



## Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Melksham Community Area Board 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### 1. Neighbourhood Policing

#### 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 the Wiltshire Police Website.


 Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

#### Team News:

On 28<sup>th</sup> August Sergeant Dave Hobman took-over the NPT post vacated by Sergeant Mel Rolph.

**Mr Angus Macpherson** is an Independent Member of the Wiltshire Police Authority and has the responsibility for overseeing policing matters in the Community Area. He will be attending the Area Board to provide an update on police performance.

He can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority:

 01380 734022 or

 <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

## 2. Vision Wiltshire

Work is continuing to deliver a new emergency response model for the autumn. Once the plans are confirmed Councillors will be briefed regarding any changes to policing delivery.

## 3. 101 – Non-Urgent Calls to Police

The new non-urgent **101** telephone number was introduced yesterday (19<sup>th</sup> September) in Wiltshire as a part of a national roll-out that will be completed by early 2012. Calls from landline and mobile networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day or how long the call takes. **101** is available 24 hours a day.

Examples of when you should use **101** include:

- My car has been stolen
- My property has been vandalised
- I want to talk to someone about a crime
- I want to report a minor traffic collision
- I suspect someone is selling stolen goods
- I suspect drug use or drug dealing in my neighbourhood
- My phone has been stolen and I need a crime number
- I want to speak to my local police officer

Can I call **101** if I'm deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired, or if English is not my first language?

Yes, if you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can **textphone 18001 101**. If you have difficulty speaking English, your local police can access interpreters who can translate your call.

### **IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999**

Examples of when you should use **999** include:

- When a crime is in progress
- When someone suspected of a crime is nearby
- When there is danger to life
- When violence is being used or threatened

## 4. Performance

Performance continues to be good. There is an **11%** overall reduction in reported crime levels across the Community Area. Particularly pleasing is the significant **54%** reduction in Dwelling Burglaries.

The table below provides further statistical information.

**Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures**  
**1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011**

<b>Melksham</b>	<b>Crime</b>				<b>Detections</b>	
	August 2009 - July 2010	August 2010 - July 2011	Volume Change	% Change	August 2009 – July 2010	August 2010 - July 2011
Violence Against the Person	249	238	-11	-4%	47%	55%
Dwelling Burglary	87	40	-47	-54%	53%	20%
Criminal Damage	257	206	-51	-20%	21%	24%
Non Dwelling Burglary	97	88	-9	-9%	7%	7%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	88	42	-46	-52%	5%	0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	24	22	-2	-8%	4%	32%
Total Crime	1228	1094	-134	-11%	31%	27%
Total ASB	1136	1189	53	5%		
<p>Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers in All Recorded Crime and Violent Crime for the most recently reported 3 month period (Apr - Jun 2011)</p> <p>*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences  ** Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution</p>						



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