



Melksham Area Board December 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

Team Structure:

Sergeant:	James Williams
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

I am writing this report having attended the Young People's Awards at the Assembly Hall. I would like to congratulate all those involved in setting up and running the event which was an absolute pleasure to be a part of.

May I also congratulate the Area Board for the funding support that has been given to community and youth groups in the Melksham Area. I know it will make a difference to the lives of young people in the area.

You are all very astute and will have noticed the change of name in the Sergeants post above. Sean has expressed his sadness at leaving Melksham NPT as he has enjoyed his time with us however the post at Warminster is more conducive to his personal circumstances and I am sure you will all agree that quality of life is an important factor to consider. I wish the very best of luck.

I am very pleased to announce the arrival of Sergeant James Williams as his replacement and will ensure all the appropriate introductions are made at the earliest opportunity.

With the run up to Christmas upon us the NPT team are paying close attention to retail outlets that have historically experienced significantly more crimes. Patrols are being targeted to deter offending.

Regular dialogue continues through the pubwatch scheme to ensure the night time economy is safe and any unusual activity is reported to us.

Crime Overview

The figures provided in the chart below fluctuate according to seasonal variations and as they are compared against the previous 12 months small variances can show as a larger increase.

Domestic Burglary is an example of this. In the current reporting period January 2013 was the most significant month for number of reported offences, totalling 10. However when comparing the last three months of August, September and October 2013 the actual figures are:

	2011 - 1012	2012 - 2013
August	10	6
September	5	3
October	6	5

Similarly with non-domestic burglary there is a yearly increase shown. In November 2012 there were 37 offences reported in the Melksham area. To date, recognising the month has not yet finished, there have been 10 offences for the same period. As an illustration I include the below chart for the last three months.

	2011 - 1012	2012 - 2013
August	13	10
September	13	6
October	7	3

Both these offence types remain low in volume but still the focus of attention.

Most recent figures

ED Melksham NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to October 2012	12 Months to October 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to October 2012	12 Months to October 2013
Victim Based Crime	1185	1162	-23	-1.9%	25%	22%
Domestic Burglary	48	59	+11	+22.9%	4%	5%
Non Domestic Burglary	107	146	+39	+36.4%	7%	2%
Vehicle Crime	138	106	-32	-23.2%	4%	9%
Criminal Damage & Arson	265	210	-55	-20.8%	25%	22%
Violence Against The Person	229	255	+26	+11.4%	49%	40%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	561	593	+32	+5.7%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

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