

# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Pa Amesbury Community Area Board

July 2013



## 1. Neighbourhood Policing

**Sector Commander:** Christian Lange

**Team Sgt:** Ricky Lee

### **Amesbury Town**

Beat Manager – PC Lucy Smith

PCSO – Jo Atkinson

PCSO – Wendy Leat

### **Amesbury Rural**

Beat Manager – PC Mark Steele

PCSO – Shona Maycock

PCSO – Will Todd

### **Durrington, Larkhill & Bulford**

Beat Manager – PC Jayne Wilby

PCSO – Scott Young

## 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](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

## 3. Performance and Other Local Issues

The crimes levels that have been recorded by Wiltshire Police in the Amesbury area have risen slightly compared to last year but Amesbury continues to be a relatively low crime area. The increase in non-dwelling burglaries where sheds are broken into continues to be a problem. Owners of sheds, isolated barns or garages are encouraged to take steps to protect their property. One of the most effective preventative measures to take is to ensure that your property is clearly marked with your postcode. Property that is very clearly marked with your postcode becomes unattractive to burglars as they find it hard to sell which means that they are less likely to steal it. Your Neighbourhood team will be more than happy to provide you with advice.

I am pleased to report that domestic burglaries have reduced significantly (36%) over this reporting period. These are far more serious offences where people's homes have been broken into and it is good to see that these crimes are now relatively rare in the Amesbury Community Area.

In the past week, the Amesbury and Tidworth Neighbourhood teams have been working with the Royal Military Police on what is called Operation 'Engage'. This operation is aimed at reducing rural crime and we tend to work with local farmers and the HMRC. On this occasion £790 worth of on-the-spot fines were issued to motorists found using red diesel. We often find that people who use red diesel in their vans are involved in thefts and burglaries.

We have also recently arrested three suspects for a number of burglaries in the area. The suspects were disturbed by the owner of a domestic garage who immediately called police. This meant that the Police Operator was able to provide the correct advice to the victim regarding the preservation of the scene. The dog handler was deployed and was able follow the track left by the offenders and they were all arrested for burglary (one was rather shocked at being confronted by a large hairy police dog!). Their homes were then searched and stolen property recovered.

We have also recently arrested a local man who had caused damage to seven vehicles one evening where car windows were smashed. The male has now been charged with these offences. Unfortunately we have had another spate of damage to vehicles where 24 cars have had their tyres damaged in Amesbury. This has caused a great deal of inconvenience and distress to many people. We are working hard to track down the offender.

Many thanks

Christian Lange  
Sector Commander  
Amesbury and Tidworth.

EM Amesbury NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to June 2012	12 Months to June 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to June 2012	12 Months to June 2013
Victim Based Crime	1126	1255	+129	+11.5%	17%	19%
Domestic Burglary	36	23	-13	-36.1%	11%	13%
Non Domestic Burglary	159	164	+5	+3.1%	2%	2%
Vehicle Crime	110	122	+12	+10.9%	5%	6%
Criminal Damage & Arson	252	292	+40	+15.9%	11%	14%
Violence Against The Person	219	249	+30	+13.7%	37%	42%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	234	224	-10	-4.3%		

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 significantly better than peers for Domestic Burglary in the previous 12 month period (April 2012 - March 2013).

\* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions