



Marlborough Rural East Neighbourhood Police Bulletin

Covering: Aldbourne, Baydon, Ramsbury & Axford, Chilton Foliat and Froxfield.

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Introduction

I am acutely aware that communication with you all has not been what it could be. NHW has been neglected, Parish councils are not properly updated prior to monthly meetings and there is a lack of police input into the Parish magazines and web sites.

When I started as the beat manager I made a rod for my own back producing a lengthy document monthly, however I have realised that this is not sustainable and I now intend to distribute this 1/2 page document at the beginning of the month for distribution as you see fit.

I intend to keep my Initial distribution list to a minimum and for you to forward on as necessary.

General

Improving weather and rising temperatures present criminals with warm weather opportunities. Taking a few simple precautions can reduce the chances of you becoming a victim of a summer crime.

In summer there is normally an increase in burglary via open or insecure windows. It can be hot and stuffy naturally we like to ventilate our homes. Burglars exploit open windows, often while householders are asleep upstairs or even when they are just in the back garden. Ask a Neighbour to keep an eye on your house while you are away, be prepared to return the favour.

When parking your car, try not to leave valuables, including sunglasses on display, especially "designer" makes.

Encourage visitors to do the same.

Cycle crime increases in summer simply because more people use their bikes. Unattended bicycles should always be locked to something solid. Secure the frame and wheels, two locks being better than one. Visit www.bikeoff.org for further information on reducing cycle crime.

Rural Crime Team

Wiltshire police have recently set up a dedicated team to tackle Rural crime. One of the more successful initiatives is "Farm Watch" a mobile telephone text warning service whereby officer's text up to date information about ongoing crime direct to mobile telephones. For example, observations for suspicious vehicles or area's where hare coursing is ongoing. We are already seeing the benefits of accurate and timely information sharing. We are looking at setting up something similar for Parish's and NHW.

If you want further information or wish to be added to the "Farm Watch" database please provide your details to : Rural Crime Team Voicemail: 0845 408 7000 ext 723548 Alternatively you may email: ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Local Crime/Incidents

Mini Moto's and illegal vehicles in Axford and Ramsbury - ***please report ASAP to police on 999, recently 2 males where reported for using an uninsured vehicle without a license in Aldbourne. The vehicle was seized and crushed.***

3 males arrested for theft from an insecure vehicle and going equipped to steal, at Littlecote Ramsbury, offenders from Hungerford & Great Shefford - ***Do not leave anything of value in an unattended vehicle. Ladies handbags are not secure under the seat***

In an EMERGENCY dial 999, all NON-EMERGENCY calls 0845 408 7000

(Your call will be recorded)

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There has been a small series of Dwelling Burglaries in Marlborough targeting unoccupied houses where occupants are away on holiday. – *See Dwelling burglary advice above.*

Theft from garden shed Aldbourne – *Please secure your garden sheds and garages, Strimmers, mowers and other gardening equipment are attractive items to thieves. Also by leaving these areas insecure we are providing offenders with equipment to break into our houses. Shed alarms are available from Marlborough Police station enquiry office.*

Regards

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