

Overview and Scrutiny

Meeting date: 20 November 2023

Member Questions to the Chief Inspector/ Gloucestershire Constabulary

1. Question from Councillor Tabi Joy

How will dangerous driving / use of motorbikes / scooters be managed across the pathway of the cycle spine. How will the police be encouraging more responsible roadway use in this respect since this is an emerging issue.

Response

The Neighbourhood Policing Team coordinate proactive operations to target the anti-social use of motorbikes / scooters in conjunction with Specialist Operations Roads Policing Team and Vanguard to identify hotspots and proactively target individuals via a mixture of High Visibility patrols and Camera Enforcement.

There are risks, complexities and challenges with targeting these forms of transport and we are considering all forms of tactics, including overt and covert means.

Operation Endurance is currently in the planning phase but due to operational security I cannot go into the finer details but we aim to publish as many successful stories as possible.

We are constantly adapting our approach and use smart water spray to enable arrest and assist investigations of the most prolific offenders.

Education is delivered within schools and communities regularly to encourage safe use of the above forms of transport and this is continually reviewed.

Road traffic collisions Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) is a force priority and the one of the PCC's priorities and continued dialogue with our Criminal Justice Department enhances our ability for more successful Criminal Justice outcomes.

2. Question from Councillor Tabi Joy

Similarly I would also be interested to learn more about measures that are being taken to address bike thefts across Cheltenham when the bike is often found being sold online. In the past there's only been staffing for a half day a week to tackle the cyber element of bike crime, by which time the bike in question could be sold and long gone. Are you planning any measures to expand this area of operations?

Response

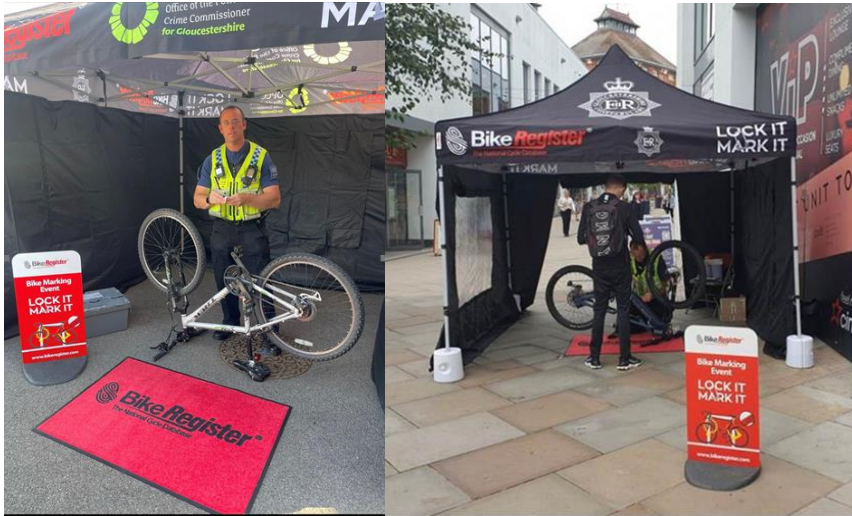
Crime prevention is a priority and bike marking events and home security information is readily available on line and delivered within communities.

I am unsure about the origins of the '*staffing half a day*' but Cheltenham Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) do all they could to investigate and return stolen items to victims – there have been challenges as always with capacity but we are doing our best with competing priorities and assess according to T/H/R. Unfortunately we do not currently have a dedicated analyst or staff member scanning all platforms of social media on a daily basis.

NPT follow an evidence based approach via intelligence to target local handlers and those who purchase stolen bikes.

Cheltenham NPT will continue to work with partners around preventative measures such as CCTV, better lighting and communications.

Cheltenham NPT have secured funding from Safer Streets and continue to run and/or support events with Signage, Bike Markings and 1,000 QR codes, that once registered are individual to the owner. This initiative has proved a huge success in Cambridgeshire and we hope it can have the same impact in our area.



Cheltenham Police @CheltPolice · 25m
PCSOs Baldwin and Horsted returned this previously stolen bike back to one extremely happy owner this morning.

We recommend that bikes are security marked and added to [@bikeregister](#) as it's a great way to help prevent theft or locate your bike if stolen and later found



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