



**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Melksham Community Area Board
3rd February 2010**

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team profile:

Team Supervisor

Sergeant Mel Rolph

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Kevin Harmsworth

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

Abstraction Rate Performance:

The Policing Pledge sets a target of a minimum of **80%** for the time spent by NPT staff on their respective areas. The performance figures for December 2009 are:

Team Sergeant:	84.1%
Community Beat Managers:	82.94%
PCSO's:	96.53%

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.

 Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

Police Authority Representative:

Mr Angus Macpherson

Mr Macpherson can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

2. Christmas & New Year

Police patrols were again increased over the holiday period to deter violent crime and anti-social behaviour. More checks of Licensed Premises were made. Violent Crime was down on the previous year. Much of this success can be attributed to the support we receive from our dedicated Special Constables. Wiltshire Police is actively recruiting both Special Constables and Community Support Volunteers. Your Community Area needs you! Further information can be found as follows:

Special Constabulary

The Special Constabulary
Police Headquarters
London Road
Devizes
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Call: **0845 408 7000**

E-mail: hq.recruitment@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Police Support Volunteer

Call: **01225 794775**

E-mail: policesupportvolunteers@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

3. Crime Performance

The latest crime performance figures are produced in the table below.

Overall crime is now **1.3% below** target and overall detections have **increased** to **30.2%**. As the Community Area has grown by 7 Parishes these latest results are very encouraging.

There has also been some success since the last meeting in dealing with the offenders responsible for the increase in dwelling burglaries. A 17-year old local youth has admitted 35 offences. Work is still progressing and more good news is anticipated. We should not however become complacent. My advice at the last Area Board regarding prevention and how the community can help is still very important:

- Report any suspicious activity to police as soon as possible.
- Always close and lock all windows and doors when you are not in the room, especially when leaving the house or in the garden. Double-check that doors and windows are locked at night before you go to bed.

Please do all that you can to stop thieves targeting your homes. Prevention is always better than cure! The '**Lock it or Lose it**' campaign offers good practical advice.

Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures Melksham Community Area 1st April 2009 – 10th January 2010

Crime Type	Target year to date	Actual Crime to date	No +/-	% +/-	% Current detected
Robbery	8	5	-3	-37.5	100
Violent Crime	274	212	-62	-22.6	53.3
Burglary Dwelling	38	109	+71	+186.9	39.4
Burglary Other	73	89	+16	+21.9	4.5
Theft from Motor Vehicles	87	77	-10	-11.5	20
Theft of Motor Vehicles	35	20	-15	-42.9	19.4
Theft & Handling	244	278	+34	+13.9	19.4
Fraud & Forgery	23	24	+1	+4.3	12.5
Criminal Damage	270	209	-61	-22.6	24.9
Drugs	25	32	+7	+28	100
Other Crime	9	14	+5	+55.6	57.1
Total Crime	1078	1064	-14	-1.3	30.2

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