



**Melksham
Community Area Board
July 2012**

1. Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)

Team Sergeant: Dave Hobman

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Kane Fulbrook-Smith

PCSO – Debbie Robbins

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

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

See the Wiltshire Police website www.wiltshire.police.uk for information about the NPT including team membership, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events.

3. Police Authority Representative: Mr Angus Macpherson

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

4. Performance

Vehicle crime remains an issue across the area. The most common offence is theft from cars where sadly the owner has left the vehicle insecure, even if the car is parked on a driveway!

Property stolen and favoured by the thief include Sat Navs, sunglasses, briefcases and cash. All these items are either in full view or in the glovebox.

A number of people have been arrested for thefts, but cars are still being broken into. Residents are urged to lock their cars, to be vigilant and to report (at the time) any suspicious activity.

The local team is aware of those who are committing such crime and will continue to stop them by lawful and proportionate tactics. Additional staff are being deployed, some in plain clothes, to catch those responsible. Theft from motor vehicles will not be tolerated!

Violence Against the Person (VAP) is another crime that, unfortunately, is happening mostly within the town area. These are not normally random assaults but are between those who know each other and are sometimes in a relationship. This is a concerning issue for police and one that increases fear and uncertainty amongst the community. The problems are not directly linked to the 'night time economy' but do impact on those who are law abiding and enjoying a night out.

The focus on reducing violent crime will remain. However, it requires a partnership approach between the police and the community, sending a clear message to perpetrators that violence will not be tolerated.

Anyone subject to or a witness to assaults (physical or non-physical) need to report what's happening as this is unacceptable behaviour and will be addressed either by the police or by, and with, other agencies.

Non-Dwelling Burglary is on the increase. Quad bikes, bicycles and machinery have been stolen after offenders have forced garage doors and cut through fencing to gain entry.

Suspicious vehicles need to be reported so that the community play its part in gaining intelligence to identify offenders.

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) is reducing (as indicated in the table below). It does however remain as a NPT priority.

The local NPT is working with partners to target with those who make other people lives difficult and open to abuse. This work is continuing.

Previously a 12 month comparison was given, however the force cannot currently rely on ASB data prior to April 2011. The ASB data below has been amended and is now a Year to Date comparison with the previous year (April 12 – May 12 compared to April 11 to May 11).

**Lisette Harvey
Sector Commander
5 July 2012**

ED11 Melksham Town	Crime				Detections*	
	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012	Volume Change	% Change	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012
Victim Based Crime	663	744	81	12%	25%	21%
Domestic Burglary	29	17	-12	-41%	21%	6%
Non Domestic Burglary	41	48	7	17%	12%	8%
Vehicle Crime	40	76	36	90%	13%	3%
Criminal Damage & Arson	143	156	13	9%	15%	16%
Violence Against The Person	167	155	-12	-7%	51%	44%
ASB Incidents	129	84	-45	-35%		
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution						
ED12 Melksham Rural North	Crime				Detections*	
	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012	Volume Change	% Change	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012
Victim Based Crime	257	286	29	11%	27%	23%
Domestic Burglary	8	14	6	75%	25%	7%
Non Domestic Burglary	34	21	-13	-38%	6%	5%
Vehicle Crime	27	45	18	67%	4%	4%
Criminal Damage & Arson	62	69	7	11%	48%	29%
Violence Against The Person	45	61	16	36%	62%	49%
ASB Incidents	54	27	-27	-50%		
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution						
ED13 Melksham Rural South	Crime				Detections*	
	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012	Volume Change	% Change	June 2010 - May 2011	June 2011 - May 2012
Victim Based Crime	93	92	-1	-1%	11%	13%
Domestic Burglary	7	2	-5	-71%	14%	0%
Non Domestic Burglary	22	19	-3	-14%	0%	11%
Vehicle Crime	12	16	4	33%	0%	6%
Criminal Damage & Arson	16	13	-3	-19%	19%	8%
Violence Against The Person	9	6	-3	-33%	44%	67%
ASB Incidents	13	3	-10	-77%		
* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution						