

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Amesbury Community Area Board 24th November 2011



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Sector Commander: Christian Lange
Team Sgt: Martin Phipps

Amesbury Town

Beat Manager – PC Lucy Smith
PCSO – Jo Atkinson
PCSO – Dean Shaw

Amesbury Rural

Beat Manager – PC Mark Steele
PCSO – Shona Maycock
PCSO – Will Todd

Durrington, Larkhill & Bulford

Beat Manager – PC Lyndsey Smith
PCSO – Chris Miller

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

□ Visit NPT website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

3. Police Authority Representative: Councillor Richard Britton

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or
<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

The crime figures shown in the table below provide us with an overview of performance compared to last year. The news is generally very good with a year on year reduction of 5 % in total crime figures for the Amesbury area. This means that we had 69 fewer victims of crime. Detection figures have also risen from 28% to 33% which reflects the good work undertaken by the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and other supporting departments. There has also been a 7% reduction in reported cases of anti-social behaviour.

We have also seen a shift from residential burglaries to non-residential burglaries. The number residential burglaries reported has halved but the number of non-residential burglaries has risen by 25%.

The ongoing problems with graffiti have reduced over the past two months but they have not gone away completely. We recently had new graffiti appearing in the Archers Gate area of Amesbury but this appears to be different in style to the problems we were experiencing two months ago.

The Amesbury Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team has been doing a great deal of work in Porton due to problems with anti-social behaviour. We have been working with our partners in Wiltshire Council and the community to try and resolve the problems and this has led to very constructive meetings between residents who are experiencing problems with ASB and parents of young people. Another meeting is planned for the end of November which will involve the parish council, residents and a number of young people to find a sustainable solution to the problem. The enthusiasm of all concerned has been very encouraging.

About 2 weeks ago we took a report of a burglary which was very upsetting for the victim as, amongst other property, his war medals were stolen and he was unable to wear them for the Remembrance Day parade. I am delighted to report that, through good police work, we were able to detect this crime and arrest two men. The property including the medals has been recovered and handed back to the victim.

From 19th September 2011, communities across Wiltshire were able to dial 101 to contact police. This project is part of a national roll out and will result in the old 0845 non-emergency number being phased out. Feedback on the new system has been very positive so far.

The Durrington, Larkhill, and Bulford area NPT priority, which was set at the Neighbourhood Tasking Group meeting, was to deal with a series of burglaries where unusual items such as frozen food and toilet rolls were being stolen. Since this was identified as a priority there have been no reoccurrences of these crimes in that area. A number of ASB problems are being reported in the area of the recreation ground in Durrington. The NPT are working with partner agencies to try and resolve this issue.

Overall performance is strong with a significant reduction in crime and improved detection rates.

Christian Lange
Sector Commander
Amesbury and Tidworth.

Amesbury	Crime				Detections	
	November 2009 - October 2010	November 2010 - October 2011	Volume Change	% Change	November 2009 - October 2010	November 2010 - October 2011
Violence Against the Person	263	218	-45	-17%	42%	59%
Dwelling Burglary	63	30	-33	-52%	8%	23%
Criminal Damage	281	287	6	2%	14%	16%
Non Dwelling Burglary	101	126	25	25%	13%	6%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	80	82	2	3%	20%	4%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	29	14	-15	-52%	31%	29%
Total Crime	1308	1239	-69	-5%	28%	33%
Total ASB	1164	1086	-78	-7%		

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers for All Crime and for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Oct 2010 - Sep 2011)

*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