



## MELKSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM AREA BOARD REPORT MARCH 2024

# WILTSHIRE POLICE

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## Melksham NPT in the Community

- 2024 has seen changes to the Neighbour Poling Team structure and direction. We welcome Chief Inspector James Brain to the team who oversees the County NPTs. This provides clear instruction, direction, oversight and engagement between all NPTs and allows for the sharing of best practices.
- NPTs are now bound to Community Commitments which helps the community hold us to account for the priorities we set- currently being SAFER PUBLIC SPACES, VIOLENCE and BURGLARY. You may have seen the Trowbridge, Melksham & Bradford on Avon Team carry out a live Facebook Question and Answer session which under this commitment, opened communication channels between the community and the team. This was viewed 17.7 thousand times.

### Melksham Priorities

ASB – Church Walk (Individual Property) Melksham – **Reassurance Patrols and Community Action Initiatives**

Bail Checks, Melksham – **3 Youths on Bail for Offences of Arson/Criminal Damage/ Burglary – Stringent Bail Checks**

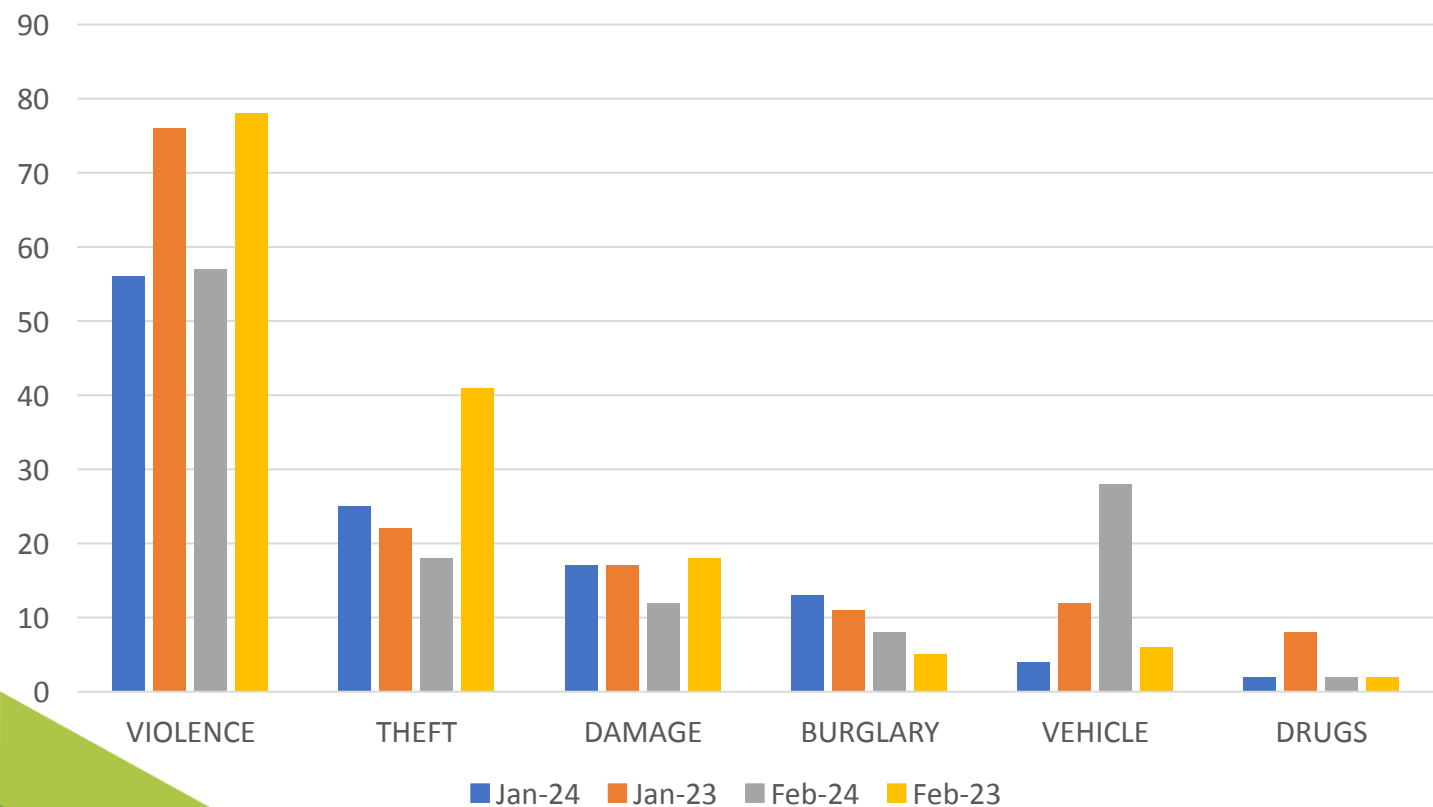
Semington Bus Gate, Melksham – **Patrols Following Community Complaints / Reports of Non-Compliance with the Bus Gate**

