



## Melksham Area Board August 2013

### Neighbourhood Policing

#### ***Current NPT Priorities:***

Up-to-date information about Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) including profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police website [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

#### ***Team Structure:***

<b>Sergeant:</b>	Sean Brady
Town Centre:	PC Kane Fulbrook-Smith, PCSO Helen Wilson PCSO Christopher Pugh
Rural North:	PC Barry Dalton PCSO Janet Gould PCSO Maggie Ledbury
Rural South:	PC Emily Thomas PCSO Rose Baldock

#### **Area Overview**

I am very pleased to report from a Police perspective that Melksham Carnival and Party in the Park ran well. Despite the hot weather and large crowds there were only two incidents reported to Police and only one of these resulted in an arrest for assault.

The Policing of the event was conducted by staff drafted in from across my sector of responsibility, allowing other force resources to Police as normal. I am also very grateful to the Special Constabulary who provided 15 staff to support the Policing of the event.

As with any event and policing operation there are lessons to be learned. I welcome any feedback as part of this.

## Crime Overview

At the time of writing there are no significant crime series to report on. A review of the overall picture shows a continuing reduction in reported crime. The year to date figures show a slight increase in ASB for all areas.

Theft from motor vehicles is still an area where significant reduction in crime can be made. Owners / Drivers need to completely remove valuables from inside both overnight and when parking in remote locations. There would be a further 30% reduction in vehicle crime if owners / drivers locked their vehicles.

Burglary remains the focus of attention due to the previous increase in recorded offending. A reminder to the community during the spell of good weather to have windows open but secured on the latch and if there are lock, use them. If you are enjoying spending time in a rear garden lock front doors so people are unable to walk in off the street.

At the conclusion of this report is a table showing the rolling 12 month position for the most significant crime types. The volume change and percentages fluctuate as the monthly reported crime both last year and this year does also. As previously stated the main trend is a continuing reduction in the most significant crime types.

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Please report any suspicious activity to Police (descriptions of people and vehicle registration numbers are most useful).

Lock your property away, record serial numbers on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com), take photos of your valuable property for future reference and add additional security measures to your houses and outbuildings.

ED Melksham NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to June 2012	12 Months to June 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to June 2012	12 Months to June 2013
Victim Based Crime	1145	1236	+91	+7.9%	21%	24%
Domestic Burglary	37	67	+30	+81.1%	5%	4%
Non Domestic Burglary	94	166	+72	+76.6%	7%	1%
Vehicle Crime	133	120	-13	-9.8%	3%	5%
Criminal Damage & Arson	257	239	-18	-7.0%	18%	30%
Violence Against The Person	215	264	+49	+22.8%	47%	45%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	190	262	+72	+37.9%		

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed in line with peers and better than average for Victim Based Crime and significantly better than peers for Domestic Burglary in the previous 12 month period (April 2012 - March 2013).

\* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

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