

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** MELKSHAM AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Melksham Oak Community School, Devizes Road, Bowerhill,  
Melksham, SN12 6QZ  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 September 2010  
**Time:** 7.00 pm

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Including the Parishes of Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Bulkington, Great Hinton, Keevil, Melksham, Melksham Without, Poulshot, Seend, Semington and Steeple Ashton.

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The Area Board welcomes and invites contributions from members of the public. The chairman will try to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak will have the opportunity to do so.

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Refreshments and networking opportunities will be available from 6:30pm.

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## Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Rod Eaton, Melksham North (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Mark Griffiths, Melksham Without North  
Cllr Jon Hubbard, Melksham South

Cllr Stephen Petty, Melksham Central  
Cllr Jonathon Seed, Summerham and Seend (Chairman)  
Cllr Roy While, Melksham Without South

<b>Items to be considered</b>	<b>Time</b>
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<p>1. <b>Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements</b></p>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<p>2. <b>Apologies for Absence</b></p>	
<p>3. <b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>4. <b>Minutes (Pages 3 - 16)</b></p> <p>To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2010.</p>	
<p>5. <b>Partner Updates (Pages 17 - 26)</b></p> <p>Updates from the following partners are in the pack where appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CAYPIG (Young People's Issue Group)</li> <li>b. MCAP (Melksham Community Area Partnership)</li> <li>c. Wiltshire Police – Inspector David Cullop</li> <li>d. NHS Wiltshire</li> <li>e. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</li> <li>f. Melksham Town Council</li> <li>g. Parish Council Nominated Representatives</li> </ul>	<b>7.10pm</b>
<p>6. <b>Special Young People's Area Board Meeting: "Transport and Access"</b></p> <p>Introduction to tonight's event, background to 'participatory budgeting' and explanation of voting.</p>	<b>7.15pm</b>
<p>Presentations by groups of young people (3 minutes each) followed by voting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Parkour</li> <li>• Bus information cards</li> <li>• High ropes course</li> <li>• Club Boom trip</li> <li>• Subsidised Bus fares</li> <li>• Mini bus hire</li> </ul>	<b>7.20pm</b>

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|     | Final presentation of results  | <b>8.20pm</b> |
| 7.  | <b>Cabinet Member Questions</b><br>Cllr Lionel Grundy, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People will introduce his portfolio and take any questions. | <b>8.30pm</b> |
| 8.  | <b>Any Urgent Items of Public Concern</b><br>The Chairman to take any other urgent business of public concern.   | <b>9.00pm</b> |
| 9.  | <b>Future Meeting Dates</b><br>Wednesday 13 October – Melksham Divisional Police HQ.<br>Wednesday 1 December – Semington Village Hall.                   | <b>9.10pm</b> |
| 10. | <b>Evaluation &amp; Close</b>  | <b>9.15pm</b> |

#### **Area Board Issues Process**

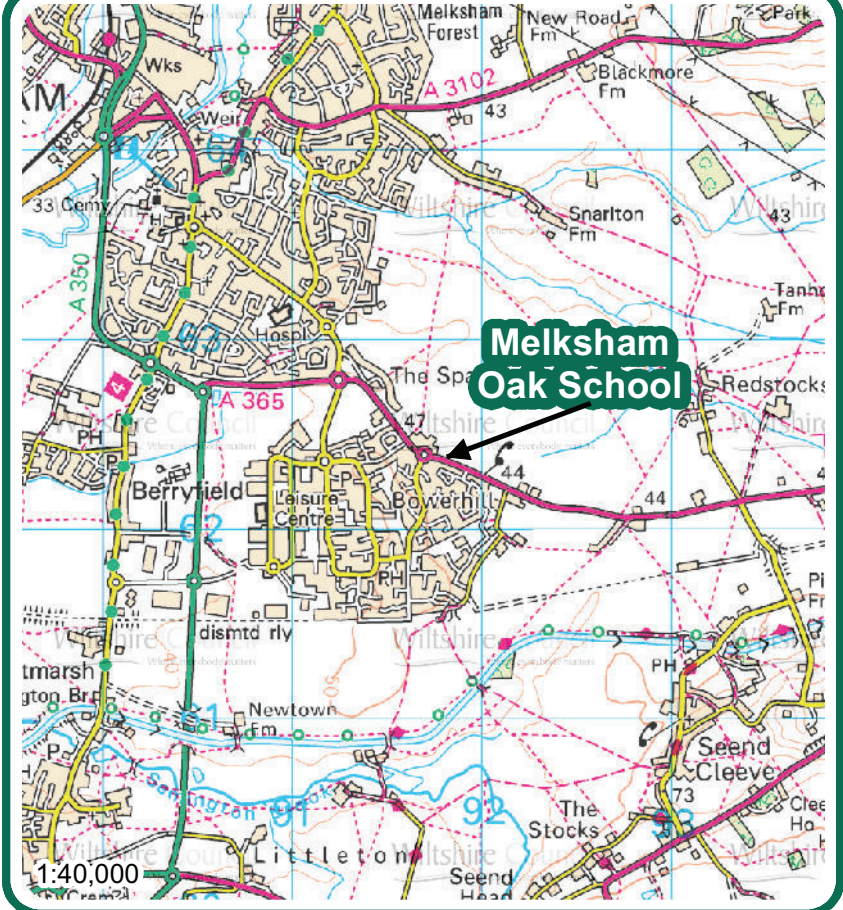
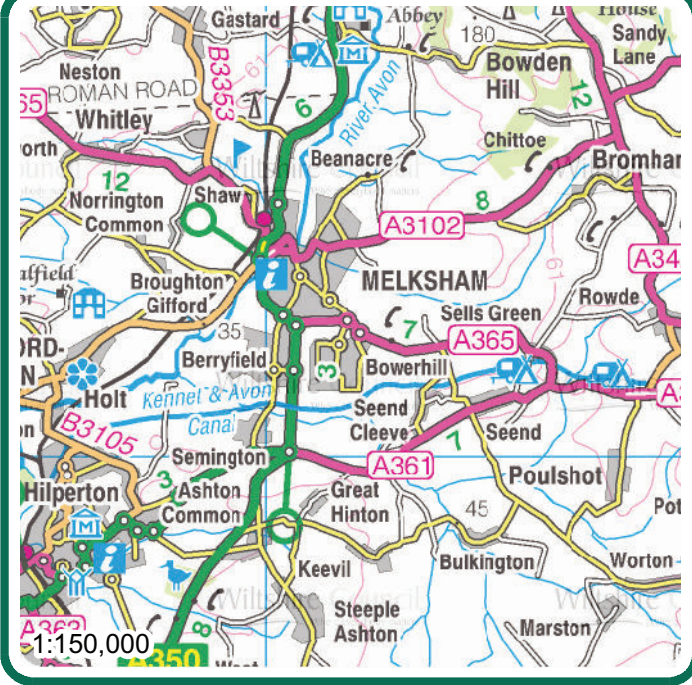
Please see our online issues tracker for progress on all issues submitted to the Melksham area board to date.

