

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Melksham Neighbourhood Team

Area Board

November 2024



Meet Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

Each Team member looks after the Town areas as well as a number of Villages and rural areas.



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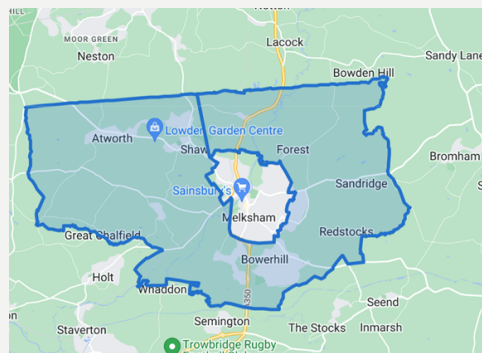
Inspector Andy Lemon



PCSO
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Sergeant Gemma Rutter



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TEAM FOCUS, ACTION & PRIORITIES:

FOCUS- Melksham has, alongside other towns in Wiltshire and surrounding Forces, suffered a spate of van break ins whereby tools have been stolen. We have focused on the golden hour enquiries to best support any future prosecution once suspects are apprehended. We have carried out crime prevention advice online and in our drop-in surgeries with the handing out of DNA Selecta kits secured through force funding. We have proactively patrolled our areas and are working with a number of teams to pull together evidence and intelligence.



ACTION- We have completed three Operations- Op Scorpion, Safer Business Awareness Week and Rural Crime Awareness Week.

For Op Scorpion we targeted criminal transport links with a variety of traffic stops; speed gun duties and patrolling our transport links. We also visited addresses linked to vulnerable people who are at risk of being cuckooed.



For Safer Businesses we have visited our local businesses and invited them to a meeting for each town in our NPT area. This will launch discussions around their needs and expectations and how we can best meet them. We are also liaising with our Neighbourhood Harm Reduction Team to look at ways in which shops can deter, rather than encourage shoplifters with clearer product displays; clear CCTV observation points and moving high value goods to more secure locations.

For Rural Crime Week, we worked alongside the Rural Crime Team and Wiltshire Council to tackle waste disposal offences; checking the legality of our Scrap Metal sites and engaged with our farms to ensure they feel heard and protected.



PRIORITIES-

Safer Night Time Economy support by our attendance at Pubwatch and working alongside the Licencing Team.

Retail Crime- We will continue working with our local businesses to increase their feeling of safety whilst working within our town. We will continue to carry out both visibility and plain clothes patrols to enforce, reassure and detect.

Youth Working- We are holding an evening at the Assembly Rooms in Melksham on Friday 29th November between 6pm-8pm where local clubs such as the Swimming Club, Police Cadets, Fear Less, Youth Offending Team, Local gyms and businesses will come together to show any families who want to drop by, what we have to offer to ALL youths and families, not just those who require intervention. Please pop by and say hello!