Keovil, Melksham – **Patrols of the Lanes and surrounding area in Response to Fly Tipping in the area.**



# Melksham Statistics

## CRIME STATS JAN/FEB 2023 v JAN/FEB 24



\*Violence is down from 2023 improving SAFER SPACES in Melksham.

\*Criminal Damage is being kept down despite a surge in juvenile crime

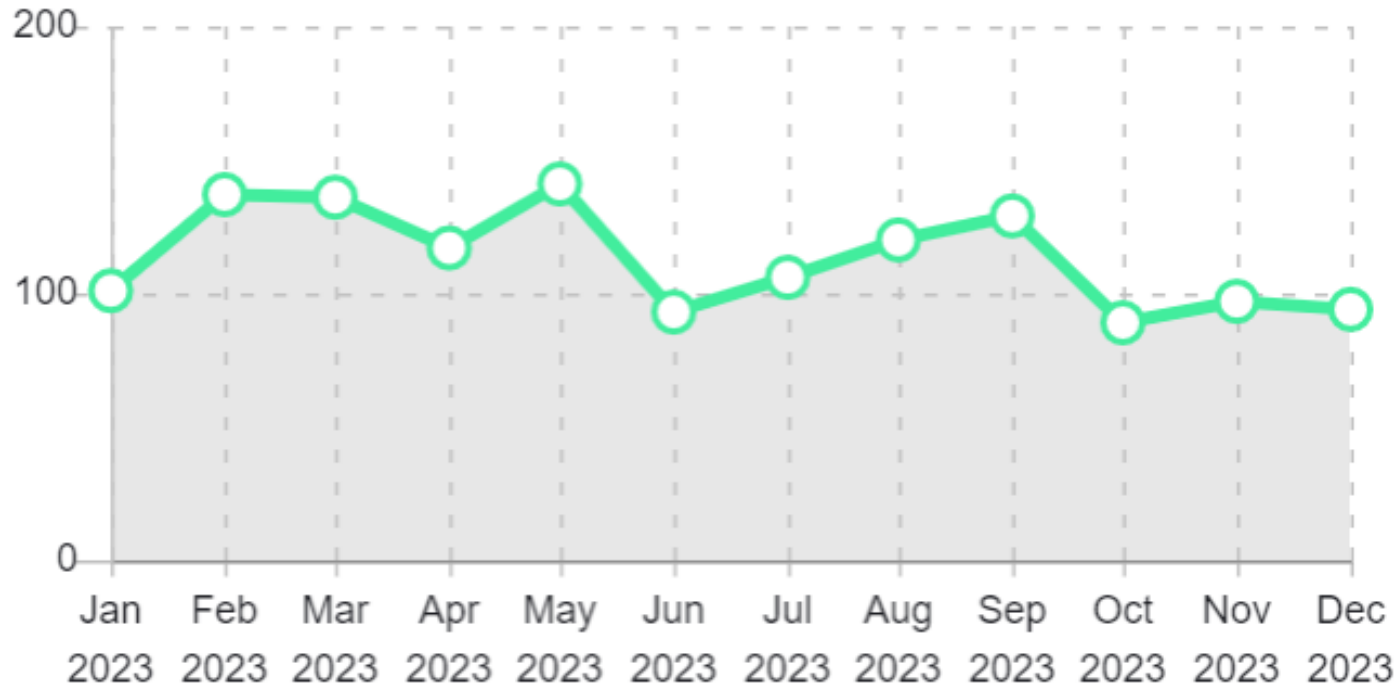
\*Vehicle crime has spiked in February as a result of one incident with multiple vehicles targeted in Bowerhill. There is potential this is linked to a incident in Swindon.

