

Melksham Community Area Board

November 2015



Neighbourhood Policing

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Town Centre:	PC Kane Fulbrook-Smith PCSO Rose Baldock PCSO Janet Gould
Rural North:	PC Barry Dalton PCSO Maggie Ledbury
Rural South:	PC Emily Thomas PCSO Helen Wilson

Wiltshire Police has seen movement through out the local management team. Inspector Armstrong has moved to a position within Custody. Inspector Nick Mawson is now the Sector Inspector with the responsibility for Melksham Devizes Marlborough and Pewsey.

Current Priorities:

The current priorities for my team in Melksham are:

Anti social and Criminal behaviour attributed to Loxley Close and Ingram Road.

Local residents in Loxley Close and Ingram Road have highlighted problems caused by individuals in those areas. We have been working alongside partner agencies to reduce the impact these individuals are having on the community.

To date two acceptable behaviour contracts have been signed by those concerned. In addition there have been 143 actions completed including 39 patrols of Ingram Road and 42 parols of Loxley Close. Our work continues to focus on preventing the behaviour and dealing positively with any criminal activity. Residents have commented that this work has had a positive effect and we will continue to target these individuals to resolve the issue.

NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

Visit the website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

Local Issues and crime:

All the Incidents mentioned below were reported between 01/09/2015 and 01/11/2015

Theft - 72 Offences in total of note;

There have been 25 shoplifting offences.

There have been two thefts of Diesel reported. With winter on its way people will also be topping up heating oil. This could provide opportunities for thieves. Please secure your tanks.

There has been a theft of Staddle Stones from Poulshot. Staddlestones have been targeted by thieves in other parts of the county.

Once again we have seen thefts of unattended items from public houses such as wallets and mobile phones.

Violent Crime -78 Offences in total

44 private space violence

34 Public space violence.

Of the 34 offences recorded as public space violence only four relate to the night time economy.

We have received reports of threatening behaviour towards Road workers who are working on Spa Road. We have also received complaints of tempers flaring during school drop off/ pick up at the new Forest and Sandridge School. Whilst being held up in traffic is frustrating it is never an excuse for violent or threatening behaviour. We have liaised with the school and Wiltshire County Highways. Once the construction of the Water Meadow public house and the shops on Cransebill Road has been completed the congestion in the area should subside. In the mean time parents of the school children and residents must show patience and tolerance.

Burglary - 18 Offences in total.

Five Dwelling Burglaries there are no direct links between these offences items targeted include jewellery and cash. Two attempted Burglaries where damage has been found to doors.

There have been 11 non dwelling burglaries. The snowberry lane site for the new Rugby and Football club was targeted on the 30th of October. An insecure container was entered and keys taken for construction equipment. The equipment was then driven around the site causing damage.

The Solar farm at Sandridge has been targeted with Diesel and copper wire and specialist tools stolen to the value of £13,000. This site now has security on site 24hrs a day.

Criminal Damage - 34 Offences in total

There is no pattern surrounding the damage reported.

Antisocial Behaviour - 37 reports of antisocial behaviour in total.

The majority of the reports being classed as personal whereby victims are complaining of individuals behaviour e.g Ex partner texting them.

Two reports of eggs thrown at houses but these were not linked to Halloween.

Report to police, or via Crime stoppers, any information you have or any concerns or suspicions about anyone involved in criminality.

- Secure your property
- Mark your property
- Record details of identifiable property and/or take photos of you belongings.

The website **www.immobilise.com** can be used to record these details and may even prevent offenders taking the item in the first place.

Other news

PCSO Janet Gould has received a letter of appreciation from Suptintendant Chamings. PCSO Gould recognised two males who were wanted for a number of offences in Melksham Town centre. She kept both in sight whilst being carefull not to alert them to her presence. Officers attended the location. As officers approached the males both attempted to conceal themselves one climbing onto the roof of a nearby building. PCSO Gould was able to direct officers to the locations of the males who were apprehended both were charged with offences and are awaiting trial.

We Have promoted our “No trick or treat here” campaign again this year. I am pleased to say that Halloween was enjoyed in a good spirit and we had no complaints of ghastly behaviour. This is the second year in a row that the local children have enjoyed a trouble free Halloween. This is a great credit to the young people of Melksham.

Community Speed watch are hoping to set up a new scheme in Poulshot.

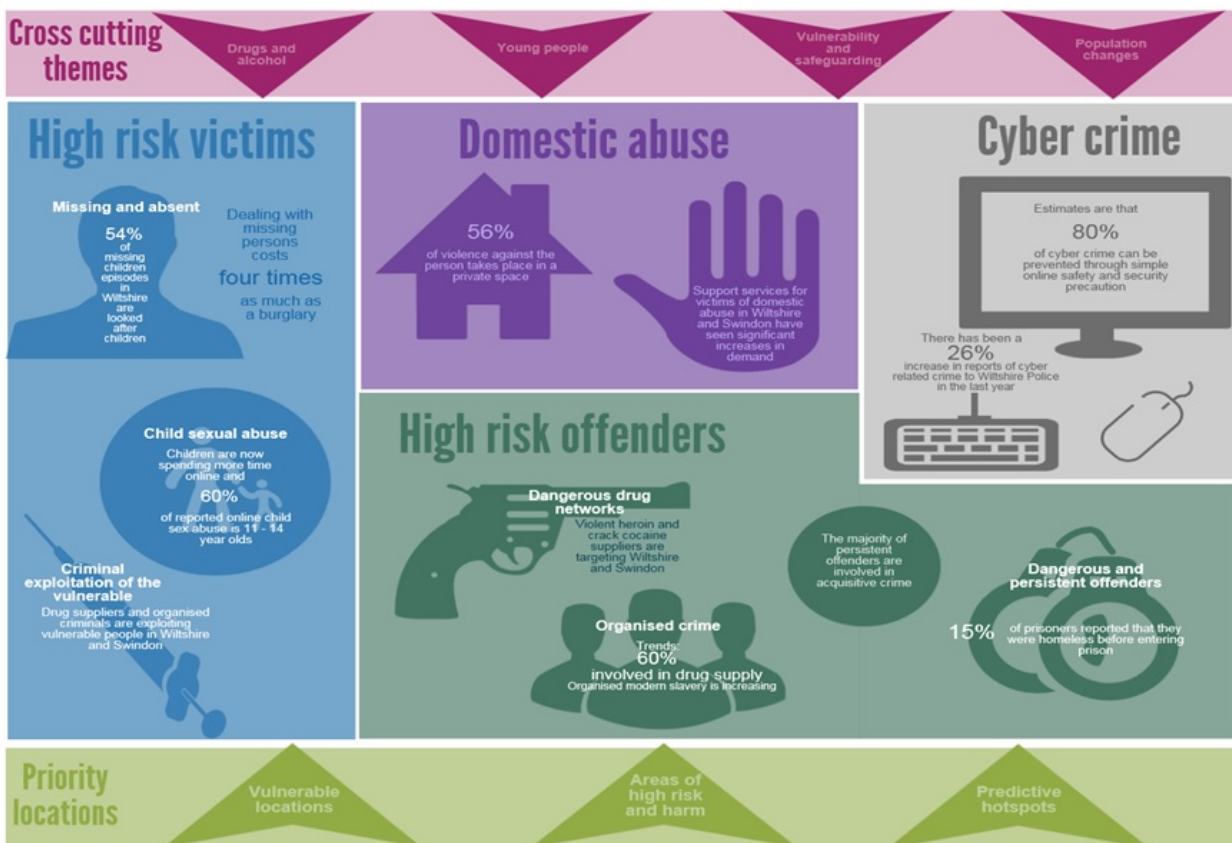
PCSO Helen Wilson has been working hard to initiate a new scheme in Semington where instead of targeting speeding motorists they will target those that contravene the No through road. The working title for this scheme is No Through Road Watch. Details of offending vehicles will be collected by volunteers and letters sent to Registered Keepers. Repeat offenders will be targeted. It has been modelled on the success of Community Speed Watch.

Up Coming Changes

You may have heard that Trowbridge and Warminster Policing areas have been piloting a new Community Policing model. It has been decided that this pilot will be extended to cover Melksham and the surrounding area. Exactly what this will mean is yet to be fully decided and is subject of current planning discussions.

You will also see a change to the structure of future Police reports to the Area Board. Subsequent reports will focus on the Wiltshire Police Control Strategy which describes the current and emerging threats that are of greatest impact to Wiltshire’s communities. It is set annually following the analysis of all threats, harms and risks (see below).

Wiltshire Police Control Strategy



Melksham NPT focus on High risk offenders by assisting with offender management.

High Risk victims include Domestic violence victims, Vulnerable victims and Safeguarding issues relating to children. Concerns are regularly highlighted to the relevant departments within Wiltshire Police. In addition we are present at many multi agency meetings and work closely with partner agencies.

Cyber Crime is one area we will be focusing on in the coming months with school visits booked to explain to local children how to stay safe on line and avoid online bullying.

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