

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Amesbury Community Area Board March 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

I will start by saying how delighted I am with the performance of the neighbourhood policing teams that look after the Amesbury Community Area. The crime and anti-social behaviour figures continue to drop and you will see from the figures shown below that overall victim based crime is 14% down compared to the previous year and anti-social behaviour is at its lowest level for many years.

The neighbourhood teams continue to work with partner agencies to tackle the root causes of anti-social behaviour and this often means supporting families to ensure that they have the necessary parenting skills to deal with challenging children. In order to provide parents with these skills, parenting support sessions have been organised and are now being delivered in Amesbury on a weekly basis. I am confident that this will go some way to preventing problems in the future.

The only crime type that has increased in the Amesbury Community area is criminal damage. A significant proportion of these crimes can be attributed to one male who has caused criminal damage to car tyres in Amesbury. We have had 94 such offences in the past year and we are working hard to bring the offender to justice. CCTV footage of the suspect is available and can be viewed on the Amesbury NPT Facebook page. (Just search for 'Amesbury NPT Facebook' to reach the site. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the site). Please encourage people to view this video and contact us if they recognise the suspect.

The Response Officers who are currently based in Salisbury will be moving to Amesbury Police station in June on a temporary basis whilst the new facilities are built in Salisbury. This will mean that Amesbury Police station will be much busier as officers start their tour of duty at Amesbury before making their way to their areas of responsibility.

We will see the launch of the Street Pastors for Amesbury at the end of March 2014. This scheme has been running successfully in Salisbury for a number of years where the volunteers have been helping to keep late night party-goers safe on streets. I welcome this initiative as it will help to keep Amesbury a safe place to visit.

We are starting to see a reoccurrence of theft from vehicles, particularly at beauty spots. Despite the fact that police have been providing advice to the community about keeping property secure, we still find that people are willing to leave handbags, wallets and other valuables in their cars and it is not surprising that they are being targeted by thieves. Hiding these under seats is no deterrent at all to thieves. Please encourage people never to leave valuables in vehicles.

Many thanks

Christian Lange
Sector Commander
Amesbury and Tidworth.

EM Amesbury NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to February 2013	12 Months to February 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to February 2013	12 Months to February 2014
Victim Based Crime	1282	1101	-181	-14.1%	20%	14%
Domestic Burglary	30	19	-11	-36.7%	10%	5%
Non Domestic Burglary	147	144	-3	-2.0%	1%	6%
Vehicle Crime	127	104	-23	-18.1%	5%	13%
Criminal Damage & Arson	288	296	+8	+2.8%	15%	9%
Violence Against The Person	253	253	+0	+0.0%	46%	27%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	980	771	-209	-21.3%		