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards/areboardsissuestracking.htm> .

You can also submit issues online for the area board to consider, or fill in an issues sheet by hand.

[https://forms.wiltshire.gov.uk/area\\_board/areaboards.php](https://forms.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/areaboards.php)





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# MINUTES

**Meeting:** MELKSHAM AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Shaw Primary School, Corsham Road, Shaw, SN12 8EQ  
**Date:** 28 July 2010  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.56 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Jonathon Seed (Chairman), Cllr Rod Eaton (Vice-Chairman) and Cllr Mark Griffiths

Cabinet Representative – John Noeken (Resources)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Andy Conn - Head of Waste Management Services

Marie Gondlach – Democratic Services Officer

Abbi Gutierrez – Community Area Manager

Niki Lewis – Service Director

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Melksham Town Council – Terri Welch, Chris Petty

Atworth Parish Council – E Gale-Sides, Mavis King, and Charles Boyle (clerk)

Broughton Gifford Parish Council – Paul Wiltshire

Great Hinton Parish Council – George McDome

Melksham Without Parish Council – Mike Mills, Elizabeth Bean, Mary Jarvis (clerk),  
Margaret Mylcheet (Assistant Parish Officer)

Seend Parish Council – Joan Savage

Semington Parish Council – Paul Bowyer, Ron Robinson

Yeevil Parish Council – Myra Link

**Partners**

Wiltshire Police – Inspector David Cullop

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Mike Franklin

**Members of Public in Attendance: 35****Total in attendance: 64**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to Shaw School.</p> <p>The Chairman introduced Councillor John Noeken (Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Resources) who was in attendance for this meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman then introduced Councillor Linda Conley (Wiltshire Council portfolio holder for waste) and all the Wiltshire Council members in attendance as well as Niki Lewis (Service Director).</p> <p>The Chairman reminded those present of the two events having taken place before the start of the meeting, both of which were included further on in the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the Wiltshire Council consultation on options for future waste collection and recycling services,</li> <li>- the opportunity for residents to highlight areas where community payback teams could work</li> </ul> <p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lorry parking update At the special meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 the Melksham Area Board resolved to accept the opinion of Melksham residents and called on the Cabinet members of Wiltshire Council to take notice and to close with immediate action the King Street Lorry park to all commercial vehicles. That resolution has since been taken up and acted upon by Wiltshire Council. Since the closure there had been no report of major issues regarding lorries parking in the Melksham area but the Chairman gave reassurance that the board was keeping a watchful eye for any arising issues. Other arrangements for buses and coaches were being looked into.</li> <li>• Council tax payment – response to issue raised by TARA It had been reported to the board that some residents had complained about forceful debt collecting for Council tax arrears. The Chairman explained that this was not an issue the board could intervene in and the matter had been referred to the appropriate officer at Wiltshire Council; however the board could facilitate discussion on the issue should it be required.</li> <li>• Local transport scheme funding allocation The Chairman summarised the information provided in the agenda</li> </ul>	

	<p>and was pleased to announce that the Chairman of the Community Area Partnership had accepted to help with the Community Area Transport Group and would facilitate the meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Payback – call for “grot spots” The Chairman expanded on the information available in the agenda and invited residents to use the opportunity offered to them to identify “grot spots” in their area. “Grot spots” could be reported directly to the Community Payback team through the “feedback”, or to the Community Payback project coordinator Tracy Geiran on 01793 534 259 or <a href="mailto:tracy.geiran@wiltshire.probaton.gsi.gov.uk">tracy.geiran@wiltshire.probaton.gsi.gov.uk</a> or to the Melksham Community Area Manager, Abbi Gutierrez on 01225 718 443 or <a href="mailto:abbi.gutierrez@wiltshire.gov.uk">abbi.gutierrez@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>. The Chairman also proposed to identify the Melksham King Street car park as a “grot spot” as reported by local residents.</li> <li>• Parking Strategy consultation As explained in the agenda the chairman highlighted the fact that the consultation started on 12<sup>th</sup> July and would end on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010. He encouraged everyone to take part in the consultation. Comments could be submitted on line at <a href="http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal">http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal</a>. Reference copies of the report were available from all libraries.</li> <li>• Leisure review The Chairman informed all present that a Leisure review consultation was also taking place and he invited everyone to take part on <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wilts-leisure-facilities-review.htm">http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wilts-leisure-facilities-review.htm</a>. He pointed out that the information available in the proposal would seem to indicate that Melksham was in a rather good position with the following proposed to take place within the next three years; new swimming pool, new leisure centre and a large grant to the Wiltshire School of Gymnastics.  The supplementary pack tabled at the meeting included details about a Grant application which was to be considered with the four applications already listed on the agenda, and partner updates that were received after the agenda was published.</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillors Roy While, Jon Hubbard and Stephen Petty and from Kevin Fielding, Democratic Services Officer.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Rod Eaton, as mayor of Melksham, declared a personal</p>	

	interest in any items relating to the town.	
4.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Exceptionally three sets of minutes had to be considered at the meeting;</p> <p><b><u>Decision:</u></b></p> <p><b>1. The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.</b></p> <p><b>2. The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment: (minute 30 refers, page 7 of 15) Your Local issues</b></p> <p><b>Points made from the floor included:</b></p> <p><b>Many Parishes would prefer speed indication devices not hand held speed guns on a rolling programme.</b></p> <p><b>3. The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman after it was confirmed that the fact that buses and coaches would also be excluded from the King Street car park (as all commercial vehicles) had been made clear at the time the board had voted on the issue.</b></p>	
5.	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Melksham Community Area Partnership (MCAP): Chris Holden summarised the brief report tabled at the meeting and highlighted on-going work including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The launch of the MCAP website on 1<sup>st</sup> June (<a href="http://www.melksham.communityarea.org.uk">www.melksham.communityarea.org.uk</a>);</li> <li>• The meeting of the Community Safety group on 29<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 pm at the Melksham Town Hall;</li> <li>• The opportunity for communities to have a say on the design and content of the Community Plan.</li> </ul> <p>The board advised people to check details with their Parish Clerks and contact the authors of “local blogs” if they spotted any inaccuracies. The Chairman pointed out that the MCAP was mostly made up of volunteers, apart from the administrator, and that everyone should engage in a dialogue with them to help develop</p>	

	<p>the website and the information available.</p> <p><b>Wiltshire Police</b> Inspector David Cullop referred the meeting to the report contained within the agenda and did not wish to add anything further as he was aware of the sizeable agenda faced by the board, however he invited all present to ask question if they wished.</p> <p><b>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue</b> Michael Franklin highlighted instances in which people may not be aware of the WF&amp;R's involvement such as the 43 homes which were visited for fire home safety checks and the 101 incidents attended on behalf of partners. He then invited all present to ask questions about the update report included within the agenda.</p> <p><b>Melksham Town Council</b> Councillor Chris Petty, as newly elected Deputy Mayor, was invited to present any updates from Melksham Town Council.</p> <p><b>Parish Councils</b> Melksham Without Parish Council felt that the main subject they could provide an update on would be better addressed under the Local Issues item.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>a. Response to Bowerhill Sports Field and Youth Facilities survey</p> <p>Councillor Mike Mills, Chairman of Melksham Without Parish Council, was pleased to report the overwhelming response to the survey was that the land should remain in recreational use. He also explained that young people and pupils had been consulted and the amount and quality of responses received had amazed and delighted the Parish Council.</p> <p>He stated that the Parish Council fully supported the exclusion of the land required for the link road between the A350 and Lancaster Road roundabout from the agreement. Following a query from the floor he confirmed that the existing changing / youth building would have to be pulled down but that money to replace it would be part of the transfer and planning permission had been granted.</p> <p>Councillor Mark Griffiths commended Melksham Without Parish Council for their effort.</p> <p><b><u>Decision:</u></b></p> <p><b>To approve the transfer of the football pitch land at Lancaster</b></p>	

**Road Melksham, extending to approximately 5.34 hectares (13.2 acres) to Melksham Without Parish Council in the sum of £1 and otherwise in accordance with the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.**

b. Concerns about Councillor-led initiative

The Chairman gave reassurance that concerns had been heard and registered and the board was fully aware of the sensitivity of the issue.

Councillor Mark Griffiths pointed out that no matter where or who the grant request came from, anyone and everyone could speak at the Area Board meeting it was considered at.

**Decision:**

**To keep the Area Board updated on any development on the issue as and when possible.**

c. Any Other Urgent Questions of Public Concern.

The Chairman invited Councillor Mark Griffiths, as the Unitary member for Melksham Without North, to report to the meeting the problems faced by residents of Snarlton Lane due to the utilities work being carried out for a sizeable housing development to the east of Melksham.

Councillor Griffiths expressed his frustration at having been unable to meet with representatives of the utilities companies, who had been invited to attend the Area Board meeting, or the developers to find a solution to the existing problems. He summarised the upheaval faced by residents of Snarlton Lane such as limited access, noise pollution, damages to properties and loss of trade for local businesses but felt these stories would be better told by the residents themselves.

The Chairman invited residents of Snarlton Lane to explain the problems they were facing. Many residents welcomed the opportunity and expressed a range of concerns, issues and feelings including the following:

- The fact that residents had initially been told Snarlton Lane would not be affected by the development, yet seemed to be the only area affected;
- The issue of an already narrow lane being made even narrower due to a trench being dug up and heavy vehicles parked on site and all the safety issue this brought such as:
  - Access and exit of the lane being made near impossible for residents themselves, let alone

	<p>emergency vehicles, refuse collection lorries and mail deliveries,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The danger for pedestrians and cyclists as highlighted in two separate instances (a young girl nearly being nearly knocked off the pavement and an accident involving a bicycle),</li> <li>○ The heavy vehicle traffic which created a lot of noise and loss of quality of life with regular 7.30 am start, as well as damages to some properties on the lane where signs of subsidence were appearing,</li> <li>○ Frustration due to a lack of co-ordination for the work carried out by utilities companies which may lead to a trench being dug up four times.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor John Noeken and Niki Lewis expressed dismay at the level of health and safety risks being highlighted by the residents and pledged to bring the issue to the attention of the relevant Wiltshire Council Corporate Directors for immediate action if possible.</p> <p><b><u>Decision:</u></b></p> <p><b>To ensure any further work by utilities companies in Snarlton Lane is delayed until proper discussion with all parties involved have taken place and the issues are resolved.</b></p> <p>Note:  Since the meeting Wales and West utilities have agreed not to start the planned gas main upgrading in Snarlton Lane on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010 and an alternative route to serve the Persimmon development is being investigated.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Council and Partner Items</u></p> <p><b><u>a. Waste consultation</u></b></p> <p>Andy Conn, Head of Waste Management Services, gave a brief overview of the Wiltshire Council waste consultation.</p> <p>He explained that Wiltshire Council had inherited four different waste collection schemes which meant that changes were required to ensure that the same service was provided to all Wiltshire residents. In addition land fill tax was set to increase from £48 per ton in 2010 to £80 per ton in 2014 and there were strong incentives to reduce land fill use and increase recycling.</p>	

He explained that the proposal was to offer each household in Wiltshire an alternate weekly collection for household rubbish and black box recycling (i.e. tins, glass and paper). There would also be a fortnightly collection of plastic bottles and cardboard recycling, a new service in Melksham and the west of the county. The garden waste service would be retained for the west of the county and offered to residents in the rest of the county on an “opt-in” basis.

