



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

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ADVICE FOR VICTIMS OF FRAUD:

If you suspect you've been a victim of fraud involving credit or debit cards, online banking or cheques, you should report it to your bank or card company.

They are responsible for undertaking further investigation and reporting criminal activity to us where appropriate.

Fraud that doesn't involve your bank or card company should be reported to the business or organisation concerned. Depending on their advice, you may then need to report this to us on 101.

Where an additional crime has been committed with the fraud, for example, you have had your wallet or purse stolen or the card used fraudulently was taken as a result of a burglary, then this should still be reported to us on 101.

Some steps you can take to protect yourself:

- Make sure you keep a record of all communications.
- Get a copy of your personal credit report from one of the credit reference agencies - Experian, Equifax and Call Credit. A paper version of your report is available from £2. If applications for credit have been made in your name you can ask to have any incorrect information removed.
- Consider contacting CIFAS - the UK's Fraud Prevention Service, to apply for protective registration. Once you have registered, CIFAS members will carry out extra checks whenever anyone applies for a financial service using your address.
- If you suspect mail theft, contact the Royal Mail Customer Enquiry Number on 08457 740740 or visit their website

If you are a victim of card fraud or online banking fraud you have protection through legislation, which states that you will not be liable for any losses unless you have acted fraudulently or without reasonable care.

Action Fraud can provide help and information online or by calling 0300 123 2040.

LANDLORD AND TENANT DISPUTES:

Landlord/ tenant relations are a very complex area of law and the following advice is only to be used as a guide. For more complete advice you should contact the Environmental Protection department of your local authority.

The proper procedure that a landlord must follow to legally evict a tenant is:

- A legal written notice
- A court order for possession and
- A bailiffs warrant (to be enforced by a County Court bailiff).

Until all these three steps have been taken, the tenant has a right to stay in the property.

NEIGHBOUR COMPLAINTS AND BOUNDARY DISPUTES:

Neighbour complaints can take many forms. Please contact us about the specific nature of the issue/complaint and we can advise further.

We do not have the power to deal with boundary disputes. This is a civil issue and you need to seek the advice of a solicitor to resolve any boundary issues you may have. It will be worthwhile contacting your bank or building society (or whoever holds your deeds) to check the boundaries.

HOUSE PARTIES AND ILLEGAL RAVES:

If your neighbours are having a noisy house party, we have no powers of prosecution for noise offences. You need to contact the Environmental Health Department of your local authority.

If you believe that an illegal rave is taking place then contact us.

Some signs to look out for are:

- Groups of cars and young people gathering in unusual places such as industrial sites, small villages or remote rural areas
- Interest in certain remote, rural sites such as quarries, particularly by people that look out of place or you wouldn't expect to see
- Cars and vans delivering generators to rural locations.

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 25.04.19 Suspect/s have gained entry into car by what appears with a screwdriver under the lock. The suspect/s have stolen a range of items with no significant monetary value. This occurred up Redhorn Hill, near Upavon.

On 26.04.19 a road traffic collision occurred in Lydeaway. One driver has sustained serious injuries, but remains in hospital. Investigations are ongoing.

Erlestoke

On 01.04.19, unknown males seen acting suspiciously in vicinity of prison perimeter fencing. Package later found on the fence, believed to have come from the males. Arrests have been made and an investigation is ongoing

On 07.04.19 a vehicle swerved to avoid a deer in the road and unfortunately crashed into a nearby wall. The road was blocked for a short while and the driver sustained minor injuries.

On 10.04.19, two unknown youths have attempted to steal a golf cart. Luckily, they were not successful in doing so due to crashing the cart shortly after obtaining it, causing no damage.

Market Lavington

On 05.04.19 a car coming out of the pub struck another car. Officers attended the scene and breath-tested the driver, who blew twice over the limit. The driver was arrested and taken to custody.

Two fires were reported to us this month. Whilst the fires do not break any police-related laws, they do break environmental laws, and environmental services at Wiltshire Council are aware. We have been working on preventing this from happening again.

Potterne

On 10.04.19 an unknown suspect has entered a detached shed. The victim is unsure how the suspect has entered the shed as the lock is still on the door and there is no damage to the door. Items were taken from the shed such as a saw and a lawn mower.

On 27.04.19 a car has collided with another car causing damage to the wing mirror and failed to stop or leave contact details. One car was parked and stationary when the other car hit them. Luckily a number plate has been noted and investigations are ongoing.

Little Cheverell

On 12.04.19 a lorry being driven down the narrow lane subject to width / weight restriction has collided with boundary wall of a property, causing damage. Driver did not stop and no details left. Luckily, residents have taken the registration of the lorry and this is being dealt with.

Easterton

Between 21.04.19 and 23.04.19, unknown suspect(s) have jumped a wall into a storage ground and have proceeded to jack up two vehicles onto some concrete blocks. Suspect(s) have then attempted to saw off the Catalytic convertors from the back end of the vehicles however this was unsuccessful.

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

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