



## Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Melksham Community Area Board 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011

### 1. Neighbourhood Policing

#### 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 the Wiltshire Police Website.

📄 Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

#### Team News:

There have been no changes since the last Area Board.

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

## **2. Vision Wiltshire - New Operational Policing Model**

On Tuesday 4 October the Force re-organised the way we do business across the county to make our policing service more efficient and effective, whilst staying local and accessible to the public.

Our purpose is to protect life, prevent crime, solve crime and disorder, investigate offences and bring offenders to justice.

Many things will not change. Neighbourhood Policing Teams will continue to patrol local areas and will remain at the heart of our policing style. Also, the 11 Inspector-led Sectors will stay as the bedrock of the Force's local policing structure, linking closely with local communities and partner agencies.

Response will now operate from four main Response Hubs – Chippenham, Trowbridge, Salisbury and Swindon. Police Officers will continue to work locally and maximise their time spent out of the station. A new Variable Shift Arrangement allows the Force to offer the best possible level of resources available on the streets at key times of activity, including Friday and Saturday nights.

In due course, Specialist Operations (dogs, armed response, roads policing) will operate across the county from Devizes Police Headquarters. Investigation, Intelligence and Contact Management will be even more flexible and dynamic in dealing with and tackling crime with the Force's new 'single organisation' approach to how we task, respond and deal with calls from the public.

We have also introduced new ways of working, making better use of technology such as Mobile Remote Working and Automatic Resource Location System. Achieving these changes means that our technology has to work even better for us. We've made changes to make this more effective, which in turn will allow us to be even

more agile in dealing with calls and enquiries, catching criminals and managing dangerous people.

The Force will work closer than ever with partners, to ensure that the services we provide the public are delivered in the most cost effective way. This includes sharing facilities or services where this will benefit our local communities, our budget or both.

Police Officers across the country are now able to resolve low level crime and anti-social behaviour issues in the community, rather than the court room. This 'local resolution' aims to put victims at the centre of the justice process and cuts time and paperwork preparing for court – but still seeks suitable punishment for offenders.

In designing and delivering all of this, we've listened to what the public have told us that they want most from their police service. In a public survey carried out by Wiltshire Police Authority between November 2010 and February this year, the Force asked the public for their opinions, in the light of the need to find £15 million in savings over a four year period to meet government spending cuts.

Wiltshire is one of the safest counties in the country and we aim for it to be the safest.

### **3. Performance**

Performance continues to be good. There is a **9%** overall reduction in reported crime levels across the Community Area. Particularly pleasing are the significant **58%** & **54%** reductions in Dwelling Burglaries and Thefts from Motor Vehicles.

The table below provides further statistical information.

**Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures**

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

| <b>Melksham</b>             | <b>Crime</b>                  |                               |               |            | <b>Detections</b>             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                             | October 2009 - September 2010 | October 2010 - September 2011 | Volume Change | % Change   | October 2009 - September 2010 | October 2010 - September 2011 |
| Violence Against the Person | 241                           | 237                           | -4            | -2%        | 48%                           | 57%                           |
| Dwelling Burglary           | 89                            | 37                            | -52           | -58%       | 53%                           | 19%                           |
| Criminal Damage             | 238                           | 205                           | -33           | -14%       | 21%                           | 23%                           |
| Non Dwelling Burglary       | 89                            | 86                            | -3            | -3%        | 10%                           | 3%                            |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle    | 90                            | 41                            | -49           | -54%       | 1%                            | 0%                            |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle      | 25                            | 21                            | -4            | -16%       | 0%                            | 33%                           |
| <b>Total Crime</b>          | <b>1201</b>                   | <b>1097</b>                   | <b>-104</b>   | <b>-9%</b> | <b>30%</b>                    | <b>27%</b>                    |
| <b>Total ASB</b>            | <b>951</b>                    | <b>998</b>                    | <b>47</b>     | <b>5%</b>  |                               |                               |

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Sept 2010 - Aug 2011) and better than peers for All Recorded Crime in the most recent three months (Jun - Aug 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



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