

Trowbridge Community Policing Team

Name of Parish/Town Council	Trowbridge
Date of Town Council Meeting	20 th July 2021

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Headlines/Key successes

- Following a disorder at the fair in Trowbridge Town Park on Sunday 26th June 2021, two males aged 14 and 16 have been arrested on suspicion of Affray and Possession of a bladed article. Enquiries are currently ongoing in relation to this occurrence, and both youths have current bail conditions prohibiting them from the town park.

Following the disorder, a Dispersal Order was authorised for the following weekend, which allowed Police Community Support Officers and Police Officers to disperse any person believed to be involved in antisocial behaviour from the area.

- A teenager who was caught dealing Class A drugs in Trowbridge has been jailed for five years and eight months.

Ibrahim CHAFIK, 18, formerly of Trowbridge appeared at Winchester Crown Court on the 5th July 2021 for sentencing.

He had previously pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of crack cocaine, heroin and cannabis, possession with intent to supply of crack cocaine, possession of heroin and possession of cannabis.

- Following several complaints of Antisocial Behaviour in and around Stallard Skate Park / Recreation Ground, targeted patrols were conducted within the area.

In a 4 week period, including over the May half term, over 30 high visibility patrols were carried out at the location.

There have been no further reports of antisocial behaviour at the location.

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Projects

- Euro 2020 saw an increase in our Night Time Economy within the town centre.

With covid restrictions set to ease from the 19th July 2021, we will see more of our licensed premises reopening in and around the town.

Night Time Economy will continue to be at the forefront of the focus within the town. We are working with Wiltshire Council Licensing to keep the town centre a safe place to visit.

Recent years Trowbridge has been without a Pub Watch scheme, however this is in the process of being set up with 12 licensed premises wishing to take part.

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- E-scooters

While e-scooters are legally available to purchase, it's currently against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter in any public place in the UK. This includes roads, pavements, parks, town centres or promenades. The only place a privately owned e-scooter can be used is on private land.

This is because e-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) so they are treated as motor vehicles. As such, if they are used on a road, pavement or public place they are subject to the same legal requirements as any motor vehicle.

Using a motor vehicle on a road or other public place without :

- Insurance – 6 points, £300 fine, seizure of vehicle
- License – Penalty points, fine, seizure of vehicle
- Failing to comply with construction and use legislation – ranging from non endorsable fixed penalties to being reported to court for using in a dangerous condition
- Impaired by alcohol / drugs – license disqualification, fine or penalty points

Some people purchasing e-scooters in the mistaken belief they can legally use them on public paths and roads, this is not the case.

Our focus is engaging with members of the community and making them aware of the law regarding e-scooters.

Offenders who knowingly and persistently break the law will be dealt with appropriately, whereby the e-scooter will be seized and the rider reported for any offences.

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- A new initiative introduced by the Wiltshire Police Criminal Justice Department has committed a dedicated resource to support Community Speed Watch Volunteers across the Force area.

The new role of Police Community Speedwatch (CSW) Enforcement Officer will complement existing policing methods carried out by the Roads Policing Unit and Community Policing Teams. The overall aim is the further reduction of road casualties and to keep our roads safer.

Our proactive enforcement strategy supports our communities where there are concerns around excess speed or known levels of high offending, with CSW volunteers acting to help keep their localities safe within 20mph, 30mph or 40mph speed limits.

Head of Criminal Justice for Wiltshire Police, Paul Oatway said: "This is an important investment and role to support our Communities and the Community Speed Watch schemes across Wiltshire and Swindon. We have invested in the latest, state of the art, road-side camera equipment and back-office processes to swiftly deal with enforcement and improved the system to administer the large levels of intelligence that is coming into us from the volunteers. The message is clear motorists need to treat our communities with the respect they deserve "

Councillor Gary Sumner, Deputy Leader of Swindon Borough Council and Cabinet Member for Strategic Infrastructure, Transport and Planning, said: "We want to keep people safe on our roads and we are currently reviewing Swindon's Road Safety Strategy to help us with this aim. I am sure our local Community Speed Watch teams will welcome this investment and improvements, while it will add to the range of measures we will be utilising to deliver a safer road network."

Additionally, this initiative has been undertaken with The Crown Prosecution Service and Her Majesty's Court and Trial Service to speed up enforcement through the court process by a dedicated Police prosecutor for traffic related offences.

If anyone is interested in learning more about Community Speedwatch details are on the website of the Police and Crime Commissioner: [Community Speedwatch](#).

Signed: PS 2446 Charly Chilton

Date: 13th July 2021