\*Drug offending remains low

\*Theft offending has declined in Feb 2024.

\*Burglary is showing as an increase, again down to three regular youth offenders who are being repeatedly put before the courts.

## Crime per Month



Month	Total	Percentage
Jan 2023	101	7.4%
Feb 2023	137	10.1%
Mar 2023	136	10%
Apr 2023	117	8.6%
May 2023	141	10.4%
Jun 2023	93	6.8%
Jul 2023	106	7.8%
Aug 2023	120	8.8%
Sep 2023	129	9.5%
Oct 2023	89	6.5%
Nov 2023	97	7.1%
Dec 2023	94	6.9%

## Melksham Traffic... What are we doing?

- Speed Enforcement operated two sessions at Shaw Hill at A365 Folly Lane and caught 41 vehicles speeding. The roads in this area have a clearly displayed speed limit of 30 mph. The fastest vehicle was captured travelling at 49 mph.
- Speed Enforcement operated at B3353, Whitely School, Whitely and caught 5 vehicles speeding. The roads in this area have a clearly displayed speed limit of 30mph. The fastest vehicle was captured travelling at 40mph. On the day in question, it was overcast with sunny periods.
- Speed Enforcement operated at Shaw and Whitley - A365 Folly Lane and caught 18 vehicles speeding. The roads in this area have a clearly displayed speed limit of 30mph. The fastest vehicle was captured travelling at 48mph.
- Speed Enforcement operated at 2 sites in Shaw and Whitley and caught 14 vehicles speeding. The roads in this area have a clearly displayed speed limit of 30mph. The fastest vehicle was captured travelling at 47mph.
- Speed Enforcement operated at Melksham - Woodrow Road, Melksham and caught 5 vehicles speeding. The roads in this area have a clearly displayed speed limit of 30mph. The fastest vehicle was captured travelling at 39mph.



## Direction in the next three months alongside business as usual:

In the coming three months the focus for the team is to continue building on our community foundations.

\*We will educate and deter the younger generations from crime with school visits; youth club visits; working with Stronger Families and offering mentor interaction with our most vulnerable to crime and exploitation.

\*We will increase the feeling of safety in our public spaces with plain clothes operations in areas of drug dealing and use. For those in the community who want a scaffold to support them out and about we will be offering 'Safer Spaces accompanied patrols' where members of the public can walk with us (in or out of uniform) to discuss what makes them feel at risk. We will then evaluate what we can do to tackle the hurdles causing our community to feel unsafe.

\*We will work with our Neighbourhood Harm Reduction Unit to work with our volunteer sector- weapon sweeps in parks; Community Speedwatch support and increase community visibility.



## Save The Date....

15<sup>th</sup> March- PCSO WALLACE will be working with Frank Halls, Angling Trust for promotion of closed fishing season in Staverton and around Melksham.

18<sup>th</sup> March- SGT RUTTER will be at the Melksham Town Council Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> March- PCSO WALLACE will be at the Holt Parish Council Meeting

26<sup>th</sup> March- Coffee with a Copper- PCSO Evie GRIFFIN will ASDA, Melksham

27<sup>th</sup> March- PC COOMBS will be at the Shaw and Whitley Parish Council Meeting

3/4<sup>th</sup> April- The team will be out on patrol with the Mobile Police Station- locations to be updated on our Social Media pages

5<sup>th</sup> April- PCSO WALLACE will be holding a coffee morning in Monkton Farleigh

10/11<sup>th</sup> April- The team will be out on patrol with the Mobile Police Station- locations to be updated on our Social Media pages

More dates to be announced!

