



Wellington Police Team

Town Council Report – Oct 2020

During the 4 weeks that have passed since the last Town Council Meeting, the officers that make up the Wellington Police Team have continued to adapt to changing guidelines in relation to Covid-19. The latest amendments to regulations limit the number of people permitted to gather together to 6 and result in us all having to continue to wear masks in all shops and such and also in restaurants and pubs when we're not seated at a table. The new regulations also and instructed all pubs and restaurants to close each day at 10pm.

Whilst the new changes brought about an increase of calls to the police from members of the public reporting breaches of new regulations and such, our approach to these calls / reports has still been to engage explain and to encourage people to do the right thing which in the main has continued to prove successful.

As a team we have been incredibly impressed with the way that the many businesses, pubs and restaurants across the Wellington area have gone above and beyond to make it safe for customers visiting their premises and to conform to each of the new rules that apply to them. We have not identified any rises in tension locally as a result of Covid-19 as a result.

What's been happening?

- I must of course start with the Wellington Police Teams week long community Event at the Town Councils pop-up Shop from the 7th-12th September.

The Team and I worked really hard to prepare for the week at the shop and also arranged for displays and events to take place across the town during the week. As the Sgt for wellington I cannot begin to tell you just how proud I am of what we achieved during the week, it was amazing!

Whilst we never recorded footfall in the shop it was busy each day from the minute we opened until we closed the doors. With Covid safe security measures in place we were able to offer crime prevention and home security advice to the people from Wellington that visited us, we signed up willing residents to a number of new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes across the town and signed up others to Farm Watch and Horse Watch schemes too. We also identified new sites and volunteers willing to engage in Community Speed Watch schemes and security marked close to 150 pedal cycles throughout the week!

We spoke to so many people from the town, many of whom who's never met any officers from the team before, people who now have our full contact details in case there's a time when they need to contact us for help and support.

Throughout the week we ran a colouring competition for the children and could not believe just how many entries we received. The standard of all the entries was incredibly high, so much so we ended up giving prizes to 6 winners and not the two that we'd planned for.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wellington Town Council for all your help and support with our Pop-Up Shop event and for giving me the opportunity to showcase the Wellington Police Team, for us to be visible in Wellington Town Centre and for us to highlight all the good work carried out across our fabulous town! Thank you.

- We were joined by new PCSO recruit 8366 Chandler Hallett on Monday 21st September taking the officer levels of the Wellington Neighbourhood police team to 3 x Police Constables, 5 Police Community Support Officers and a Police Sergeant.

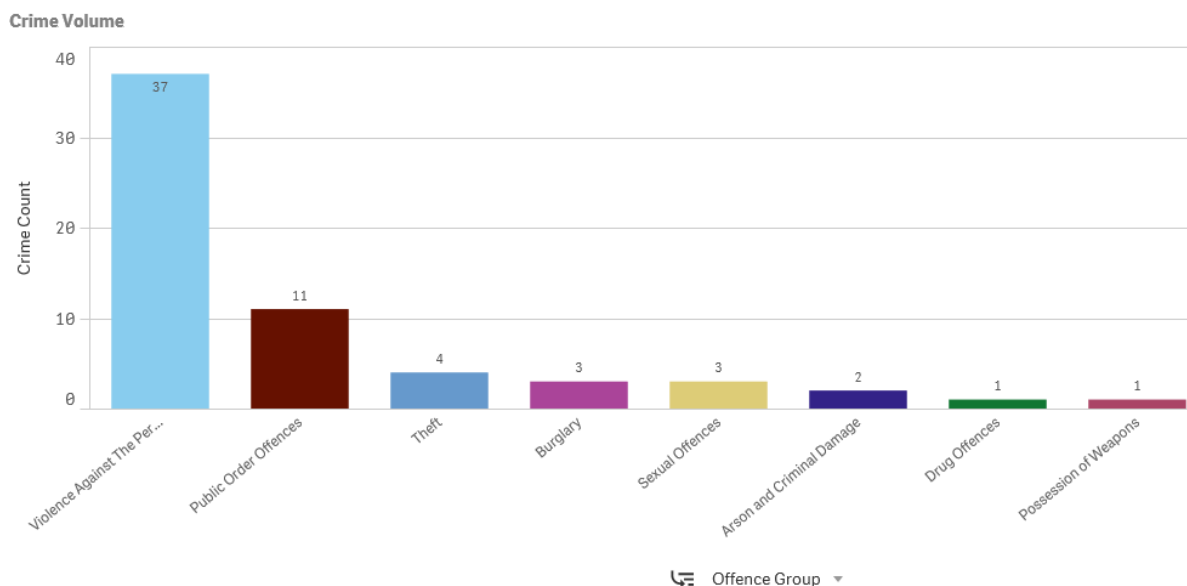
Chandler is currently being tutored by Rural PCSO for Wellington, PCSO Vicky Henderson. Chandler is settling in really well, he is already a popular member of the team and he can't wait to take up his role of Wellington Town Centre PCSO and begin working with you all and all the businesses, members of the public and external partners that make up Wellington!

I have sent a copy of the new updated Wellington Town Centre Police Team poster to Alice with Chandlers details included. The poster has a photograph, mobile no and email address for myself and each officer that makes up the team. Hopefully this can be forwarded to you all with the minutes. Please feel free to share this with anyone who you feel would benefit from having a copy!

- I am pleased to say, that Reports of Youth Anti-Social Behaviour over the past 4 weeks have remained low. With the nights getting darker now and with Halloween and bonfire night not too far away, we will be increasing evening patrols and visibility across the town and continuing to carry out targeted patrols of all identified ASB Hotspots.

Wellington Crime Figures:

For the 4 week period from 3rd Sept – 5th Oct 2020



When comparing the above crime figures with the 73 recorded crimes in the preceding 4 week period there was a slight increase in Assaults and other Offences against the person during September. This type of offence is broken down into a number of sub categories as shown below.

Assault with injury	10
Assault without injury	15
Controlling or Coercive Behaviour	1
Harassment	2
Malicious Communications	6
Stalking	2
Threats to kill	1
Totals	37

37 offences against the person offences is of course 37 too many. I need to make the point though that Wellington is still very much a safe place for all members of the public of ALL ages. The chances of any of us being assaulted by anyone from day to day remains extremely low.

Moving on from the number of assaults, I really pleased to say there has a substantial fall in other recorded crime over the last month. Arson and Criminal Damage fell by more than 80% on the month before, theft fell by more than 50% and there were no reports of vehicle crime after the proactive work that was carried out following the thefts of tools from vans in the town the month before.

To end...

As always, if any member of the council or member of the public wishes to discuss any aspect of policing across the wellington area they can contact me directly, my email address is shown below. I will be only happy to help where I can.

For your information and with kind regards

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