

Melksham Community Area Board

June 2015



Neighbourhood Policing

Sergeant:	James Williams
Town Centre:	PC Kane Fulbrook-Smith PCSO Rose Baldock PCSO Janet Gould
Rural North:	PC Barry Dalton PCSO Maggie Ledbury
Rural South:	PC Emily Thomas PCSO Helen Wilson

Staffing update.

PCSO Christopher Pugh has moved and is now working within schools and youth engagement having been recruited into this role. This new role means he will no longer be part of the Melksham NPT. Chris has served Melksham for 7 years he will be missed by the team and the community of Melksham. This new role is a perfect fit for Chris and the move will benefit Wiltshire Police and the community of Wiltshire. I hope you will join me in wishing him good luck in his new role.

Wiltshire Police are currently holding a PCSO recruitment process.

I have made a decision that until the recruitment process is concluded PCSO Janet Gould will move to the Town centre.

I would like to reassure you that although individual areas of responsibility may have changed we will continue as always to work together as one team.

These changes will not affect the way emergency calls are responded to by Wiltshire Police.

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 the website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

Current Priorities:

King George the 5th Playing fields.

With a warm April and longer evenings we have seen an increase in Young persons gathering in the playing fields consuming alcohol. We have had concerns raised by the cricket club about the behaviour of these groups whilst they coach younger players. The park has also suffered some graffiti and vandalism.

I will ask that this is raised as a priority at the next NTG meeting and as well as police enforcement hope to use the expertise of our partner agencies to deter this behaviour and divert the young people away from the inherent risk consuming alcohol poses to themselves.

Police and Crime Commissioner: Mr Angus Macpherson

PCC website: www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

Local Issues and crime:

Crime in the Melksham Community Area based on a rolling 12month period has decreased.

Over a 12 month period violent crime has increased by 40 recorded offences within Melksham area and this is a force wide trend.

I have reviewed violent crime from the 1st of March 2015 until the 1st of June 2015 to cover the period from the last area board. 79 violent offences were recorded in total.

48 of these were recorded as having occurred in a public space the majority of these are domestic arguments outside of the home address.

13 occurred late at night and may be attributed to the night time economy. Only one of these crimes has an unidentified suspect with the victim refusing to speak to police to enable us to investigate further.

For the same period last year there have been 45 fewer reports of antisocial behaviour.

There have been 129 fewer victims of Burglary.

There have been 37 fewer reports of damage to property.

These figures are reflected in the chart below with only violence crime showing an increase over the 12 month rolling period.

ED Melksham NPT	Crime			
	12 Months to May 2014	12 Months to May 2015	Volume Change	% Change
Victim Based Crime	1244	1087	-157	-12.6%
Domestic Burglary	70	38	-32	-45.7%
Non Domestic Burglary	162	65	-97	-59.9%
Vehicle Crime	116	97	-19	-16.4%
Criminal Damage & Arson	258	221	-37	-14.3%
Violence Against The Person	250	290	+40	+16.0%
ASB Incidents	923	878	-45	-4.9%

Please remember to Report to police, or via Crime stoppers, any information you have or any concerns or suspicions about anyone involved in criminality.

- Secure your property
- Mark your property
- Record details of identifiable property and/or take photos of you belongings.

The website **www.immobilise.com** can be used to record these details and may even prevent offenders taking the item in the first place.

Sergeant James Williams
Melksham NPT