.

Report any obstructions on the road, such as mud, illegal signs, overhanging tree branches, hedges, skips or scaffolding, to the council.

- Wiltshire Council Parking: 01249 706131
- Wiltshire Council Highways: 0300 456 0105
- Swindon Borough Council Parking: 01793 445501 or report online.
- Swindon Borough Council Highways StreetSmart Team: 01793 445501.

Before calling us

Please check with your immediate neighbours and ask them politely to move their vehicle if it is blocking the entry/ exit of your drive.

To report any of these incidents please call our non-emergency 101 number.

In some cases your Community Policing Teams will be tasked to combat the issue, such as dangerous parking in and around school times.

If you have issues with someone who is using your private driveway this will be a civil matter and we advise you contact the Citizens Advice Bureau.

The offences

It should be noted that both obstruction of the highway and wilful obstruction are offences that can be dealt with by way of non-endorsable Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). In extreme instances, the vehicle may be removed by the police at which point the person recovering is liable for all costs in respect of this matter (minimum £150).

Where a vehicle has been left so as to cause danger to others then this is either a report for summons or an endorsable FPN which can lead to both points on a licence and a £100 charge. If the vehicle is unattended, it will almost certainly be removed in this case.

Audible alarms

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We do not attend audible alarm activations for properties or vehicles unless there is evidence from a person at the scene that a criminal offence is in progress, or there is additional information of people acting suspiciously, broken windows, signs of forced entry or lights on inside the property.

Most properties with an alarm will be linked to an alarm monitoring company who will inform the police of an activation.

If the alarm is repeatedly and persistently sounding this could be considered a noise nuisance.

You can find more helpful information in the NPCC and Secured by Design security systems policy . The Security Systems Policy is a public document designed to give details of police response and the requirements for the private security industry involved in providing the installation, maintenance and monitoring of such systems.

If you believe a property or vehicle is in the process of being broken into, call us on 999.

PRIORITIES IN YOUR AREA:

Anti-Social Behaviour - Devizes Town and Market Lavington

It is essential that we tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) within our community. ASB is defined as, *“Acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household.”* We have had an increase in reports of this type of behaviour in both Devizes and Market Lavington.

ADVICE:

Please report any behaviour as defined above to 101.

Rural Crime – Hare-coursing and Beauty Spot Thefts

It is imperative that we maintain a high visible presence within our rural county. As the spring/summertime is fast approaching, we anticipate an increase in visitors to both our Beauty Spot areas and countryside. We will be aiming to regularly patrol our Beauty Spots and our rural sites that unfortunately do become a target of vehicle and rural crime.

ADVICE:

It is important for members of the public not to leave any valuables within their vehicles. It is also important for members of the Public to report any suspicious activity to us.

Vehicle Crime– Community Speed Watch/Drink Driving

Keeping our roads safe is extremely important within our area as we have several A Roads that pass through DEVIZES. We will be receiving fortnightly updates from our Community Speed Watch Teams with specific areas to target.

ADVICE:

It is important that we work with the general public to identify unsafe road users within our county. We hope to show how hard we will be working to target the Roads through our Social Media updates.

CRIME UPDATES:

Urchfont:

On 02.06.19 a Road Traffic Collision occurred near Wedhampton where a car ended up in a ditch following a sharp bend. No injuries were reported and officers on scene removed the car from its dangerous position in the road.

On 22.06.19 a Road Traffic Collision occurred on Lydeaway Junction whereby the driver fell asleep whilst driving and drifted into the other carriageway. Slight injuries reported.

On 28.06.19 Unknown suspect/s have stolen 3 GPS units from 3 different tractors. Investigations have been taking place.

Easterton:

On 05.06.19 it was reported that a tree was down between Easterton and Market Lavington. Officers attended and tasked council to remove the tree whilst they conducted the appropriate traffic control measures.

Great Cheverell:

On 30.06.19 we received reports of a possible rave on Pear Tree Hill. Officers responded swiftly and conducted an area search. No trace of a rave and no further reports were made.

Potterne:

Between the 31st and the 1st, a car was broken into and a dash camera was stolen. Officers have been making enquiries.

Between the 1st and the 2nd, three thefts took place. Each theft was from a garage or shed and it appears that all properties stolen from were unlocked. Items like garden machinery were taken. Officers have been conducting extensive inquiries and are urging residents to double check their properties and garages/sheds to ensure they are locked.

On 12.06.19 a male driver was stopped by officers as they had suspicion he was under the influence of alcohol. A breath test was taken and the male failed. He was subsequently arrested.

Great Cheverell:

Between the 31st and the 3rd, youths have entered the grounds of Holy Trinity Primary School and destroyed some property. The youths have been identified and they are in the process of a Community Resolution, where they repay the damage they have done through monetary value and physical reparations.

West Lavington:

On 04.06.19, offensive graffiti was reported to us in a number of places. Officers have conducted extensive investigations.

Littleton Panell:

On 29.06.19 officers were responding to a call of hare coursing. On their search, they located an abandoned vehicle. When making enquires at the registered keepers address, they found cannabis growing in the garden of the property. A male was arrested and an investigation is ongoing.

Please dial 101 to report a crime and 999 in an emergency.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR: Potterne, Great Cheverell, Little Cheverell, Erlestoke, West Lavington, Market Lavington, Littleton Panell, Easterton, Urchfont, Worton and Marston. June 2019

