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'A Snapshot of the working life of PCSO Vicky Henderson'

Wanted male

As PCSO's there are times when we assist our PC colleagues. One of my colleagues from the town centre team called up to say there was a wanted male in the high street in Wellington. One of our PC colleagues called up to say they would attend and arrest. As this male was known for not being too happy when he is arrested, my colleague and I called up to support. This male was wanted for multiple shop theft and was holding a bag that contained meat in a cassette case. While we awaited a van to transport to custody my colleague PCSO B and I went to the store we believed this theft happened. They confirmed that the meat was theirs and then told us about a few more which were committed by the male. We took details and went back to the officers who were with the male. The male was then transported to custody to be charged with many shop thefts.

Tutee

If you've been reading my Blog you'll know that I am a Tutor and tutor PCSO's in their first weeks as out of training school. For three weeks this month I had the pleasure of assessing a Tutee who had already received some tutoring by one of my colleagues from another station. If you seen him over the last few weeks, it would have been an interesting sight. He is 6'6" and I'm only 5'2" 😊 I assess new officers in their ability and knowledge. So, for three weeks my colleagues led all the investigations, while I assisted and assessed. He has now finished his assessment and gone onto another district to continue with their career.

Building site

While on patrol towards the end of our shift my colleague and I heard a shout out for assistance with 3 males who had got onto a building site and were committing theft and criminal damage. The CCTV operator could see them on site, however with a short delay. As we were literally just down the road we shouted up that we were happy to attend. We found the place where they were supposed to be and gained access to the inside of the site. If anyone was looking, this wasn't by any means graceful. Scrambling around on your knees under fencing never is 😊 Other colleagues then attended, as one male had a weapon, one of our taser officers came in site to help with the search. Another of our colleagues checked the perimeter to ensure it was intact and to catch the males if they had just left. We searched the entire site, no males were found, however we did find how they had gained access, which means we had found their direction of travel. Officers searched where the males came out and with a bit of information from the public were able to identify the males and deal with them. A good example of teamwork, between the police themselves and the public.

Illegal individuals

Before the start of our shift, we came in put our radios on and caught a transmission of illegals found in the back of a lorry, not far away from the station. We kitted up and went over to assist PC's. The PC's had secured the three illegals and we went into the site to check the lorry. My Town Centre colleague and I checked the inside of the lorry, underneath and in the cab. None found. My colleagues were outside the lorry using their Body Wore Cameras in case anyone did flee the lorry. They would then have captured evidence as to the illegal individuals being there.

Missing child

PCSO B and I noted a call on the radio for a missing child (young teen). They had been thought to have gone to school as usual and didn't arrive. The school contacted home and the parents were shocked to find they hadn't turned up. The parents searched everywhere they could think of and then called police.

We searched all the areas from the school to where they had last been seen. We went to address in the middle of the countryside in the hope they would turn up there. Low and behold the research worked and after searching the grounds of the location the child turned up. We already had an officer with the parents, so I was able to let them know straight away that their child was safe and well.

Other incidents that kept me busy

I was asked to go into Langford Budville school as part of their What we do work and to add a little about bullying, recognising it, what it is and what to do should this be happening to you.

I had two jobs which involved firearms, one was shooting across land. We attended the victim and took details, as we could work out where the noise from the shots were coming from, we conducted house to house enquiries, located the farm where the person was using the firearm. He wasn't there at the time, so we obtained his details and made contact. He had been given permission to shoot on the farm by the landowner and they were unaware that someone had been upset by the noise. He apologised and all parties spoke to resolve the issues.

I also investigated theft, which has involved lots of CCTV and H2H (House to house) enquiries and checked CCTV from shop thefts to see if I can ID the suspects.

Until next month

Take care.

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