



## MARCH 2008 BULLETIN

### CENTRAL SECTOR

February has been a busy month for Central Sector. As many of you will be aware, at the beginning of the month an arson attack happened at 22 Broad Street. Due to the quick thinking of the family and the prompt work of the fire brigade, everyone escaped from the premises. I would like to reassure residents of Broadgreen, and the larger Swindon Community, that this incident is being treated as a priority. A Major Incident Room has been set up, lead by the Major Investigation Team from Headquarters. Along with local officers, they are working hard on the investigation and also reassuring the community. There are regular patrols in the area and several meetings have been held with the Community Leaders. Wiltshire Police are committed to finding the perpetrators of this crime. We would ask if anyone has information, to contact Wiltshire Police on 0845 408 7000 and ask for the incident room, or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, where information can be treated as anonymous. Alternatively, please contact your local officer.

Vehicle crime, criminal damage and dwelling burglaries continue to perform with a lower volume than this time last year. However, in the past couple of weeks we have seen an increase in certain parts of the Sector in relation to theft from motor vehicles and also dwelling burglaries. There have been arrests made in relation to these and we are confident of a positive outcome. Many of these incidents happen due to poor security on the householders' part, and **I would like to remind people of crime prevention measures that they can take:**

**Dwellings** - always make sure that doors and windows are secure. Consider chains and locks for extra security. Where possible, have net curtains or blinds at your windows so people cannot see inside. Do not leave packages etc in your porch. If you are going away, make sure that your papers and milk are cancelled and inform a reliable neighbour that you will be away.

**Vehicles** - make sure your vehicle is locked when unattended. If possible, do not leave it in an isolated place. Take all valuables out of your car, including mobile phones and sat navs.

If you would like any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact the Crime Reduction Department on 0845 408 7000.

Central Officers are continuing to proactively police the area. Recent good work by your officers includes:

- Apprehension of male believed responsible for 16 criminal damage offences
- Detention of two males responsible for rape by Central PCSOs
- Arrest of female responsible for theft and fraud. 15 offences in total dealt with
- 2 persons arrested for possession with intent to supply Class A
- 1 person arrested for being concerned in the possession with intent to supply Class A
- Arrest of offender for rape
- Cannabis Factory in Stanier Street
- 4 drugs warrants executed
- 1 person charged with possession with intent to supply a Class A drug
- Arrest of a kerb crawler
- 2 sex workers dealt with for prostitution
- 1 person detained for money laundering

In addition we continue to carry out our patrol strategies relating to Operation Dakota, providing visibility and reassurance to the Community. At present we are also working on a multi agency

strategy to tackle the issue of prostitution in Swindon. Whilst this is in its initial stages, it demonstrates the ability of our partners to work together.

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