



Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Melksham Community Area Board 14th December 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

Team News:

There have been no changes since the last Area Board.

Mr Angus Macpherson is an Independent Member of the Wiltshire Police Authority and has the responsibility for overseeing policing matters in the Community Area. He can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority:

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

2. Seasonal Advice

Wiltshire Police is working with partners to highlight ways in which people across the county can prevent crime and keep safe this festive season. Partners who will be issuing information include Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Council, NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue.

Throughout December, advice and tips on how to help people ensure that they don't become a victim of crime will be issued.

Security of your property

Tip 1: - Keep your home safe – always lock doors and windows.

Tip 2: - Keep presents out of sight – at home and in the car.

Tip 3: - Security mark your goods and make a note of the serial numbers.

Tip 4: - Dispose of boxes etc. carefully – don't advertise your new goods.

Tip 5: - Use proper candle holders and keep away from anything flammable.

'Lock it or Lose it' – a guide on home security - offers good practical advice on simple measures you can take to protect your property. Copies are available on your tables this evening. Alternatively, if you would like a member of the NPT to visit you, please contact them on **101** to arrange an appointment.

Staying safe when out and about

Tip 1: Keep your valuables and purse safe and hidden.

Tip 2: - Put **ICE** in your phone - **In Case of Emergency**.

Tip 3: - Know your limits when enjoying a festive drink.

Tip 4: - Don't leave your drink unattended.

Tip 5: - Always plan your journey home.

Tip 6: - Never Drink and Drive!

Tip 7: - Practice safe sex – use protection.

It is a fact that violent assaults increase over the holiday period, both in public areas and at home. Alcohol is often a contributory factor for victims and offenders alike. Police will be increasing checks for drink drivers throughout the period and also additional resources will be deployed to manage the night time economy. Please enjoy yourselves, respect others and keep safe.

3. Performance

Performance continues to be good. There is an **8%** overall reduction in reported crime levels across the Community Area. The table below provides further statistical information.

Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures

1st November 2009 – 31th October 2011

Melksham	Crime				Detections	
	November 2009 - October 2010	November 2010 - October 2011	Volume Change	% Change	November 2009 - October 2010	November 2010 - October 2011
Violence Against the Person	260	227	-33	-13%	44%	59%
Dwelling Burglary	89	38	-51	-57%	52%	18%
Criminal Damage	233	215	-18	-8%	19%	24%
Non Dwelling Burglary	83	90	7	8%	10%	3%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	84	51	-33	-39%	1%	0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	25	22	-3	-12%	8%	23%
Total Crime	1208	1113	-95	-8%	29%	27%
Total ASB	979	1001	22	2%		

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers for All Crime and for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Oct 2010 - Sep 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

Finally, may I take this opportunity on behalf of Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Police Authority & your Neighbourhood Policing Team, to wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



David W Cullop
Sector Inspector

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