



Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Melksham Community Area Board 24th March 2010

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Since last April we have been working on a range of improvements to how Neighbourhood Policing would be delivered to provide a better service to the community. These changes were adopted to meet national targets as set out in the Policing Pledge; to respond to boundary changes in the Community Area brought about by the new unitary Wiltshire Council; and also to improve on lessons learnt locally after the first 2-years of NPT's.

I am very pleased to report that we have achieved what we set out to do and in doing so have increased community confidence. One of the key areas highlighted by our communities was the need to keep the same personnel in post or in other words 'know your local bobby'. All Melksham NPT staff are the same as 12-months ago and they remain very committed to serving their local areas. We have also met our Abstraction Rate targets as set out below.

The Rural North Team area was changed to include the whole of Melksham Without Parish as well as Atworth and Broughton Gifford.

The expansion of the Melksham Community Area brought 7 new Parishes that are now covered by the Rural South Team.

Regular engagement has been established with the Community Area Board and the new Community Area Partnership that has replaced Melksham 1st. Details of all consultations meetings can be found on Wiltshire Police Website: <http://www.wiltshire.police.uk>

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 **January 2010** are:

Team Sergeant:	86.5%
Community Beat Managers:	87%
PCSO's:	95.1%

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>

We are still recruiting Volunteers:

The service provided to the community by our Special Constables and Police Support Volunteer is invaluable. They give up many hours of their own time to support the policing of the Community Area helping to make it one of the safest areas in the Country. We are keen to recruit more voluntary staff. For further details please contact:

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

2. Crime Performance

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

Overall crime is now **5.3% below** target or in other words **67** fewer victims and overall detections have **increased** to **30.6%**. As the Community Area has grown by 7 Parishes these latest results are very encouraging.

The one area of concern throughout the year has been the increase in dwelling burglaries. Much time and resources have been committed to tackling this problem resulting in the prosecution of a 17-year old local youth who admitted to 35 offences. Work is still progressing and more good news is anticipated. We should not however become complacent. The main common factor in many of the reported offences was the householder leaving their premises insecure, often not locking doors and windows overnight. Simple prevention measures can make a huge difference. The community can help by following these simple steps:

- 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.

'Lock it or Lose it' leaflets can be obtained from the Melksham NPT.

Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures Melksham Community Area 1st April 2009 – 28th February 2010

Crime Type	Target year to date	Actual Crime to date	No +/-	% +/-	% Current detected
Violence Crime	321	239	-82	-25.5	52.7
Robbery	9	7	-2	-22.2	85.7
Burglary Dwelling	44	116	+72	+163.6	39.7
Burglary Other	86	100	+14	+16.3	5
Theft from Motor Vehicles	102	86	-16	-15.7	16.7
Theft of Motor Vehicles	41	24	-17	-41.5	20.1
Theft & Handling	286	304	+18	+6.3	20.1
Fraud & Forgery	27	31	+4	+14.8	19.4
Criminal Damage	317	236	-81	-25.6	24.6
Drugs	29	41	+12	+41.4	100
Other Crime	11	19	+8	+72.7	63.2
Total Crime	1263	1196	-67	-5.3	30.6

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