



### Melksham Area Board

Hello and welcome to this Community Policing report.

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about a new proactive team that has recently been introduced in to the Community Policing model.

The team consists of a Detective Sergeant, nine Police Officers and two Local Crime Investigators, that are responsible for the Central hub, which covers the north and west areas of the county.

Whilst assisting the Community Policing Team, their core responsibilities include :

- Proactively tackling any ongoing crime / antisocial behavior series, which are highlighted within the weekly tasking meeting that is chaired by Inspector Andy Fee. These series are raised by the local officers on the front line, and proactively targeted to prevent any escalation
- Locate and arrest outstanding offenders
- Manage any local enquiries relating to our serial perpetrators, also referred to as SWITCH nominals
- Following on from the matters raised in the weekly tasking meeting, gather intelligence which will facilitate in obtaining warrants from the court relating to drugs, stolen property and other issues
- Carry out drug warrants with assistance from the Community Policing Team
- Tackling ongoing community issues

The Proactive Team has been in place since the beginning of August 2017, and have already produced some fantastic results. Across the Central hub they have made 39 arrests which has assisted us in being able to charge a number of offenders.

Examples of some of their great work include :

Members of the Proactive Team assisted in the investigation and arrest of a male who was arrested and charged with theft, having stolen a large quantity of cash from a person within the town centre.

Members of the Proactive Team located a caravan that had been stolen from the Dorset area, and brought to West Wiltshire. The perpetrator was arrested and the caravan was recovered. Dorset Police are currently investigating the theft.

## **COMMUNITY MESSAGING**

Working with our local communities, we have been developing ways to reach out to all our communities and keep everyone up to date with the latest information that matters to you in your area.

Through feedback and working with our local communities, we have developed the use of <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/> and are now sending out daily updates around crimes that matter to you in your area. This is enabling us to reach as much of our community as possible, as quickly as possible and impart any new crime prevention advice or information about incidents that may affect you in your community that we feel you need to know about.

We have received some very positive feedback around this and encourage you to speak to all members of your community and encourage them to sign up to Wiltshire Messaging. It is free and a very good way of keeping all our communities connected.

<https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

## **CURRENT SECTOR SERIES**

Crime Exceptions are the volume of crime that exceeds the levels we would expect over a specified period. This is based on evaluation of data, over like to like periods historically.

The crime rate for the Melksham area over the Month of July was in line with what we would expect. We recorded 142 crimes for this month, which is a very slight increase compared to last month. There were no crime exceptions throughout the month.

Throughout the month of July, the Melksham area saw four reports of Dwelling Burglaries, whereby homes have been entered and quantities of cash have been stolen. With the warmer weather, please ensure that windows are not left open overnight, or when the property is empty, and that front doors are locked at all times.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

For those looking to organize an even within the community, please have a look at the toolkit available from Wiltshire Council, which gives guidance and advice with regards to most types of events, including information about traffic management and which agencies / departments need to be contacted when applying for various licenses / road closures.

## **CHARGES TO NOTE**

On the 03<sup>rd</sup> July a theft occurred at Asda, Bradford Road, whereby a male entered the store and selected a large amount of electrical items. The male returned to the store and stole further items on the 04<sup>th</sup> July. Tobi KENT, 29 years of No Fixed Abode was arrested on the 28<sup>th</sup> July and charged with three offences of theft. A number of other theft offences were 'taken into consideration'.

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On the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Wiltshire Police received a report of a male having been detained in Asda, Bradford Road, having been witnessed attempting to steal a purse from a female shoppers handbag. Tudorel IONICA, 38 year old male from an address in St Austell was bailed to attend Salisbury Magistrates Court on the 18<sup>th</sup> August.

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

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

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