



Wiltshire Police shines spotlight on children and young people throughout February

Wiltshire Police is focusing on supporting young people in our community throughout the month of February.

The Force is looking at ways to better engage with children and young people in the county, as well as help provide educational support by posting vital information about crimes and subjects which most affect young people including how to stay safe online.

Throughout the year, Wiltshire Police runs a number of events aimed at young people including the Junior Good Citizen scheme, as well as supporting the Police Cadets.

The Wiltshire Youth Summit takes place at Devizes School on February 8, and our Youth Engagement Team will be joined at the event by Assistant Chief Constable Kier Pritchard and Inspector Paul Hawkins to talk to young attendees from the county. The Force is hosting the event in conjunction with the local authority, Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS and other service providers and partners. During the day, Wiltshire Police will be running a workshop for young people to give them an insight into the challenges we face in policing the county. ACC Pritchard will also participate in an open Q&A session.

On Twitter, we will be asking schools from across the county to put questions to the Chief Constable using the hashtag **#AskTheChief**. He will answer the best ones throughout the month.

Later this week, we will launch a writing competition for primary school children to win a special visit from officers to their school, where they will get a chance to sit in a police car. The winning entry will also be published in our internal magazine, Firstbeat.

You can follow the Wiltshire Police Youth Engagement Team on Twitter **@WiltsPolYouth** or on YouTube at **'Wiltshire Police – Youth Engagement Team'**.

Could you be a part of Wiltshire Police's new Independent Advisory Group?

Wiltshire Police is looking to identify members of our community from throughout East and South Wiltshire to participate in independent advisory groups (IAGs). Their aim is to allow the community to express views and advice in relations to policies, actions or changes and to build on this information to help our hub commanders set the framework of future policies to meet the needs of all within our communities.

We are looking for people to apply or help in nominating initial contacts or persons to apply.

It could be that they are the head of the Mosque or perhaps from Age Concern and although they may not be interested they might know someone in their group who is. Criteria is as follows;

- They must either reside/work or have a significant interest in the East and South Wiltshire areas.
- Meetings will be quarterly, likely in a police premises.
- Will need to apply and be vetted

Below is a list of the diverse community members we are looking for and this as follows but we are welcome to all other options, the list is by no means exhaustive;

- Military community
- Rural community
- Age – elderly and young
- Cadets – perhaps could represent the young?
- Sexual Orientation
- Transgender
- Any of our Minority ethnic Groups
- Disabled groups
- Faith groups
- Business community

Any applications or expressions of interest to be submitted via our Area Community Co-Ordinators, PC 2460 Teresa HERBERT (Teresa.Herbert@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) or PC 1096 Lucy WILEMAN (Lucy.Wileman@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk).