



## Melksham Area Board February 2013

### Neighbourhood Policing

#### ***Current NPT Priorities:***

Up-to-date information about Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) including profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police website [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

#### ***Team Structure:***

<b>Sergeant:</b>	James Williams
Town Centre:	PC Kane Fulbrook-Smith, PCSO Helen Wilson PCSO Christopher Pugh
Rural North:	PC Barry Dalton PCSO Janet Gould PCSO Maggie Ledbury
Rural South:	PC Emily Thomas PCSO Rose Baldock

Since the last Area Board my team in Melksham have been focusing on their local priorities. There has also been activity to deal with the beggars in the town. Action has been taken against those involved and this has subsequently raised concern for Kingsbury Square and use of the premises by non-residents. We are working with the Council to rectify this.

We are now delving in to the world of social media with a Facebook account. We have our own NPT page up and running which is being updated on a regular basis with news and information. Our following is steadily growing. For many of the staff in Melksham NPT this step has been a little daunting but hopefully it will become a popular resource in keeping in touch with the community. Log on to Facebook and search for Melksham Neighbourhood Policing to take a look. To follow the team 'like' the page and updates will be sent when they are posted.

I am informed interest in Community Speed Watch (CSW) for Melksham Without has unfortunately dwindled since its introduction. Areas eligible for CSW are Shaw, Whitley, Bowerhill and Beanacre. Schemes were in place at Shaw and Whitley and Bowerhill but

the number of volunteers for the scheme has dropped. To date we have been unable to raise an interest in the scheme at Beanacre. With the backroom support now put in place by our PCC we want to regenerate interest in the schemes. Anyone who is interested can get details from their local NPT.

## Crime Overview

The crime figures below show a decrease in volume of crime in the most significant areas. A volume increase of 3 for domestic burglary is actually a reduction from the figures recorded in my last report. Unfortunately there were three offences in the Primrose Drive area this month where the owners had not secured their property overnight. Please secure doors and windows. Do not leave anything to chance.

The increase of recorded violence against the person relates to private space violence (behind closed doors). This is difficult to predict and prevent but together with our domestic abuse teams and a focus on repeat business we seek to address this. Offences linked to the night time economy and licensed premises are now few and far between as Melksham Pubwatch goes from strength to strength.

While vehicle crime is showing a drop in offences I do note a continuing trend of theft of personal belongings from vehicles. Our message is to never leave valuables in your car, even for a short time and lock the doors. Unfortunately this advice is often not followed. There have been a number of arrests linked to vehicle offences this month.

I will be able to provide more up to date figures from January at the Area Board.

## Most recent figures

ED Melksham 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	1225	1136	-89	-7.3%	26%	21%
Domestic Burglary	51	54	+3	+5.9%	6%	4%
Non Domestic Burglary	142	110	-32	-22.5%	5%	3%
Vehicle Crime	129	96	-33	-25.6%	5%	10%
Criminal Damage & Arson	270	222	-48	-17.8%	26%	19%
Violence Against The Person	241	262	+21	+8.7%	53%	33%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	679	740	+61	+9.0%		

\* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

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