He pointed out that the proposal sought to balance the best service possible whilst minimising costs. It should be considered as an “invest to save” scheme with a simple formula of: increase recycling = decrease land fill = decrease land fill tax. It should also be remembered that the cost of the proposal was higher than the current cost but that new services were being offered, and that this was still less than the cost of weekly collections.

The Chairman then invited questions and comments.

In response the following was explained:

- The landfill capacity should be sufficient until 2015 to 2020;
- It was not envisaged that Wiltshire Council would purchase landfill sites because sites were now owned by private companies, not the council. There also was a decrease in demand by the public as well as the private sector therefore less investment was expected in the future, although the Wiltshire clay vale and its mineral extractions sites were likely to attract some interest;
- The kerbside collection of recyclables could be a financially viable option as the contamination rate (mixing of different recyclables) was only of 1% (10 times less than some authorities) which reduced the cost of sorting when reaching the recycling centre, and the risk for the recyclable products of being rejected by the processors. In addition local authorities could face penalties under a national scheme called the Landfill Allowances Trading Scheme (LATS) and landfill taxes and trading cost were ever increasing;
- A significant proportion of waste was being burned to generate energy. Some of the non-recyclable waste was being sent to the incinerator plant near Slough. A proposal was also being considered for a contract with the MBT (mechanical biological treatment) Westbury plant to produce RDF fuel (Refuse derived fuel) by drying, salting and shredding waste;
- The LGA (Local Government Association) and local authorities, including Wiltshire, had been lobbying supermarkets to reduce the weight and amount of non-recyclable plastic used in packaging; although the outcome

	<p>may not always be noticeable by the consumer it did matter when weighing landfill waste!</p> <p>WRAP (Waste &amp; Resources Action Programme) was also actively working to develop sustainable products and use resources in a more efficient way;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should the proposal be accepted the provision of local recycling bring sites (village hall car parks, schools, etc) would have to be evaluated. Some sites were so successful that they had to be emptied every other day; Wiltshire Council would aim to maintain as many sites as financially viable to support communities in their effort to recycle.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Conn invited people to take part in the consultation. Leaflets were available at the meeting summarising the proposals and with detachable freepost slip, on which residents could record their support or opposition to the proposals.</p> <p><b><u>b. Library review</u></b></p> <p>Niki Lewis, Service Director for Communities, Libraries, Heritage &amp; Arts gave a presentation on library services.</p> <p>Last year, following the budget consultation, libraries and heritage unfortunately had come very low in the list of priorities.</p> <p>A review of library services was now taking place to help achieve the £500K of savings required from the service’s budget within the next two years. It was also felt that the amount of savings required could increase due to national financial pressures. It was hoped that the cuts would not affect front line services.</p> <p>A gradual drop in library usage had been noted across the county despite an increase in the number of memberships. For example the Melksham library had seen a drop in usage of 9%, yet an increase of 2% in computer usage. On the bright side Melksham library could take pride in its very successful after school homework club.</p> <p>The review was looking at library services and how it could be delivered in future in the County. Mrs Lewis encouraged people to take part in the review and use the chance to give their views on how the library services could be delivered in the Melksham Community Area.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>Grants &amp; Area Board Budget</u></b></p> <p>Applicants that were present were invited to speak on their application, following which consideration was given by the board</p>	



to the five funding applications made to the Community Area Grants Scheme. As mentioned above four applications were included in the agenda and one was tabled at the meeting which the Chairman agreed to consider as an urgent item as the application had been sent before the deadline but had not been received by the Community Area Manager.

**Decision**

**Bowerhill Residents Action Group was awarded £2,000 towards the development of a picnic area near the Kennet and Avon canal.**

**Reason**

***The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11 and would help improve the environment to encourage people to use the canal footpath for leisure including walking and cycling.***

**Decision**

**Atworth Parish Council was awarded £600 towards the renovation of the copse of pines between Mount Pleasant estate and the A365.**

**Reason**

***The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11 and would support the considerable community desire for improvement of this area.***

**Decision**

**The board agreed Atworth Parish Council's request to withdraw the application.**

**Decision**

**Melksham Without Parish Council had applied for £332 towards a new parish council notice board.**

**Reason**

***The grant was refused as it was considered the cost of parish councils' notice board should be met by Parish Councils.***

**Decision**

	<p><b>Melksham Choral Society was awarded £900 towards a choral concert at Melksham Oak school with the condition that this was a one-off contribution.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason</u></b></p> <p><b><i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11 and would support the enhancement of the cultural image of Melksham in the wider community and the external image of the town.</i></b></p>	
9.	<p><b><u>Cabinet Member Questions</u></b></p> <p>Councillor John Noeken, Cabinet member for Resources was pleased to witness such public involvement in the Area Board. He briefly presented his portfolio which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• human resources and organisational development;</li> <li>• ICT;</li> <li>• procurement and commissioning;</li> <li>• customer services;</li> <li>• shared services team;</li> <li>• business management programme;</li> <li>• business transformation (systems thinking/lean);</li> <li>• legal and democratic services;</li> <li>• councillor development;</li> <li>• registration service and coroners.</li> </ul> <p>He pointed out that his portfolio mostly covered “behind the scene” work such as improving the response time to queries by members of the public, answering the phones quicker, improving the invoicing and procurement systems, etc. All these improvements were driven by a desire to lessen the costs; for example £150M were currently being spent on purchasing services, savings on services could mean that the council tax does not always have to rise.</p> <p>The workplace transformation project included issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• keeping four main hubs for council business rather than the 1000 + buildings Wiltshire Council owned at the time;</li> <li>• ensuring that the 5500 staff and 7000 school staff were provided with the necessary equipment, such as ICT, to enable them to work flexibly.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Noeken was assisted by two portfolio holders, Councillors Chris Cochrane (ICT, Information Management and Business Transformation) and Allison Bucknell (Customer Care), to</p>	

	<p>help him meet the targets set within his portfolio.</p> <p>Over the next five years 25% of spending cuts were anticipated, which is why there was a need to be cautious and to strive to keep costs down whilst maintaining frontline services as much as possible.</p> <p>Councillor Noeken pointed out that Wiltshire Council was making the best possible use of resources in ways such as undertaking payroll functions for the Police in Wiltshire, as well as looking into sharing services with other authorities when applicable.</p> <p>In answer to questions from the floor he explained that a saving of £8M had been realised since the move to a unitary council, and that another £9M saving was expected year on year from procurement, however £3.5M in grants had already been lost in the current financial year and more cuts were expected. Wiltshire Council was in the process of reorganising services and directorates, as well as managerial posts in a view to amalgamate management when possible. Wiltshire Council was leaner but striving to get even leaner.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Representatives on Outside Bodies</u></p> <p>Councillors Roy While and Jon Hubbard were not able to attend the meeting of the Area Board but the Chairman explained that they had both expressed an interest in maintaining their respective involvement with the Melksham Community Area Partnership and the Community Area Young Peoples Issues Group.</p> <p><b>The Board therefore confirmed the following appointments as representatives on Outside Bodies for 2010/11:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Melksham Community Area Partnership: Councillor Roy While</b></li> <li>• <b>Community Area Young Peoples Issues Group: Councillor Jon Hubbard</b></li> </ul>	
11.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>The next meetings for the Melksham Area Board will be on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Melksham Oak School.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman explained that the meeting would be specifically centred on Young People, with the portfolio holder for Children’s Services, Councillor Lionel Grundy, attending. He invited everyone to encourage young people to attend.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October –Melksham Divisional Police HQ.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman welcomed the opportunity for the meeting to take place at the head quarters of one of Wiltshire Council’s Partners.</p> <p>.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Evaluation &amp; Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for coming along and contributing to the meeting and encouraged people to complete and return their feedback forms.</p>	



## **Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Melksham Community Area Board 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

### **1. Neighbourhood Policing**

Regular engagement and consultation is a key area of Neighbourhood Policing. Details of all consultations meetings can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website:

<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk>

#### **Team profile:**

##### **Team Supervisor**

Sergeant Mel Rolph

##### **Town Centre Team**

Beat Manager – PC Kane Fulbrook-Smith

Patrol Officer – Sophie Dodd

PCSO – Debbie Huntley

PCSO – Helen Wilson

PCSO – Christopher Pugh

##### **Rural North Team**

Beat Manager – PC Barry Dalton

PCSO – Janet Gould

PCSO - Maggie Ledbury

##### **Rural South Team**

Beat Manager – PC Emily Thomas

PCSO Rose Baldock

### Team News:

**PC Kevin Harmsworth** has been replaced as Town Centre Beat Manager by **PC Kane Fulbrook-Smith**. Kevin has been an important team member since the launch of Neighbourhood Policing in April 2007. I am sure that you will join me in thanking him for his work in Melksham and wish him luck in his new post with the Armed Response Group. Kane is a very experienced officer and was previously based in Trowbridge. He will be getting to know you all over the coming months.

### 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 our Wiltshire Police Website, which has had a new make-over to make it more assessable for users.

☐ Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

### Police Authority Representative:

**Mr Angus Macpherson**

**Mr Macpherson** can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority:

☎ 01380 734022

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

## 2. Performance

The reported overall crime figures continue to show that offences in the Community Area are falling. The 14.5% reduction is the third best across the county. The number of detections also put Melksham in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Full details can be found below in **Table 1**.

It is now possible to compare year on year quarterly ASB figures. For the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (April – June) there has been a **16% decrease**. Full details can be found below in **Table 2**.

**Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures Melksham Community Area  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010**

MELKSHAM	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	AUG 2008 - JUL 2010				AUG 2008 - JUL 2010	
	2008/09	2009/10	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	315	248	-67	-21.3%	54.0%	52.0%
Dwelling Burglary	78	89	11	14.1%	6.4%	51.7%
Criminal Damage	339	261	-78	-23.0%	18.6%	22.6%
Non Dwelling Burglary	118	96	-22	-18.6%	5.1%	11.5%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	109	88	-21	-19.3%	18.3%	4.5%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	38	26	-12	-31.6%	36.8%	3.8%
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>1441</b>	<b>1232</b>	<b>-209</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>	<b>27.9%</b>	<b>30.9%</b>

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently County Division is performing very well and is ranked 1st (out of 15) for our overall crime and 5th (out of 15) for our overall detection levels

**Table 2 – Reported Anti-Social Behaviour Figures  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

JULY-SEPT 2009	OCT-DEC 2009	JAN- MAR 2010	APR-JUNE 2010 (2009)	MONTHLY AVE (09/10)
321	259	238	308 (367)	281.5

*David W Cullop*

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Sector Inspector

24/08/10





## NHS Update – August 2010

### **Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS**

The Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, has published a new NHS White Paper, 'Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS', setting out the coalition Government's vision for the NHS. The White Paper is the first step towards the Government's ambition for the NHS to achieve health outcomes and quality health services that are among the best in the world.

The White Paper sets out proposals for the NHS to become a truly world-class service: a service that is easy to access, treats people as individuals and offers care that is safe and of the highest quality.

This vision puts patients at the heart of everything that the NHS does. This means giving them more choice and the information they need to be able to exercise that choice. It also means putting GPs in charge of local commissioning decisions and setting providers of health services free from top-down targets.

In order to achieve its vision for the NHS, the Government has proposed changes to the way the NHS is organised. It plans to create an independent National Commissioning Board for the NHS. The Board will allocate money to local GP consortia for them to use to commission local health services. Local authorities will take on responsibility for public health and health improvement, currently held by primary care trusts.

As a result of these changes, the Government expect PCTs to cease to exist from 2013 in light of the successful establishment of GP consortia. It is also planned that strategic health authorities will no longer exist from 2012/13. In the meantime, these organisations will have important roles to play in supporting the NHS through a period of change.

For NHS Wiltshire, this means getting ready to ensure we have a safe and effective transfer of responsibilities to GP consortia and Wiltshire Council. It also means making sure that we maintain our focus on securing safe and effective services that deliver value for money and which are as good as they can be.

A number of more detailed, supporting documents have been and will continue to be issued in the following weeks as part of the White Paper consultation process. Details are set out below about how you can forward your comments for the consultation.

Document Title and Link	Deadline
The Centre for Public Scrutiny Equity and Excellence – NHS White Paper Summary <a href="http://www.cfps.org.uk/userfiles/file/Equality%20and%20Excellence%20-%20Summary%20of%20key%20themes%20for%20councillors.doc">http://www.cfps.org.uk/userfiles/file/Equality%20and%20Excellence%20-%20Summary%20of%20key%20themes%20for%20councillors.doc</a>	N/A
Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS <a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/LiberatingtheNHS/index.htm">http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/LiberatingtheNHS/index.htm</a>	Comments by 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Increasing democratic legitimacy in health <a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/docume">http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/docume</a>	11 October

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Transparency in outcomes: a framework for the NHS <a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_117583">http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_117583</a>	11 October

## **Wiltshire Community Health Services**

The White Paper also makes it clear that the Government's commitment to separating NHS provider functions from the commissioning part of Primary Care Trusts is unchanged. The commitment stands that by 1 April 2011, Primary Care Trusts will have divested themselves of directly-provided services. This has a direct implication for the Wiltshire-wide, individual services currently provided by Wiltshire Community Health Services, as well as the clinical and nursing staff employed by Wiltshire Community Health Services.

As a consequence, the Board of NHS Wiltshire agreed at its Board Meeting on 21 July 2010 to put in place appropriate commissioning arrangements to transfer Wiltshire Community Health Services to other NHS organisations. In order to preserve the strengths of the services, the plan is that the transfer will happen in 'clusters'.

- Cluster 1: Maternity – managed transfer to a NHS Trust capable of securing on-going employment for front-line staff on NHS pay and conditions. The resultant contract will have a 3-year term.
- Cluster 2: Children – managed transfer to a NHS Trust for a period of two years with the strategic intent of maintaining the integrated working with Wiltshire Council.
- Cluster 3: Miscellaneous –The PCT will pursue the transfer of each of these services via the appropriate contractual arrangements, as outlined in the option appraisal.
- Cluster 4: Adult Services – managed transfer to an NHS organisation capable of securing on-going employment for front-line staff on NHS pay and conditions. The resultant contract will have a 3-year term.

Expressions of interest will be received from other NHS provider organisations, including Great Western Hospital, Royal United Hospital, Bath and Salisbury Foundation Trust. In considering the proposals from these organisations, NHS Wiltshire will look at how they propose to continue delivering the high-quality clinical services which WCHS staff currently provide and to build on the successes of these services. This is likely to result in the transfer of frontline clinical staff into the relevant NHS organisations.

## **Reduction in management costs**

The Coalition Government has asked for a 45% national decrease in NHS management costs by the end of 2013, linking to new models of working and shifts in commissioning responsibilities. NHS Wiltshire is therefore reviewing corporate teams and structures across HR, finance, IM&T, PALS and Communications teams, reducing the number of posts in each area. Redundancies will be made by 31 March 2011.

## **Stakeholder Assembly - Delivering Value for Patients**

Nationally, the NHS is looking at ways to deliver more efficient ways of working in the future. In Wiltshire, we are working on more than 50 projects, led by local clinicians and PCT staff, to deliver savings which can be re-invested in front-line services to manage the increasing demand from our ageing population, new technologies and new medicines. The projects were shared with stakeholders, including colleagues from the voluntary sector, patients groups, Wiltshire Involvement Network and Wiltshire Council at our Stakeholders Assembly at the end of June. The feedback we received supports the work we are doing and the Board of NHS Wiltshire has agreed thirteen priority projects which will be the focus of work over the next six months so that we start to deliver savings from the beginning of 2011/12.

The next Board meeting will be held on **29 September 2010, venue to be confirmed.**

Papers are published a week before the meeting on [www.wiltshire.nhs.uk](http://www.wiltshire.nhs.uk) or on request from Stacey Saunders, NHS Wiltshire (tel: 01380 733839, email: [stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk](mailto:stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk)). For further information or copies of documents referred to above, please contact Jo Howes, Community Engagement Manager, 01380 733929 or [jo.howes@wiltshire.nhs](mailto:jo.howes@wiltshire.nhs)





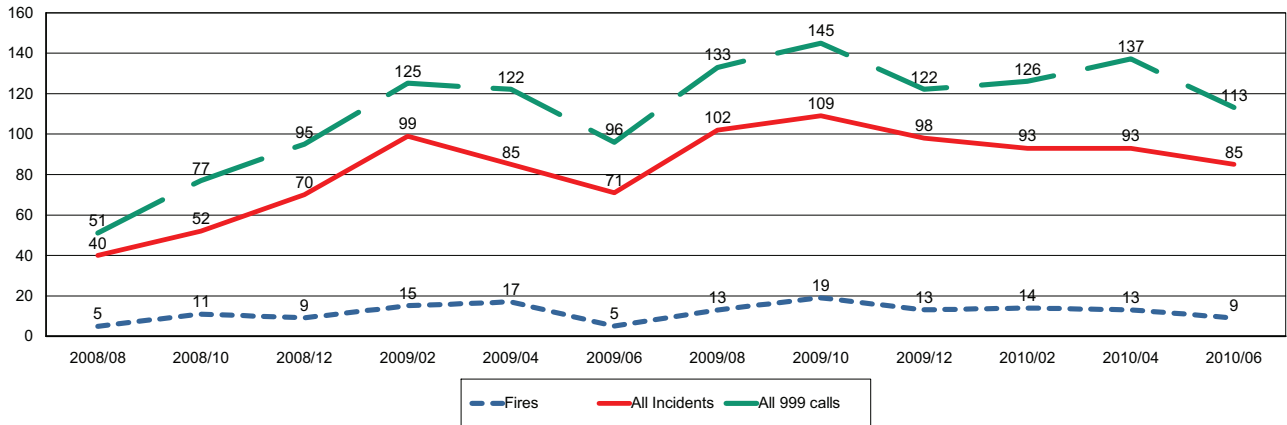
# Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

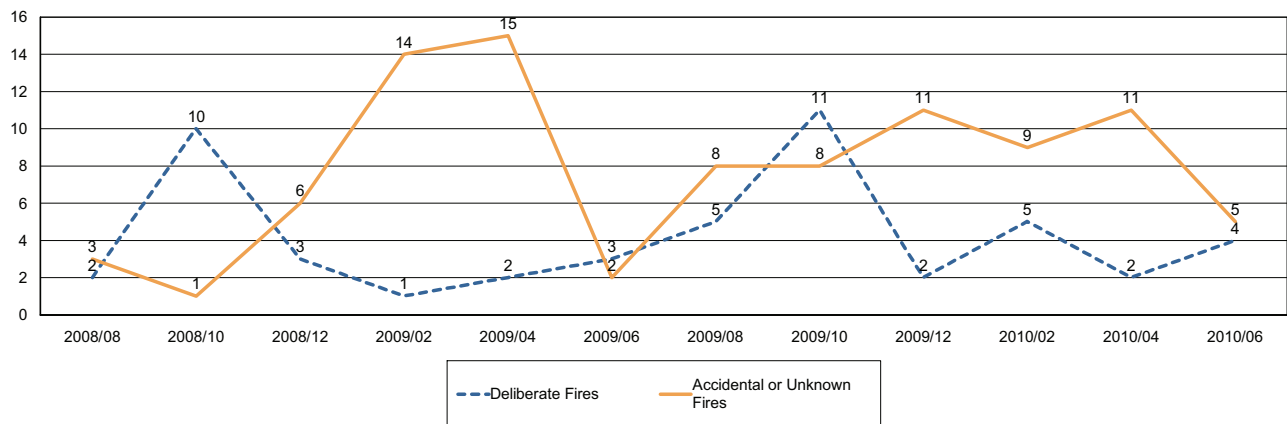
## Report for Melksham Area Board

The following is a bi-monthly update of Fire and Rescue Service activity up to and including June 2010. It has been prepared by the Group Manager for the Board's area.

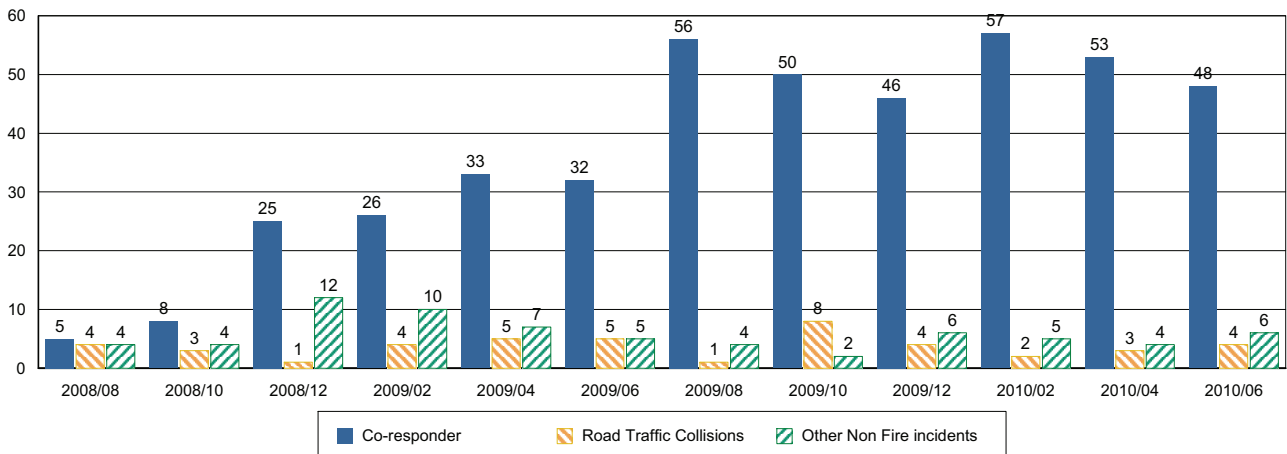
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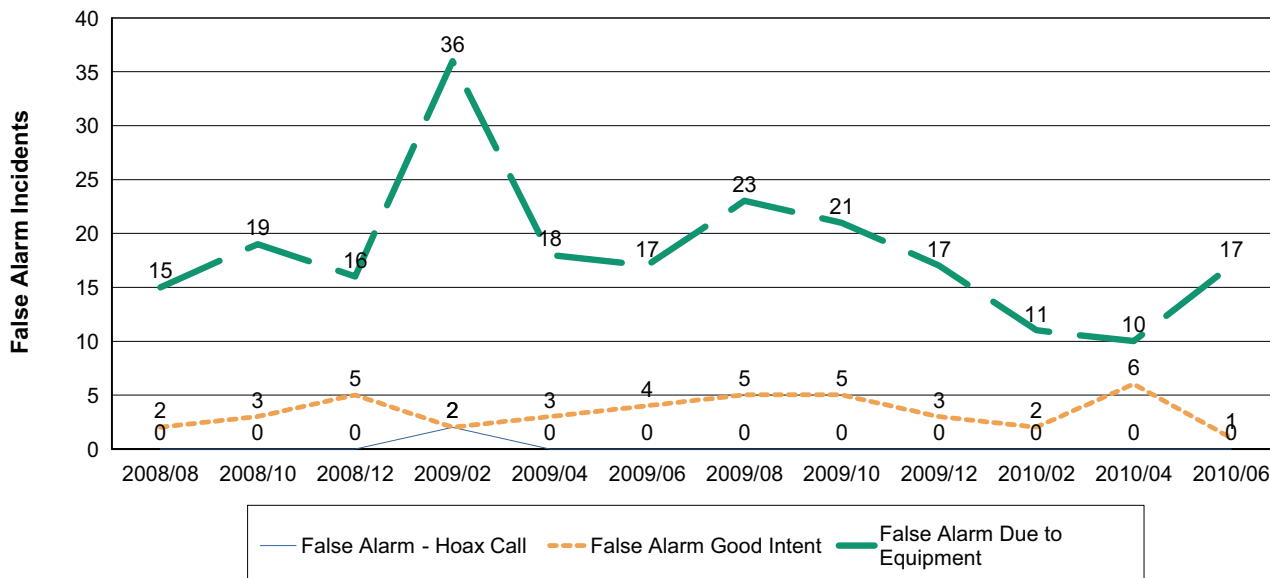
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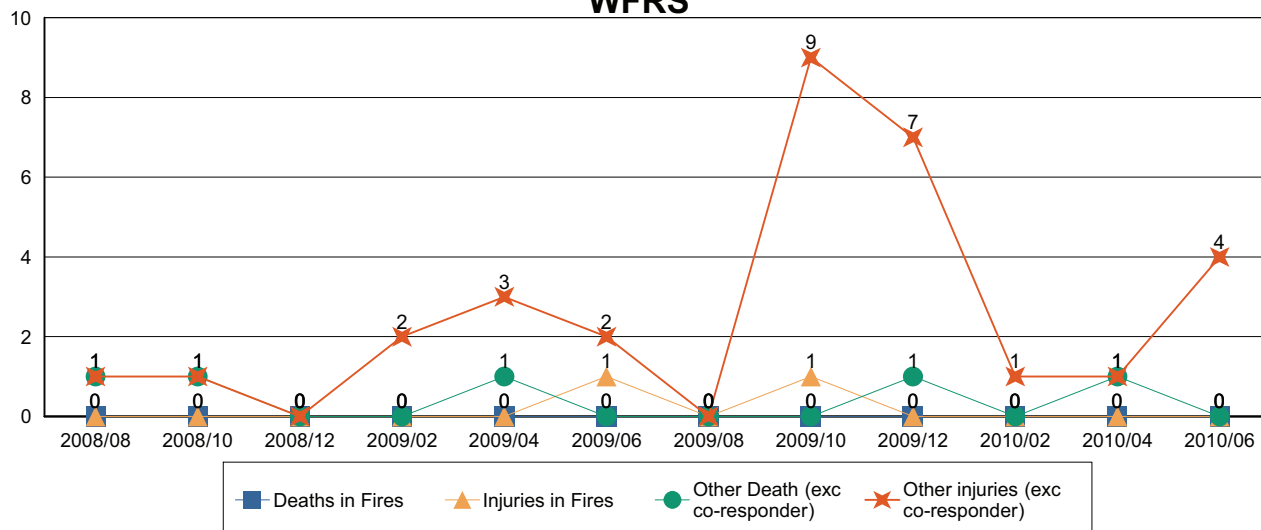
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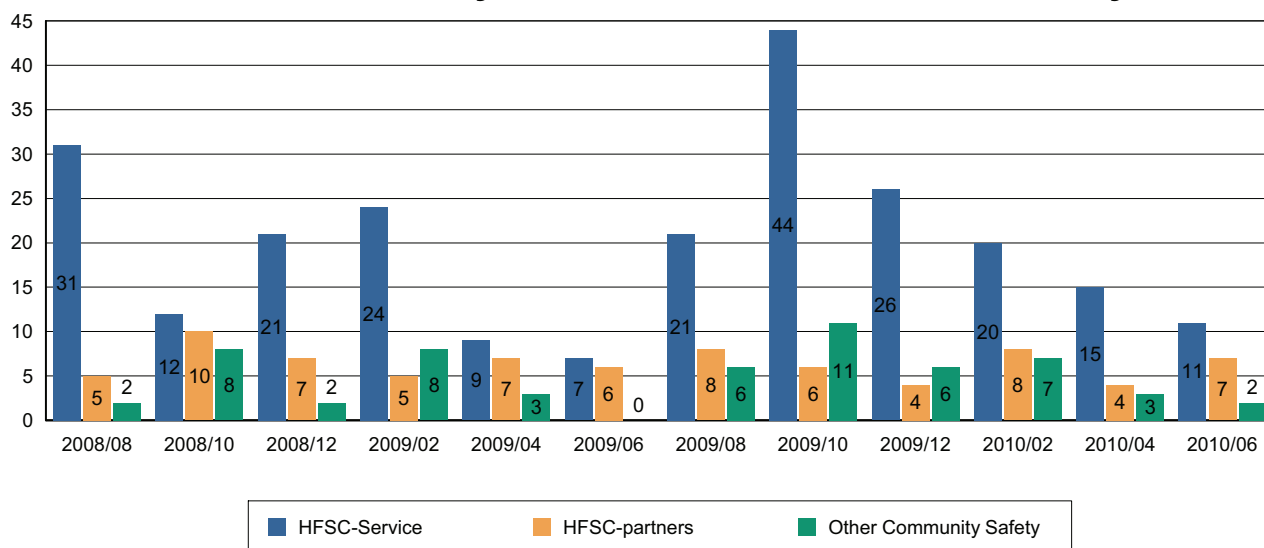
### Number of False Alarm Incidents



### Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



### Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



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