

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Panel Amesbury Community Area Board January 2013



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 – Wendy Leat
PCSO – Will Todd

Durrington, Larkhill & Bulford

Beat Manager – PC Jayne Wilby
PCSO – Luke Woodward

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 and Crime Commissioner: Angus Macpherson

Please contact via the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Tel. 01380 734022 or <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/Contact/Contact-Us.aspx>

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

As reported in previous updates we have seen a rise in recent months in certain crime types but it should be noted that Amesbury Community Area continues to be one of the safest areas to live and work as it has one of the lowest crime levels in Wiltshire which in turn has some of the lowest crime levels in the UK. The crime levels are still lower than those that were recorded in 2010/11.

In December 2012 the neighbourhood teams covering the Amesbury area executed over 10 search warrants which resulted in a significant amount of property being recovered. We have been able to match up the property with the victims and some of the property has been returned to the rightful owners. We still have some property which we believe is stolen but are unable to find the owners. This reinforces the important message that people should report all thefts to the police.

We have also seen an increase in the number of violent crimes being reported. This is partially due to the return of 4000 soldiers from Afghanistan. About half of these crimes are linked to reports of domestic abuse where the victims often suffer in silence. Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Council and partner agencies have, over the past years, encouraged people to come forward to report such crimes so that preventative measures can be put in place to reduce future crimes taking place.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team has been working hard over the past year to tackle the root causes of anti-social behaviour and it is pleasing to see that this work is starting to pay dividends and we continue to see a 15% reduction in ASB. In December the Amesbury NPT held a very successful meeting with over 20 young people in Amesbury with a view to exploring how we can work together to reduce ASB. The meeting was also attended by a number of youth workers. It was also very encouraging to have Amesbury's Mayor and Town Clerk at the meeting as it demonstrated to all concerned that the views of young people were being taken seriously. A working group of young people was formed and it is hoped that they will make an application for funding to Amesbury Community Area Board.

The speeding working group, led by Cllr Graham Wright, continues to work hard to reduce speeding in local communities and has attracted over 30 people who have now come to the meetings. It is acknowledged that the Community Speed Watch scheme, which is a partnership between Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police, is not operating as it should due to the recent departure of the scheme administrator. The scheme is presently being kept in operation temporarily by two Police Officers who are on 'light duties'. It is hoped that a replacement administrator will be recruited soon.

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Sector Commander
Amesbury and Tidworth.

EM Amesbury	Crime				Detections*	
	December 2010 - November 2011	December 2011 - November 2012	Volume Change	% Change	December 2010 - November 2011	December 2011 - November 2012
Victim Based Crime	1034	1152	118	11%	21%	20%
Domestic Burglary	25	34	9	36%	8%	12%
Non Domestic Burglary	136	158	22	16%	1%	2%
Vehicle Crime	96	112	16	17%	6%	5%
Criminal Damage & Arson	282	253	-29	-10%	17%	15%
Violence Against The Person	195	245	50	26%	48%	45%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	848	725	-123	-15%		
<p>Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed in line with peers and better than average for Victim Based Crime and Domestic Burglary in the previous 12 month period (November 2011 - October 2012).</p>						
<p>* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution</p>						