

Swindon North Community Policing Team



I am Inspector Andy Bridge and I am the Community Policing Team Inspector for the Swindon North Community Policing Area which covers West Swindon, Rodbourne, Penhill, Pinehurst, Moredon, Stratton, Abbeymeads, Haydon Wick, St Andrew's Ridge, Blunsdon, Highworth and surrounding villages.

My background with policing in Swindon goes back to 1989 when I was a constable in Swindon Town Centre. I later moved onto the Swindon CID as both a Detective Constable and some years later as Detective Inspector. As a Sergeant I worked in the Force Intelligence Unit and was involved in specialist and major investigations. More recently I was involved in the Community Policing Team project and prior to returning to Swindon in my current role, was a Force Incident Manager in the Control Room.

Our communities have experienced recent changes in how we deliver policing services across the force whilst we adapt to financial challenges and different types of demand that present different kinds of threats to our communities. We are all still adapting to these changes but in my opinion it does not change our core business which is to keep people safe and protect our communities. My team of Sergeants, Constables, PCSOs, Investigators and members of the Special Constabulary work around the clock, 7 days a week, with our partner agencies to provide this service and do this taking in to consideration the level of threat, harm and risk for each individual case.

Having spent time on patrol with PCSOs, I understand the importance of their role in maintaining community engagement which is why, when operationally available, they along with other members of the team, will call into local events and meetings to keep you updated on our work. If you use social media, you can also follow our team on Facebook (North Swindon Police) and Twitter (@NorthSwindonCPT) where we regularly publish appeals and updates on the work by the team in our community. You can also receive information about crime and policing matters via the community messaging service which you can subscribe to for free at www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk and access information about our community on www.police.uk (enter postcode).

Whilst our new policing model may look and feel different, your Community Policing Team continue to work hard, together, to deliver the best service they can against the demands and challenges placed on them. This work goes towards keeping Swindon and Wiltshire as one of the safest places in the country to live and work.

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