

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Pa Amesbury Community Area Board January 2014



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 Ivor Noyce (from late November)
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

3. Performance and Other Local Issues

The crimes levels that have been recorded by Wiltshire Police in the Amesbury area have continued to drop over the past few months and over the past year there have been 105 fewer victims of crime compared to the same period last year. The only crime type that has seen a significant increase in the figures shown below is criminal damage. Many of these crimes can be attributed to a series where the offender has been causing damage to car tyres in Amesbury town. This continues to be a problem for the Amesbury area but some progress has been made with this enquiry and it is believed that a male aged between 35 and 55 operating on his own is responsible for these offences.

The Christmas and New Year festive period is usually a very time for the Police and we normally see an increase in domestic abuse and alcohol related crime. For an unknown reason this year has been particularly quiet for the Amesbury area with very few crimes or disorder being reported.

The opening of the new Stonehenge visitor centre in December went ahead peacefully despite two separate demonstrations taking place. This was followed by the Winter Solstice which was attended by about 4000 people who braved the horrendous weather. The atmosphere amongst the visitors was surprisingly good despite the rain. This event, which attracts more and more people every year, is becoming increasingly challenging to manage as there is only limited parking available for visitors during winter months as local fields cannot be used as a car park due to the wet conditions. Wiltshire Police and English Heritage continue to work together to try and minimise the disruption that this can cause to local communities.

It is good to see that anti-social behaviour (ASB) continues to drop and we have seen the numbers of reports drop by a further 17% over the past year. The neighbourhood policing team has been working hard with partner agencies including Wiltshire Council and housing associations to work with some of the families involved in ASB. This proactive approach seems to be helping to reduce some of the ASB problems that we had been experiencing and it is also likely that this will also result in the further reduction in crime.

The flooding in many of the villages has also kept the neighbourhood teams busy. The road closures that have been put in place have caused increased traffic flows in areas that do not normally experience so much traffic. Some motorists have also been ignoring 'road closed' signs and have been driving too fast through flooded areas and this is aggravating the problems in flooded areas. This is not acceptable and the Police will prosecute drivers for inconsiderate or careless driving where this type of driving comes to their notice.

Many thanks

Christian Lange
Sector Commander
Amesbury and Tidworth.

EM Amesbury NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to December 2012	12 Months to December 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to December 2012	12 Months to December 2013
Victim Based Crime	1251	1146	-105	-8.4%	20%	16%
Domestic Burglary	31	18	-13	-41.9%	10%	6%
Non Domestic Burglary	153	142	-11	-7.2%	2%	6%
Vehicle Crime	121	110	-11	-9.1%	5%	13%
Criminal Damage & Arson	258	324	+66	+25.6%	16%	10%
Violence Against The Person	257	258	+1	+0.4%	43%	31%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	827	683	-144	-17.4%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions