



**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper  
Melksham Community Area Board  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

1. Inspector Cullop is on annual leave and sends his apologies. Sergeant Mel Rolph will be in attendance to present this report and answer any questions from members and the public.

**2. 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:**

There have been no changes to the Team since the last Area Board.

### **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>

### **3. Comprehensive Spending Review**

Work is ongoing to deliver a new policing model to meet the projected funding cuts over the next 4-years. The public consultation phase has been completed. Details of any changes to local policing delivery in Melksham will be reported to the Area Board as soon as they become known.

### **4. 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. Crime is down in all categories apart from the theft of motor vehicles where there is an increase of 4 against target.

Following the introduction of Local Resolution there will be a decrease in offences that are recorded as sanctioned detections or in other words offences that are finalised with a Criminal Justice outcome. Local Resolution brings back a common-sense approach to dealing with minor crimes and anti-social behaviour by putting the victim's wishes first. In many cases victims only want an offender to apologise to them or agree to reparation. This approach fits well with the use of Restorative Justice Practices where offenders are made to understand the impact of their behaviour and in many cases undertake work within their community.

**Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures Melksham Community Area  
1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2010 – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2011**

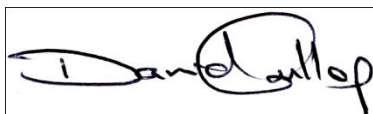
MELKSHAM	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	2009/10	2010/11	+ / -	% Change	2009/10	2010/11
Violence Against the Person	263	236	-27	-10.3%	52.5%	55.1%
Dwelling Burglary	118	53	-65	-55.1%	38.1%	18.9%
Criminal Damage	277	232	-45	-16.2%	25.6%	21.6%
Non Dwelling Burglary	110	88	-22	-20.0%	3.6%	10.2%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	87	68	-19	-21.8%	5.7%	0.0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	20	24	4	20.0%	20.0%	12.5%
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>1335</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>-194</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>	<b>30.9%</b>	<b>26.6%</b>

NPT officers are still concentrating on reducing ASB in and around King George V Park and have recently introduced a drop-in surgery in partnership with Selwood Housing. The initiative has the support of the Forest area Tenants and Residents Association. A key part of this work is to continue to engage with young people to encourage them to join activities run by the Youth Development Service. The Bluz 'n' Zuz initiative continues to be well supported.

There is evidence to support that an increase in reports during December is due to the weather and persons reporting snowballing incidents. Officers have adopted a common-sense approach and have only pursued incidents where there are other factors to suggest an intent to cause harm to another person or property.

**Table 2 – Reported Anti-Social Behaviour Figures  
1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2010 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010**

JAN-MAR 2010	APR-JUNE 2010 (2009)	JULY- SEPT 2010 (2009)	OCT – DEC 2010 (2009)	MONTHLY AVE
238	308 (368)	369 (308)	307 (259)	305.5



**David W Cullop**  
Sector Inspector

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