



**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Melksham Community Area Board
2nd February 2011**

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Regular engagement and consultation is a key area of Neighbourhood Policing. Details of all consultations meetings can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website:

<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk>

Team profile:

Team Supervisor

Sergeant Mel Rolph

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Kane Fulbrook-Smith

Patrol Officer – Sophie Dodd

PCSO – Debbie Huntley

PCSO – Helen Wilson

PCSO – Christopher Pugh

Rural North Team

Beat Manager – PC Barry Dalton

PCSO – Janet Gould

PCSO - Maggie Ledbury

Rural South Team

Beat Manager – PC Emily Thomas

PCSO Rose Baldock

Team News:

There have been no changes to the Team since the last Area Board.

Current Priorities:

Up-to-date details of the current news about Neighbourhood Policing Teams, including, profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website, which has had a new make-over to make it more assessable for users.

☐ Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

Police Authority Representative:

Mr Angus Macpherson

Mr Macpherson can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority:

☎ 01380 734022

🌐 <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

2. Comprehensive Spending Review

Work is ongoing to deliver a new policing model to meet the projected funding cuts over the next 4-years. Wiltshire Police Authority is currently consulting with the public, stakeholders and partners about plans to save about £15 million. Mr Macpherson from WPA will be at the meeting to make a short presentation as part of the consultation process.

You are requested to take part in the consultation by completing an on-line questionnaire that is now available by visiting the WPA website – www.wiltsire-pa.gov.uk

3. Performance

The reported overall crime figures continue to show that offences in the Community Area are falling. The **16%** reduction is the second best across the county. The number of detections puts Melksham in 3rd place. Full details can be found below in **Table 1**.

**Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures Melksham Community Area
1st Jan 2008/9 – 31st Dec 2010**

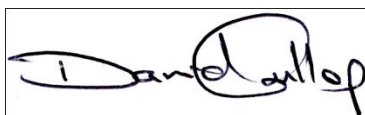
MELKSHAM	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	JAN 2009 - DEC 2010				JAN 2008 - DEC 2010	
	2009/10	2010/11	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	275	244	-31	-11.3%	53.5%	50.8%
Dwelling Burglary	104	66	-38	-36.5%	13.5%	62.1%
Criminal Damage	304	229	-75	-24.7%	24.7%	20.5%
Non Dwelling Burglary	105	89	-16	-15.2%	4.8%	10.1%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	89	70	-19	-21.3%	5.6%	1.4%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	22	23	1	4.5%	31.8%	8.7%
Total Crime	1374	1154	-220	-16.0%	28.5%	29.5%

NPT officers are still concentrating on reducing ASB in and around King George V Park and have recently introduced a drop-in surgery in partnership with Selwood Housing. The initiative has the support of the Forest Tenants and Residents Association. A key part of this work is to continue to engage with young people to encourage them to join activities run by the Youth Development Service. The Bluz 'n' Zuz initiative continues to be well supported.

There is evidence to support that an increase in reports during December is due to the weather and persons reporting snowballing incidents. Officers have adopted a common-sense approach and have only pursued incidents where there are other factors to suggest an intent to cause harm to another person or property.

**Table 2 – Reported Anti-Social Behaviour Figures
1st Jan 2010 – 31st December 2010**

JAN-MAR 2010	APR-JUNE 2010 (2009)	JULY-SEPT 2010 (2009)	OCT - DEC 2010 (2009)	MONTHLY AVE
238	308 (368)	369 (308)	307 (259)	305.5



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