

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – November 2010
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WILTSHIRE POLICE PERFORMANCE – COUNTY DIVISION

Overall the County Division within Wiltshire Police has maintained a good performance in 2010. Comparing figures for the 12 months 1st October 2009 to 30th September 2010 with same period in the previous year shows that:

Overall Crime

- The incidence of Overall Crime has fallen by 6.5% (1,549 crimes) and County Division is currently ranked first out of 15 similar Basic Command Units (BCUs) for overall crime with 49 crimes per 1,000 residents.
- The detection rate for overall crime has fallen over the last year with 26.1% detected compared to 30.6%.

Violent Crime

- The incidence of Violent Crime has fallen by 4.1% (215 crimes).
- The detection rate for violent crime over the last year was 47.7% compared to 55.7% in the previous year. The fall in detections is partly due to drunk and disorderly offences being dealt with through the issue of penalty notices. These do not count as detections.

Vehicle Crime has increased by 5.7% (110 crimes) and **Domestic Burglary** by 13 crimes.

Crime Types	Similar Areas (out of 15)	Comparison: Oct 09-Sept 10 to same period 08/09
All Crime	1st (2 nd)	-6.5% (1,549 fewer crimes)
All Detections	7th (1 st)	-4.5% (1,479 fewer detections)
Violent Crime	3rd (2 nd)	-4.1% (215 fewer crimes)
Violent Crime Detections	4th (1 st)	-8% (520 fewer detections)
Serious Acquisitive Crime	4th (1 st)	+3.6% (107 more crimes)
Serious Acquisitive Crime Detections	2nd	-2.9% (69 fewer detections)
Criminal Damage	3 rd (3 rd)	-19.9% (1,152 fewer crimes)

* Position at 31st August 2010 with figures in brackets showing position in September 2009.

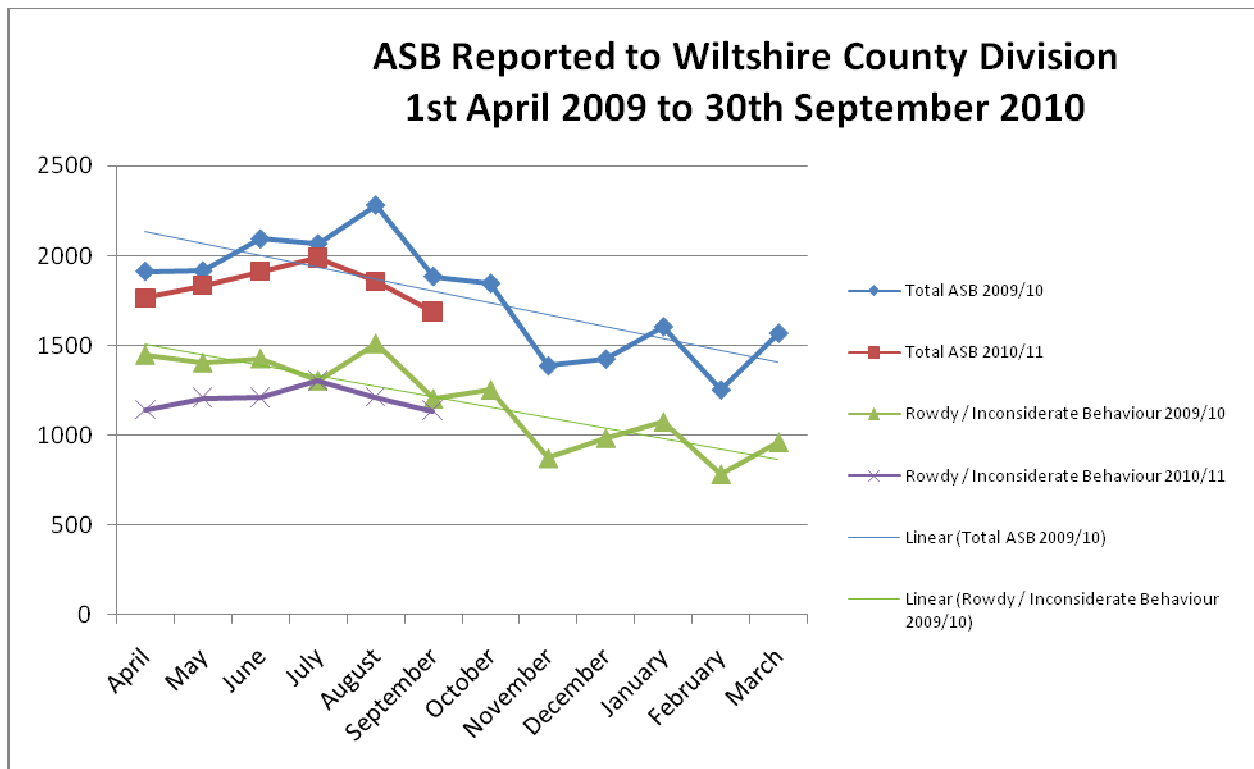
User Satisfaction (Victims of Crime): Comparison with Most Similar BCU's (MSBCU) for 12 months ending 30th June 2010		
Measure: SPI 1.1 Overall experience of the Police		
Wiltshire % Satisfied	MSBCU Average % Satisfied	County Division Position (Out of 15)
84.5%	85.8%	Down from 10th to 12th

Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Abstraction Rates

The Authority set a minimum target of 80% for time spent by NPT staff on their respective areas. County Division has consistently achieved this target since April 2009.

Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents Reported to the Police

The level of antisocial behaviour reported to County Division fell during the year 2009-10 and the monthly figures are given in the graph overleaf. So far this year the monthly figures are below those between April and September 2009.



Wiltshire Police: Senior Officer Team

The Authority took the decision at a meeting in July to not proceed with the appointment of a second Assistant Chief Constable. This was mainly due to the current and future challenges that will be placed upon public sector spending. Since Julian Kirby's departure to South Wales Police as Assistant Chief Constable, Chief Superintendent Mike Veale has been appointed as the County Divisional Commander.

Ps Mark Andrews

Following the sentencing of Ps Mark Andrews in relation to an incident in Melksham Custody in September of this year, the Authority has launched its own independent review of the Force's custody arrangements to satisfy itself, on behalf of the public, that standards and conduct are what they are expected to be. The review is currently ongoing and the findings will be made public in December.

HMIC Report on Anti-Social Behaviour

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies (HMIC) published a report on Anti-Social Behaviour in September. A copy of the national report and the outcome of Wiltshire's inspection can be located on the HMIC's website (www.hmic.gov.uk). The Authority will be monitoring the Force's response to the report through its Community Engagement Working Group.

Chippenham Police Station

In September, the Authority announced its intention to provide Chippenham with a modern, fit for purpose police station. This will replace the current building that the Force has occupied since the 1960s. A Project Board has been set up to oversee the development.

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