

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Panel
Amesbury Community Area Board
22nd September 2011



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Sector Commander: Christian Lange
Team Sgt: Martin Phipps

Amesbury Town

Beat Manager – PC Lucy Smith
PCSO – Jo Atkinson
PCSO – Dean Shaw

Amesbury Rural

Beat Manager – PC Mark Steele
PCSO – Shona Maycock
PCSO – Will Todd

Durrington, Larkhill & Bulford

Beat Manager – PC Lyndsey Smith
PCSO – Chris Miller

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

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

3. Police Authority Representative: Councillor Richard Britton

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or
<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

On 12th September 2011 I took over as the new Sector Commander for Amesbury and Tidworth Community Areas. Many thanks go to Martyn Sweett for his hard work and leadership over the past 5 years and we wish him well in his new role at Police Headquarter in Devizes. I very much look forward to leading the policing teams based at Amesbury over the coming years.

As of 19 September 2011, communities across Wiltshire will be able to dial 101 to contact police. This is a new national non-emergency telephone number for the police service. This project is part of a national roll out and will result in our current non-emergency number 0845 408 7000 being phased out.

You may have heard that Wiltshire Police is undergoing a great deal of restructuring to enable us to continue to provide an effective service whilst meeting the financial challenges that lie ahead. One of the first changes will take effect on 3rd October when all the response teams across Wiltshire will be brigaded into 4 hubs. The response officers covering the Amesbury area will start their shift from Salisbury where they will be briefed before making their way to Amesbury. The change has enabled a new shift pattern to be introduced to ensure that we have more officers on at the times of highest demand. The Neighbourhood Teams for the Amesbury area continue to be based at Amesbury police station and are led by PS Martin Phipps.

Priorities for the Amesbury town area have concentrated on graffiti resulting in an increased number of targeted patrols to prevent and detect these offences. Wiltshire Council, the Youth Service, residents and local schools are continuing to work closely with Amesbury Police in order to stop graffiti in the area and also to clean up the town and prevent further incidents. As a result there have been only 3 reported offences of graffiti since the problem was identified as a neighbourhood priority on 1st July 2011. These latest offences seemed to have coincided with a successful drugs warrant that was executed in Amesbury the same day. We have also had support from our local press who have run a number related articles.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank PC Lucy Wileman, the Community Beat Manager for Amesbury, and wish her all the best as she commences her maternity leave which is scheduled to last until mid December 2011. I would like welcome PC Amanda CONN who will be covering Amesbury in her absence. Amanda is an experienced officer who has previously been a Beat Manager and has 15 years service.

The neighbourhood priority for the Amesbury rural area has been to tackle the anti-social misuse of motorcycles. The Neighbourhood Policing Team has been working with the Roads Policing Unit and the Rural Crime Team and they have started a number of operations to deal with this priority. The first of these operations resulted in a male being stopped and a motorcycle was seized. Wiltshire Police have recently invested in an off-road motorcycle which proved its worth on this occasion. Wiltshire Council has also been assisting with signage and press releases covering the rural sector.

The Durrington, Larkhill, and Bulford area priorities have been in relation to the theft of metal both from building sites, and thefts from allotments in Bulford. Amesbury officers have been targeting suspect vehicles and making high visibility preventative patrols. To date there have been only three reports of lead and copper thefts within the Durrington area, two of which have been from school premises situated next to one another. There have been no more reports of thefts at the allotments in Bulford.

The overall number of crimes recorded in the Amesbury area has remained static over the past year but we have seen a significant 14% reduction in reports of anti-social behaviour. Whilst we have seen a 23% reduction in dwelling burglaries we have seen a rise in non-dwelling burglaries. These are where garden sheds, garages or similar premises are broken into. Sector officers have recently made a number of significant arrests which have led to the recovery of a large quantity of property and the detection of over 45 offences. Residents are reminded to ensure that their garden sheds and garages are kept secure and locked.

I look forward to meeting and working with many of you in the near future.

Christian Lange
Sector Commander
Amesbury and Tidworth.

Amesbury	Crime				Detections	
	September 2009 - August 2010	September 2010 - August 2011	Volume Change	% Change	September 2009 - August 2010	September 2010 - August 2011
Violence Against the Person	266	235	-31	-12%	44%	56%
Dwelling Burglary	52	40	-12	-23%	19%	18%
Criminal Damage	276	309	33	12%	15%	15%
Non Dwelling Burglary	86	119	33	38%	14%	7%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	81	72	-9	-11%	21%	4%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	29	16	-13	-45%	31%	38%
Total Crime	1269	1283	14	0%	38%	33%
Total ASB	1422	1219	-203	-14%		

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers in All Recorded Crime and Violent Crime for the most recently reported 3 month (May - Aug 2011) and 12 month period (Aug-Jul 2011)

*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences

** Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution